

## JOURNAL OF THE FACULTY SENATE (Norman campus)

The University of Oklahoma

Regular Session -- January 14, 1980 -- 3:30 p.m., Dale Hall 218

The Faculty Senate was called to order by Professor Barbara Lewis, Chairperson.

Present:

Artman	Covich	Hockman	Menzie	Seaberg
Bishop	Eick	Karriker	Morris	Self
Brown, H.	Etheridge	Kunesh	Murray	Smith
Brown, S.	Flowers	Kutner	Peters	Sorey
Caldwell	Foster, T.	Lehr	Pfiester	Thompson
Carmack	Gabert	Lewis	Reynolds	Walker
Catlin	Hardy	Lindstrom	Rinear	Whitmore
Coulter	Hoag	Lis	Rowe	Whitney
			Saxon	Wickham

Provost's Office representative: Ray

AUOPE representatives:

Alonso

Chism

Guyer

Absent:

Acock	Davis	Herrick	Huettner	Neely
Carpenter	Foster, J.	Hill	Lancaster	Welch
				Yukihiro

AUOPE representatives:

Cowen

Donwerth

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Faculty Senate for the regular session on December 10, 1979, was approved.

## REMARKS BY DR. JEROME WEBER, VICE PROVOST FOR INSTRUCTIONAL AFFAIRS

At the invitation of the Senate Executive Committee, Dr. Jerome Weber, Dean of the University College, addressed the Senate concerning his new responsibilities as the Vice Provost for Instructional Affairs.

In his 25-minute, informal presentation, Dean Weber covered the following topics:

- (1) Reasons for his appointment, effective September 1, 1979, as the Vice Provost for Instructional Affairs.
- (2) Activities of two members of his staff--Drs. Dee Fink, Instructional Consultant, and Jay Smith, Director of Instructional Services.
- (3) Future activities.

The new position, Vice Provost for Instructional Affairs, was established in accordance with Provost J. R. Morris' desire that the functions of the Provost's Office encompass the three functional areas of teaching, research, and service. Furthermore, the new program was intended to show that the University is eager to do more than "pay lip service to instructional services."

On January 4, 1980, Professor Fink addressed a 2-page memorandum to University faculty members and teaching assistants with detailed information about the following services and programs:

- (1) Consulting on college teaching
- (2) New faculty orientation program
- (3) Orientation program for new teaching assistants.
- (4) Faculty discussion groups. Four such groups of 16-18 individuals meet every other week for lunch and discussions of college teaching. This year, these groups include all age groups from every college on campus.
- (5) Education 6943, "Instructional Strategies in Higher Education," with separate sections taught by Professors Fink and Hengst.

Dr. Jay Smith's program (Instructional Services Center) is described in detail in a promotional leaflet. At present, this Center is associated with the Department of Educational Technology, a graduate-program area of the College of Education and is available only to the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and of Education. Center priorities include:

- (1) Classroom instruction
- (2) Television instruction
- (3) Professional presentations
- (4) Research grants
- (5) Publication

Dean Weber next reported a growing faculty concern about the increasing need for some type of remedial services for students--particularly in verbal, reading, writing, and basic math skills. He also noted that last fall the composite ACT scores of entering students showed an increase of .2, **in contrast with the downward trend in recent years.**

Any expansion of existing services and any introduction of new programs will be limited by the twin problems of funding and space. Until recently, he had hoped that the Women's Physical Education Building would be available for a centralized, campus-wide

instructional services center. Final plans for expanding Bizzell Library have eliminated that possibility.

He reported his recent conversations with Dr. Alan Covich, Chair of the Senate ad hoc Committee that is studying the desirability of updating the Faculty Career Development Plan. He added that the interests of his office and those of the Senate in this matter are parallel.

Referring to future funding of programs of his new office, Dean Weber expressed his eagerness and willingness to meet with the Senate or any group thereof to determine the most effective distribution of such funds. He added, "The Faculty Senate would be the proper place for establishing a formal procedure for distributing any such funds."

He expressed an interest in the establishment of a University-wide Honors College and reported that Dr. Paul Ruggiers is studying the feasibility and the desirability of this proposal. Dean Weber added, however, that he has "no configurations as to the nature of such a college."

Following his remarks, Dr. Weber answered several questions from the floor concerning any actual or contemplated coordination with Bizzell Library plans and resources confidentiality of consulting arrangements, film library branches on campus, construction and/or renovation of facilities that reflect the latest technology, and the current overloading of the Norman campus computer.

#### REPORT OF SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Professor Barbara B. Lewis, Senate Chair, reported on the following activities of the Senate Executive Committee:

- (1) At the request of Provost J. R. Morris, the Committee is reviewing a large number of changes in the University faculty personnel policy proposed last summer by the HSC Faculty Senate. The HSC proposal will first be studied by a special group of Senate officers and other Norman campus faculty members with experience in the formulation of the current policy several years ago. The recommendations and the suggestions of that group will, in turn, be studied by the Senate Executive Committee for a subsequent report to Provost Morris.
- (2) On January 17, 1980, the Senate Executive Committee will meet with the chairs of University committees in an attempt to establish effective channels of communication between these groups and the Faculty Senate. Chairs of University councils are ex officio members of the Senate Executive Committee. Their semester reports to the Senate provide another communication channel.

#### REPORT OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE

Professor Gary Thompson, Committee Chair, reported that 668 faculty members on the Norman campus had signed the petition concerning the publicized administration's goal of a 12 percent average pay increase for 1980-81. The Employee Executive Council is also circulating the same petition.

Professor Thompson then moved that the signed petitions be submitted with a letter of transmittal to President Banowsky and the Regents on the earliest, appropriate occasion. The Senate approved the motion without dissent.

Professor Thompson reported that a nation-wide study of faculty salaries, by departments, is nearing completion by the Committee. He suggested that a report of that study be included with the letter of transmittal approved earlier.

The Faculty Welfare Committee will soon be conducting a Norman campus questionnaire survey of faculty views concerning salary issues. According to informal reports, President Banowsky indicated an interest in such a survey at a recent meeting of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the President. Hopefully, survey results will be ready for presentation at the February 11 Senate meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Senate adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next regular session of the Faculty Senate will be held at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, February 11, 1980, in Dale Hall 218.

Respectfully submitted,

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