

TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

Business Meeting

October 23, 1999

Minutes

Jim Case, President, called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. Present were 43 members of faculty senates from 30 institutions. President Case began by thanking Sharon Grimm for her work and by asking Bill Fleming to serve as parliamentarian.

Minutes from the February, 1999, April, 1999 and July, 1999 Executive Committee Meetings and the February, 1999 Business Meeting were approved by the delegates.

Jack Gilbert, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. The report was received as presented by the delegates.

Margaret Hudnall reviewed the work which had gone into the development of the program and invited delegates to present suggestions for programs and for speakers whom they would like to have on the program.

O. Jayne Bowman reviewed the status of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates web page.

Diane Kaplan reviewed the offices that will be open for the 2000-2001 year. Diane also gave a brief overview of the Coordinating Board's Senior Fellows program and invited applications for the program. She announced that Jim Case from Sul Ross State University and Diane Allen from University of North Texas were the 1999 fellows.

Charles Howard described the small grants program of the Council and encouraged applications from the delegates.

Sharon Grimm reported on the status of the Council's office. No significant problem areas were reported.

Coordinating Board Fellows sponsored by the Texas Council of Faculty Senates are asked to report their experiences to the delegates. Jim Case discussed his experiences from the May, 1999 attendance. Diane Allen will report at the Spring meeting.

Jack Gilbert, Treasurer, presented the 1999-2000 Budget. The budget was approved by the delegates.

Diane Kaplan invited the delegates to nominate candidates for President Elect, Vice President, Northeast Region and Vice President, West Region. Elections for the position will be held at the

received by the Executive Committee. Nominations will be received from the floor at the February 26th meeting.

Robert Nelsen, University of Texas at Dallas, presented the attached faculty handbook statement for inclusion in handbooks.

As part of Rep. Coleman's address from the February 25th meeting, he encouraged the Texas Council of Faculty Senates to stand ready to advise the legislature concerning priority issues for higher education. President Case asked Maxine Hammonds-Smith of Texas Southern University to chair a committee to work with the development of a legislative priorities list. President Case encouraged delegates to contact Maxine with their suggestions.

Bill Pervin of the University of Texas at Dallas suggested the development of consensus papers on issues of interest to the Texas Council of Faculty Senates.

With no other items before the floor, Jim Case recognized Margaret Hudnall for her work with the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations/Texas Council of Faculty Senates.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Grimm
Executive Secretary

RECOMMENDED WORDING FOR ALL FACULTY HANDBOOKS
TO ENSURE ADMINISTRATOR'S CONSULT
WITH SENATES BEFORE CHANGING
THE HANDBOOK
10-20-99

The Faculty Senate* has the responsibility for suggesting, reviewing and commenting on all additions and revisions to the University's Handbook of Operating Procedures* pertaining to general academic policies and faculty welfare and faculty rules of procedure on a timely basis (1) before any such additions or revisions are approved by the President, (2) before such additions and revisions are referred to the University System* or legal counsel for approval and (3) before any additions or revisions are incorporated into the University Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

(Each campus will have to provide the proper wording (names) marked by the asterisks above.)