

TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

BUSINESS MEETING

February 22, 2003

Minutes

Bill Fleming, President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. Present were six Executive Committee members and attendees from 22 campuses. Sharon Grimm, Executive Secretary, also attended.

In a motion by Gayla Lawson and second by Maxine Hammonds-Smith, the minutes of the October 24, 2002 Executive Committee Meeting, the October 26, 2002 Business Meeting and January 26, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting were approved as read. A vote to accept passed unanimously.

Bill Fleming presented the Treasurer's Report in Martha Hilley's absence. A vote to accept passed unanimously.

Maxine Hammonds-Smith announced the candidates for East Region Vice President and South Central Vice President as follows:

East Region Vice President: Maxine Hammonds-Smith
South Central Vice President: Marvin Hackert

Nominations from the floor were requested. There being no nominations from the floor, Gayla Lawson moved that Maxine Hammonds-Smith be elected by acclamation. Claudia Stuart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bill Fleming spoke for Marvin Hackert. Mavis Triebel moved that nominations cease and that Marvin Hackert be elected by acclamation. Claudia Stuart seconded the motion and Marvin Hackert was elected South Central Region Vice President where he will assume the position of Treasurer of the organization.

Sterling Smith, Vice President, Northeast Region in charge of Special Projects discussed his ideas for a newsletter. Dr. Joseph Eichberg, University of Houston, and Dr. Marvin Hackert, University of Texas volunteered to co-edit the newsletter.

Sterling Smith also brought to the group his ideas for establishing a permanent representative to Texas Council of Faculty Senates to serve for a three-year period to allow continuity to the organization. It was so moved that each university faculty senate shall establish a liaison position with at least a three-year term to attend Texas Council of Faculty Senates meetings or a mechanism to establish continuity.

Claudia Stuart, President-Elect, brought up the subject of the budget shortfall and its affect on higher education. It was decided to draft a resolution during this meeting for each campus to take back to its senate involving and protecting the faculty. Lou Pelton moved that the resolution be accepted and Rosanne Stripling seconded the motion. A vote to accept passed unanimously and a copy follows these minutes. Each campus is to report back to Texas Council of Faculty Senates as to its acceptance in their senates.

David Weissenburger, Vice President, West Region, presented the new look of the website and expressed hope that it would soon be operational.

Bill Fleming reminded the group to submit ideas as to how to use the grant monies of \$2000.00 set aside in the budget for special projects.

The Executive Committee recommends that the Texas Council of Faculty Senates remain at \$300.00 per year for 2003-2004.

The Fall Meeting will be held in Austin at the Four Points Hotel on October 24-25, 2003.

There being no further business or announcements, the business portion of the meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M. in preparation of an address by Steve Murdock, State Demographer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Grimm
Executive Secretary