

**Faculty Senate Minutes
April 3, 2002 Meeting**

Members Present:

Lea Ann Alexander, Mitzi Bass, Claudia Beach, Ana Caldwell, Dennis DiMarzio, Kevin Durand, James Engman, John Graves, Julia Hall, Duane Jackson, Wray Jones, Travis Langley, Catherine Leach, Michael Lloyd, Laura Lockwood, Hal McAfee, Marielle McFarland, Rick McDaniel (for Jules Mollere), Richard Schmid, Phillip Schroeder, Shanta Sharma, Bruce Smith and David Stoddard.

Members absent:

Vonna Cranston, Jane Dunn, Laura Festa, John Long, Richard Miller, Bruce Smith, David Stoddard

Others Present: Evelyn Good, Lloyd Jackson, Paula Leming, Arthur C. Watson,

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President Richard Schmid at 3:18 pm. Guests were introduced to the Senate.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 6th Senate meeting were approved.

President's Report

President Schmid introduced Lloyd Jackson, President of the Student Government Association. Mr. Jackson discussed two resolutions being considered by the Student Senate. The first calls for implementation of a 2-day fall break in 2003, timed to coincide with Ouachita Baptist University's fall break. The second resolution calls for all classes to be cancelled on the third Monday of January, in recognition of the national holiday in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Additionally, it calls for a university celebration on the following Tuesday during the 12:30 p.m. free hour. There was some discussion, and Mr. Jackson addressed questions. President Schmid requested that any motions on these matters be brought up under "new business".

President's Report

President Schmid reported on his meeting with Dr. Dunn, including answers to a number of questions submitted by senators during the last meeting.

With respect to governance concerns, Dr. Dunn had re-emphasized the fact that committee recommendations are given serious consideration as policy is determined.

President Schmid reported on his discussion with Dr. Dunn on budgetary matters. The representative to the Budget Committee provided additional information and clarification. Budget recommendations were discussed, although final decisions had not been reached.

Three one-year positions would be funded, one each in Biology, Math, and Psychology. The University will continue to provide the \$50 family health benefit. The planned administrative position for assessment has been eliminated. The School of Business will receive \$50,000 for a new faculty position. Bond money will provide for computer purchases, with a 3-year replacement cycle. No raise had yet been agreed upon. Tuition is expected to increase by 7.9%. Each 1% increase in tuition results in an additional income to the University of approximately \$69,000.

There are currently no students enrolled in the Information Technology program at HSU.

The policy for faculty sick leave was discussed. Dr. Dunn will reconsider the specifics of the policy.

Plans for construction of the sorority houses were discussed. Although Dr. Dunn agrees that it would be beneficial to fund a new dormitory to serve many more students than the sorority houses will, funds for a dormitory are not available. Four sororities have committed \$15,000 to the building of the houses.

President Schmid solicited questions to take to President Dunn at their next meeting.

Committee Reports

Academics Committee

The committee presented two motions related to foreign language requirements.

Motion by Catherine Leach, seconded and passed.

The Faculty Senate recommends that the University **not** waive/eliminate the foreign language requirement from the BA degree for international students.

Rationale: As Arkansas's public liberal arts university, we should not eliminate/waive required liberal arts courses that may be replaced with "free electives" that may not be from the liberal arts.

Motion by Catherine Leach, seconded and passed.

The Faculty Senate strongly supports the implementation of the proposal unanimously passed by the Department of English and Foreign Languages printed below.

International Student Foreign Language Requirements

Students who have completed all of their secondary-level education in a major world language other than English may, under certain circumstances, offer alternate courses in fulfilling foreign language requirements. To qualify for the exemption the student must meet the following criteria:

- All secondary education (grades 9-12 or the equivalent) must have been received outside the United States.
- All secondary education must have been in the same major world language, with the exception of limited second-language instruction taken as part of the secondary curriculum.
- The language of instruction must have been the principal and/or official language of the country.
- The educational institution must have been part of the educational system designed for natives of the country and for native speakers of the language of instruction. Schools designed for foreign nationals resident in the country do **not** qualify.
- The above exemption does not apply to majors or minors in a foreign language.
- If the student chooses to use the above exemption, he/she must take six hours of English beyond what is required to meet the General Education requirement and other collateral degree requirements

The following courses will fulfill the requirement:

- Any literature course taught in English in the Department of English and Foreign Languages (2013, 2023, 3043, 3063, 3073, 3083, 3093, 3103, 3123, 3173, 3323, 3593, 3623, 3653, 3673, 4193, 4203, 4223, 4303, 4353, 4533, 4583, 4603).
- A course selected from ENG2133 Logic and Argument, ENG2503 Creative Writing, ENG 3163 Modern Grammar, ENG 3613 Technical Writing, ENG4483 Advanced Composition, ENG 4213 English and Its Development.

The intent of the exemption is that a student who has reached adult levels of literacy and competence in his/her native language and who has achieved sufficient proficiency in English to be admitted to Henderson State University would be as well served by additional instruction in English as by six hours study of a third language. Although appropriately prepared international students are strongly encouraged to validate their French, German or Spanish competency through CLEP, there are many major languages for which no CLEP credit is available. In virtually all cases in which this exemption is used, the student will be a foreign national.

Rationale: If the foreign language requirement would cause a student to learn a third language, the Academics Committee believes additional English courses might benefit the student as well as learning a third language.

Operations Committee

The committee requested that senators check with their departments concerning satisfaction with the Faculty Awards. The awards program has been in place for three years, and is scheduled to be re-evaluated.

Finance Committee

No further report.

Procedures Committee

No report.

Building and Grounds Committee

Motion by Lea Ann Alexander, seconded and passed.

Whereas, Proctor Hall has not been renovated in the nearly 60 years of the department's occupation of that building;

Whereas, Proctor Hall's long-term problems with water leakage, mold, mildew, and cockroach allergens are believed to cause allergic reactions and asthma attacks in students, faculty, and staff who use the building;

Whereas, proctor Hall's wiring is inadequate for present usage;

Whereas, Ventilation is nonexistent in the foods lab, the clothing-textile labs, and the restroom;

Whereas, Plumbing is inadequate in Proctor Hall's foods lab and single restroom; and

Whereas, Accessibility of the second floor is lacking and the restroom is not handicap accessible;

Resolved, That Henderson State University renovate Proctor Hall and allocate funds to address the above problems in a timely manner.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Student Government Association proposals were discussed. The matter was assigned to the Academic Affairs Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29.