

TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

Business Meeting

February 24, 2001

Minutes

Jim Case, President, called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. Present were 40 members of faculty senates from 27 institutions.

In a motion by Jack Gilbert, second by Valerie Muehsam, the minutes of the October 12, 2000 Executive Committee Meeting and October 14, 2001 Business Meeting, as posted on the Texas Council of Faculty Senates website were approved as read. A vote to accept passed unanimously.

Jack Gilbert presented the Treasurer's Report. In a motion by Joe Devine and second by Sharynn Tomlin, the report was accepted and a vote passed unanimously. Rubik Atamian suggested we look into a mutual fund for the funds currently in the Vanguard account. The Executive Committee will discuss this matter at the March meeting.

O. Jayne Bowman presented a status report on the website. Members were notified that the previous website is in the process of being deleted.

Diane Kaplan discussed the upcoming deadline for applications for the Summer Fellows Program.

Sharynn Tomlin requested topics/speaker suggestions for the Fall Meeting. She will work on a Friday afternoon visit to the Capitol.

Bill Fleming will be working on updating the Constitution and Bylaws for the Fall Meeting.

Sharon Grimm noted that the 2000/2001 Directory included in the packets furnished on Friday contains the most current information on faculty senate members.

Vice Presidents presented the results of their focus group meetings from the Friday meeting. Everyone seemed to prefer this format to the regional group meeting format.

O. Jayne Bowman discussed her attendance at the May, 2000 Summer Fellows Internship Program. It was noted that this year's topic for the program is Distance Education.

The election for this year was for East Region and South Central Region Vice Presidents. The East Region candidates were Maxine Hammonds-Smith of Texas Southern University and Robert Strawser of Texas A&M University, College Station. The single candidate for the South Central Region was Martha Hilley of University of Texas at Austin. There were no nominations from the floor. Valerie Muehsam, Sam Houston State University, was the speaker for Maxine Hammonds-Smith and Diane Kaplan, Texas A&M University, College Station, was the speaker for Robert Strawser. Maxine Hammonds-Smith and Martha Hilley were elected to two-year terms.

In a motion by Rubik Atamian and second by Bruce Palka, the \$300.00 annual Texas Council of Faculty Senates will remain the same for 2001/2002. The vote of members passed unanimously.

Jim Case noted that the registration fees of \$30.00 for each meeting would remain the same unless we found there were significant increases in expenses.

The Fall Meeting dates are October 26-27, 2001 at the Four Points Hotel, Austin, Texas. Registration forms will be posted on the website and e-mailed closer to the meeting date.

Diane Kaplan made the recommendation that the expense policy of executive committee members be amended to allow the members to be reimbursed for mileage and lodging expenses associated with the biannual meetings when the member is not reimbursed by their university. A motion was made by Mavis Triebel and seconded by Valerie Muehsam. A vote of the members passed unanimously.

Bill Fleming acknowledged Diane Kaplan and Jack Gilbert for their services as Vice Presidents for the past two years. He also noted that we would be electing a President at the Spring Meeting, 2002.

There being no further business or announcements, a motion by Joe Devine, seconded by Valerie Muehsam, adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Grimm
Executive Secretary