

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 1, 1970

Vice Chairman Ferre called the first session of the newly constituted Faculty Senate to order in room 222 of the Student Center at 3:35 P.M. on Thursday, May 1, 1970. Present were second-year Senators Erisman, Flowers, Odom, Cogdill, Woldt, Beseda, Edwards, Routt, Hogstel, Ferre, Kelly, McLean, Potter, Sherley; and first-year Senators Forsyth, Klein, Reinecke, Wortham, Tade, Tinkle, McKay, W. Hall, Nichols, Evans, B. Hall, Ludvigson, Norris, Sanders, and Watson.

The following officers were elected for the year 1970-1971: Chairman - Gustave Ferre; Vice Chairman - John Wortham; Secretary- John Woldt; Assistant Secretary - Quinn McKay.

David Hall and Michael Usnick of the House of Student Representatives presented a "Joint Statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities" which follows lines suggested by the AAUP. This document was referred to the Senate Committee on Faculty and Student Concerns, with a request that it be reported on at the October meeting.

Chairman Ferre also referred to the same committee a study of the House bill 28 concerning the institution of a Pass-Fail grading system.

As a replacement of Roger Haigh on the University-wide Honors Week Committee, Judith Suther's name was agreed upon as nomination for committee chairman.

Chairman Ferre recommended that Senators whose terms expire be requested to attend one additional meeting of the Senate, in May.

The dates of the Senate meetings during the next year will be September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, February 4, March 4, April 1, and May 6.

A report of Jack Cogdill, chairman of the Senate Committee on Faculty Participation in the New Century Campaign was handed out.

Comer Clay, outgoing Chairman of the Faculty Senate, presented an address: "State of the Faculty Senate." Some of the points stressed in it were:

- The Senate serves as a means for adaptation to change.
- The Senate should keep a card file on all Faculty committee assignments.
- Guidelines are needed by which Faculty can nominate replacements for vacancies in administrative positions.
- The duties of the Student Conduct Committee need revision and definition.
- The Senate should draft a statement on Professional Ethics for the Faculty.
- Work needs to be done on Faculty Evaluation.
- A clarification is needed of the responsibilities of the faculty advisor.
- The responsibility and authority of the University Committees needs definition.

Routt moved that the Senate commend Comer Clay for the fine way in which he led the Senate as Chairman during the past twelve months. Passed unanimously.

Klein nominated John Haltom and James Edwards as the Faculty representatives on the Task Force on University Governance. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John William Woldt
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 1969

Chairman Clay called a regular meeting of the Faculty Senate to order in room 222 of the Student Center at 3:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 4, 1969. Present were Arnoult, Beseda, Boyd, Cecil, Clay, Colquitt, Corder, Crenshaw, Douthit, Edwards, Erisman, Farrar, Ferre, Flowers, Guenther, Haltom, Herrick, Hogstel, Horn, Lunger, Newcomer, Odom, Reed, Routt, Snyder, Wassenich, Winesanker, and Woldt.

Chairman Clay announced that nominations from the Faculty for recipients of honorary degrees are due by December 12, the date of the next Faculty Assembly meeting.

Wassenich moved that the Faculty Senate cosponsor with the Evening College and the Dean's Council the conference on "The Learning Community" which will feature Dr. John Moseley, President of Austin College, on Saturday, January 24th. Motion carried.

Routt of the Senate Executive Committee noted that it has come to the attention of this committee that there is not now any available statement setting forth the procedures for selecting new deans and certain other administrative officers. He moved that in the interest of information, clarification, and the avoidance of awkwardness in any future situations the Faculty Senate instruct the Senate's Committee on Committees to make a study of the procedures and to suggest guide lines used in making appointments to deanships and certain other administrative officers of the University. Motion carried unanimously.

Officers of the Faculty Centennial Drive Committee were announced as Jack Cogdill, chairman, Allen Self, vice-chairman, and Richard Lysiak, secretary.

The Senate was informed that the Chairman of the Senate is now a member ex officio of the University Cabinet.

Farrar of the Senate Committee on Political Rights made a detailed report of the activities of his committee and its conferences with members of the TCU Board of Trustees. A copy of Farrar's report is on file in the papers of the Senate Secretary.

Farrar's evaluation was that the committee has done its very best to seek adjustment, without success. The statement issued by the Trustees is a step forward, but it falls far short of true allowance of freedom in regard to political rights. The key role for further negotiation rests with the Administration. The Trustees indicated that they wanted the Chancellor to make further decisions.

Douthit moved that the Faculty Political Rights Committee continue the negotiations. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully submitted by John William Woldt, Secretary of the Faculty Senate.