

Minutes

FACULTY SENATE

January 17, 1995

The Senate convened at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, Blume Conference Center, Hankamer School of Business, with Chair Ray Cannon presiding.

Present: Barker, Basden, Benesh, Buddo, Cannon, Edwards, Garner, Goforth, Hillman, Jensen, Johnson, King, Longfellow, Luper, Massirer, McGee, Monk, Ortuno, Pierce, Pippin, Robinson, Rogers, Sanders, Seward, Thomas, Tipton, Wallace, Whipple, Wood, and Youngdale.

Absent: Davis and Nixon.

The following documents were distributed by Cannon prior to the meeting (copies attached to file copy of the minutes):

1. Proposed Academic Action Policy (December 7, 1994)
2. Proposed Academic Action Policy (May 3, 1994)
3. Senate Election Timetable, Spring 1995

AGENDA

1. **Invocation**
Benesh led the invocation.
2. **Minutes of December 6, 1994**
Rogers moved that the December 6, 1994, Minutes be approved as distributed. Wood seconded. Motion passed.
3. **Report on San Antonio Trip**
Cannon summarized the December 31 meeting in San Antonio with reference to the Presidential Search process. Senators who attended the meeting also were invited to state their observations of the meeting. Points made during the report included the observation that the requirement that the next President have an earned terminal academic degree was expressed strongly by many of those present. It appeared that there was consensus among those present that this is an important requirement. There was general sentiment that the meeting was useful in that there was open communication between the Regents and the various constituent groups, including the faculty. Appreciation was expressed for those Senators who spoke publicly at the meeting to identify issues and concerns of the faculty.

4. **Introduction of Baylor's New Director of Compliance (NCAA)**
Edwards introduced Sue Glatter, Baylor's newly-hired Director of Compliance (NCAA). Ms. Glatter gave a brief report, describing her academic background and work experience prior to coming to Baylor. She identified her goal to lead Baylor to avoid any intentional violation of NCAA regulations and to educate the Baylor community in these matters so as to avoid any unintentional violations of NCAA regulations. She invited Senators to contact her at any time concerning these matters, expressing her desire to have full and open communication with the faculty.

5. **Advisory Group to the Board of Regents**
Cannon reported that the Senate has been asked to name five persons to serve as members of an Advisory Group to the Board of Regents in the continuing Presidential Search. Discussion followed. Barker moved that the named persons be members of the Senate. Motion seconded by Wallace. Motion carried.

Wallace moved that Ray Cannon, as chair of the Senate, be elected as one of the representatives, plus four others elected by nomination from the Senate. Motion seconded by Pippin. Cannon asked Hillman to assume the chair; Cannon left the room; Hillman presided. Motion carried.

Cannon returned and assumed the chair. Nominations were made for the remaining four representatives; the following persons were elected by the Senate by written ballot to serve with Cannon as members of the Advisory Group:

Kathy Hillman
Dan McGee

Doug Rogers
Bill Thomas

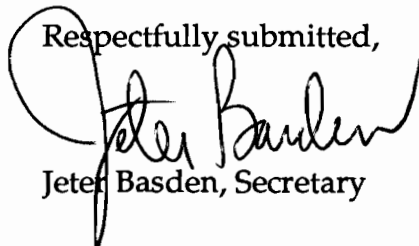
McGee reported to the Senate that he had written a letter to Dr. Corts and had received a gracious response from Dr. Corts.

6. **Report from Committee on Academic Environment**
McGee, chair of the Faculty Committee on Academic Freedom, Responsibility, and Environment, reported that the committee had unanimously voted to recommend the Proposed Academic Action Policy dated May 3, 1994 (distributed prior to meeting). Discussion of both the December 7, 1994, proposal (also distributed prior to meeting) and the May 3, 1994, proposal followed. Whipple distributed a third proposal for review and discussion. Consensus of the Senate was that the May 3 document was preferred, with the understanding that the "will be subject to" language is interpreted to indicate that such action will be carried out except in rare circumstances.

7. **Report from the Committee on the Committee on Committees**
Committee chair Hillman distributed a January 17, 1995, recommendation document (copy attached to file copy of the minutes), indicating recommended revisions to the original report submitted previously. The report was accepted by the Senate.
8. **Discussion on Faculty Governance**
Cannon reported that it appears that a Faculty Handbook will be prepared to provide guidelines for faculty governance. Senators interested in this issue are invited to notify Cannon for possible involvement in the Handbook development process.
9. **Election Report from Secretary**
Basden called attention to the Senate Election Timetable document (distributed prior to the meeting). Senate Elections for next year will be completed by March 10, 1995.
10. **Report from SING Procedures Committee**
Buddo, representing the SING Procedures Committee, presented a request from the committee that the Senate address whether or not the Thursday Dress Rehearsal should be a paid admission event. Discussion followed. Seward moved that the Senate recommend that the SING Thursday Dress Rehearsal not be a paid performance. Longfellow seconded. Hillman suggested a friendly amendment that the Senate also express an ongoing concern about the time commitment of students who are involved in SING. Seward and Longfellow accepted the friendly amendment. The motion then read: The Senate recommends that the SING Thursday Dress Rehearsal not be a paid admission and the Senate expresses an ongoing concern about the time commitment of students who are involved in SING. Motion carried.

At 5:06 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeter Basden, Secretary