

TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

BUSINESS MEETING

February 21, 2004

Minutes

Claudia Stuart, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Present were the Executive Committee members and representatives from twenty-two campuses. Sharon Grimm, Executive Secretary, also attended.

In a motion by Mavis Triebel and second by Robert Peeler, the minutes of the October 25, 2003 Business Meeting were approved as read. A vote to accept passed unanimously.

Marvin Hackert, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report identifying that we were solvent at mid-year, but that dues were needed from eleven campuses to fund this organization. Ferris Byxbe of Sul Ross, Rio Grande Campus, requested that the organization bill his school for dues ongoing which Sharon Grimm will so do. In a motion by Mavis Triebel and second by Frances van Tassell, the Treasurer's Report was approved and a vote to accept it passed unanimously. Comments obtained from the Regional Meeting were shared and it has been decided to not pursue the newsletter and to focus attention on the website.

Maxine Hammonds-Smith, Nominations and Fellows Vice President, announced that no applications for the Summer Fellows Program had been received and that the deadline for applying is March 1, 2004. Several members who have attended in the past remarked about their positive experiences. Regional meeting topics and results were presented.

Sterling Smith, Northeast Region Vice President in charge of Special Projects discussed his regional meeting results.

As a part of the Northeast Region report, Robert Nelsen introduced a resolution (a copy of same follows these minutes) regarding Web-Based Course Caps which, in a motion by Sharon Arnoult and second by Arthur Hobbs, was approved by Texas Council of Faculty Senates membership to be taken to individual campuses for introduction and implementation.

Murray Leaf also brought forward a resolution, seconded by Frances Van Tassell, which was then tabled in a motion by Mavis Triebel, second by James Forbes, for referral to committee for further discussion and revision.

David Weissenburger, Vice President West Region, reported on his attendance at the January, 2004 Coordinating Board meeting. He also presented the comments from his Regional Meeting. In a motion by Mavis Triebel and second by Sharon Arnoult, David was thanked by this organization for his efforts in creating the website.

Bill Fleming, attending his last meeting as Past President, expressed his gratitude to the group for their past support.

Kurt Gillman, Lamar University Beaumont, brought to the attention of the group the results of the survey that Peggy Doerschuk conducted on faculty merit raise and promotion policies that was included in the packet passed out at the meeting on Friday. He suggested that this report be considered for publishing on the website.

Claudia Stuart, President, announced the proposed speakers for the Fall meeting which are Bob McTeer, Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, who will discuss the economy, Flavius Killebrew, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, West Texas A&M University and Dr. Catherine Parsoneault, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Elections for three offices were held. Inasmuch as there were no prior candidates nominated for President-Elect and no nominations from the floor, Sterling Smith moved that David Weissenburger be elected. Bill Fleming seconded the motion. A vote to elect David Weissenburger President-Elect passed unanimously.

For the position of Vice President Northeast Region, there being no prior candidates nominated and no nominations from the floor, Murray Leaf motioned that nominations cease and that Sterling Smith be re-elected to the position. James Forbes seconded the motion and a vote to accept passed unanimously.

For the position of Vice President West Region, Ferris Roger Byxbe of Sul Ross University, Del Rio Campus, was nominated. Nominations were called for from the floor. There being no nominations, Mavis Triebel moved that nominations cease, seconded by Bill Fleming, and a vote to elect Ferris Byxbe passed unanimously.

Claudia Stuart announced that the Fall Meeting would be held at Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Austin, on October 22-23, 2004. A question was raised as to whether to move the meeting out a week in order to coincide with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting. The discussion of this meeting date revision revealed that it could affect the attendance of nine schools due to prior committed dates, so the October 22-23, 2004 dates will be retained.

Mavis Triebel suggested that the Executive Committee call for Round-Up Reports several weeks prior to the meetings so that they could be combined and placed on the website for downloading by individual members. The Executive Committee will take this under consideration.

There being no further business, Bill Fleming moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Grimm
Executive Secretary

WEB-BASED COURSE CAPS RESOLUTION

Whereas the curriculum is and always has been in the purview of the faculty and

Whereas the quality of the instruction is directly connected to faculty interaction with the individual students,

Be it resolved that the curriculum of web-based courses must remain within the control of the faculty and adequate enrollment caps must be established with the course instructor's input to ensure effective communication between instructors and students.