

.TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

Business Meeting

February 26, 2000

Minutes

Jim Case, President, called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. Present were 45 members of faculty senates from 30 institutions. President Case began by asking Diane Pollard to serve as parliamentarian.

Due to time constraints, it was decided to proceed with the election of new officers. Robert Nelsen, University of Texas at Dallas, announced that he was withdrawing his name as a candidate for President-Elect, therefore, the candidates for President-Elect were Martha Hilley, University of Texas at Austin, and Bill Fleming, Sam Houston State University. Candidates for the Vice President positions were O. Jayne Bowman, Texas Woman's University and Sharynn Tomlin, Angelo State University.

President Case appointed Andy Preslar, Lamar State College, Orange, Seab Smith, Prairie View A&M University, Linda Duncan, Tarleton State University and Diane Kaplan, Texas A&M University-College Station, as the committee responsible for overseeing the counting of ballots. Two ballots were presented – one for President-Elect and one for both Vice President positions. No nominees from the floor were received.

With each candidate allowed two speakers to speak on their behalf at two minutes each, the speakers for Martha Hilley were Sue Mottinger of University of Texas – Pan American and Jack Gilbert of University of Texas at Austin. The speakers for Bill Fleming were Sharynn Tomlin, Angelo State University and Valerie Muehsam, Sam Houston State University. The vote was taken and Bill Fleming was elected President-Elect.

For the Vice President positions, Harriet Amster of University of Texas – Arlington nominated Mark Farris of Midwestern State University and Linda Montgomery of University of Texas – Permian Basin nominated Corbett Gaulden of University of Texas – Permian Basin. In a motion by Jack Gilbert and second by Ramon Alaniz, nominations ceased. The motion passed unanimously.

Speakers for O. Jayne Bowman were Jack Gilbert and Steven Rainwater, University of Texas – Tyler. Speaker for Mark Farris was Valerie Muehsam. The speakers for Sharynn Tomlin were June Smith, Angelo State University, and Bill Fleming. Speakers for Corbett Gaulden were Linda Montgomery and Martha Hilley. The vote was taken and O. Jayne Bowman and Sharynn Tomlin were elected Vice Presidents.

The minutes of the October 21, 1999 Executive Committee Meeting, the October 23, 1999 Business Meeting and January 6, 2000 Executive Committee Meeting were read and approved in a motion by Robert Nelson and second by Martha Hilley. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Each Vice President presented the results and recommendations from their regional meetings. President Case asked that a synopsis of each report be submitted to either himself or Sharon Grimm for discussion at future executive committee meetings.

Diane Kaplan reported the receipt of one application for a Coordinating Board Summer Fellow and announced the deadline of March 1, 2000 for receipt of additional applications.

In a motion by Valentin Andreev, Lamar University, Beaumont, and Claudia Stewart, West Texas A&M University, the annual dues as recommended by the Executive Committee will remain \$300.00 per year.

President Case announced the meeting registration fee will also remain at \$30.00.

In a motion by Robert Nelsen and second by Claudia Stewart, two resolutions written by the Executive Committee and attached to these minutes recognizing and thanking James Hindman, President of Angelo State University and Varren Parker, also of Angelo State University, for their assistance with the website were presented. These resolutions will be sent when the new website is operational.

O. Jayne Bowman made a motion that the President appoint a committee to study the K-16 issues and report to the organization at its October meeting. Funding to be provided from the research project funds.

An amendment to the motion was made by Jack Gilbert to add the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of funding the project. Harriet Amster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

O. Jayne Bowman introduced a second motion to study the rights of faculty to determine rights of privacy regarding mail, e-mail, faculty information on computers, telephone, contents of office computer, etc. After discussion, the motion was defeated. As a result of this discussion, it was recommended that all representatives apprise their faculty of the lack of privacy of faculty at state institutions.

Robert Nelsen introduced a motion to adopt a resolution, as documented in a page attached to these minutes, to formalize the policy regarding discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Jack Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed and the Texas Council of Faculty Senates recommends that all members introduce this resolution to their faculty senates for consideration.

The date of the Fall Meeting was announced as October 27-28, 2000. *(NOTE: Subsequently, this was changed to October 13-14, 2000 due to scheduling problems with the hotel.)*

The current Executive Committee will meet on March 31, 2000 and the committee with newly elected members will meet on May 23, 2000.

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 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Grimm

WEBSITE RESOLUTION

Whereas, James Hindman, President of Angelo State University, has generously assisted with and provided the website for the Texas Council of Faculty Senates,

And whereas, this website has served as a means of communication and information among the faculty senate members in the State of Texas,

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Texas Council of Faculty Senates expresses its gratitude to James Hindman for all that he has done on behalf of the organization.

Whereas, Varren Parker of Angelo State University, created the website for the Texas Council of Faculty Senates and served for two years as its webmaster,

And whereas, this website has served as a means of communication and information among the faculty senate members in the State of Texas,

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Texas Council of Faculty Senates expresses its gratitude to Varren Parker for all that he has done on behalf of the organization.

NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION

It is the policy of (insert name of institution) to strive to maintain an educational and work environment free from impermissible discrimination. In addition to compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, no person is to be subject to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation regarding admissions, employment or access to programs, facilities or services of (insert name of institution). External users of (insert name of institution) facilities should also be encouraged to adhere to principles of fair treatment and equal opportunity except as otherwise authorized by laws of governmental regulations.