

Regional Campus Faculty Senate Meeting
Salkehatchie Regional Campus
Minutes: February 11, 1977

Introduction
of Speaker

Prior to the General Session of the Faculty Senate Meeting, Chairperson Don Weser called on Dr. Duffy to introduce the guest speaker, Mr. Jerry Keeter, Director of the University Instructional Services Center.

Mr. Jerry
Keeter,
Instructional
Services
Center

Mr. Keeter gave a slide presentation on the Development of the Instructional Services Center. He stated that the purpose of his presentation was to inform the Regional Faculty Senate how the Instructional Services Center can be of assistance to the Regional Campuses. He told the Senators that the Center exists to support their teaching, presentations, research and publications. He stated that these services are accomplished through the Center's management of media materials, media equipment, media production services and support services. Information on requesting services from the Instructional Services Center is available at all campuses. Mr. Keeter encouraged every campus to utilize the services provided by the center.

General
Session

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Don Weser.

Chairperson Weser called for corrections of the minutes of November 19, 1976. Professor Farmer offered a correction on page 3, line 44, the title of film should be "Intolerance" instead of "Tolerance." No further corrections were voiced, so the minutes were approved as distributed.

I. Comments by University Officials

A. Dr. H. Willard Davis

Dr. Davis commented on two items:

- (1) The Outlook on Appropriations and (2) Promotion and Tenure Process.

Dr. H.
Willard
Davis

In his comments on the Outlook on Appropriations, Dr. Davis stated that how we stand is based on (1) the actual amount of money available; (2) the way we get the money, particularly the part identified for raises; (3) on the political realities and (4) what it means to each campus.

He reported that there was a new step in the funding process this year. For the first time, information from

the Governor's Office by the Budget and Control Board gave the income outlook for 1977-78 and stated that the appropriations would be divided among all agencies.

Some reductions were made in the budget by the Commission on Higher Education which were based on the formula for funding.

After presenting the budget to the Budget and Control Board, the Commission accepted some recommendations made by the Board.

Dr. Davis also stated that another circumstance was the fringe benefits, which had to be funded. At the present time, one - half of the funds for fringe benefits are paid by the state appropriations bill, however, after next year the University will be responsible for the entire amount.

He stated that the basic salary increase for the next year is 4% and the other 4% is for re-emplentation of the merit system for classified employees. Dr. Davis encouraged more interest and participation in the State Employees Association. He told the senators that 98% of the members are classified employees.

Promotion
and Tenure
Process

Dr. Davis stated the present Promotion and Tenure Process has been in operation for three years and that recommendations will be made on the fundamental changes in the present process before June 30, 1977.

B. Dr. John J. Duffy

Dr. Duffy

Dr. Duffy reported that Professor John Wright had been appointed to the Library Committee by President Patterson.

Secondly, the changes in the USC calendar for this year, do not apply to the two-year campuses. He stated if there were changes they would be made on a local basis.

The last pay check will be issued at the middle of May due to the scheduled payment of salaries. The pay check for summer school will come at the end of the session.

Dr. Davis commented on the energy problems stating that the calendar for 1977-78 would be changed. He asked the body for comments on this situation from their campuses.

II. Standing Committee Reports

Standing
Committee
Reports

A. Rights and Responsibilities--Professor Jimmie E. Nunnery (Lancaster) Chairperson.

Rights
and
Responsibilities

Professor Nunnery reported on a grade change stating the committee did not see a need to reverse the ruling. This decision was based on the information available to the committee.

Financial
Concerns

B. Financial Concerns Committee--Professor Marnie Foster (Lancaster) Chairperson

Professor Foster reported that Professor Harold Sears has access to the information needed for the salary study and will make his report at the next meeting.

Secondly, she read a letter from Dr. James Campbell which was in response to a letter from Chairperson Weser concerning scholarships for children of Regional Campus Faculty. Regional Campus Faculty Children are eligible for scholarships.

During a brief discussion, Dr. Davis stated that these scholarships are only for tuition.

Intra
University
Services

C. Intra University Services Committee--Professor Maness (Sumter) reported for Professor Sessions (Salkehatchie) Chairperson.

Professor Maness reported on three items discussed in the committee meeting.

(1) Continuation of efforts for positive relationship between the Regional Campus Libraries and the Main Campus Library. and Dr. John Wright has received a letter of appointment to the Library Committee from President Patterson.

(2) The committee contacted Steve Garris concerning changes in fees for graduate courses and reported that the fees are the same. (\$10.00 per course).

(3) Increasing difficulty of Athletic Programs due to the energy crisis. After a brief discussion, the committee decided to leave this up to individual campuses.

III. Special Committee Reports

Library
Committee

A. Library Committee--Professor John Wright (Union) Representative.

Professor Wright reported he had received a letter from Dr. Patterson appointing him to the committee. He had talked with the Chairman of the committee and will attend his first meeting on February 23. He asked for comments or questions to be reported to the committee.

Curricula
and New
Courses

B. Curricula and New Courses Committee--Professor Marnie Foster (Lancaster) Representative.

Professor Foster reported that the committee had six meetings and all proposals were approved. Refer to the Columbia Faculty Senate Minutes for a detailed report on changes.

She reported extensive changes are coming up in the next meeting. This includes Art, English, Comparative Literature and Philosophy.

Discussion

Chairperson Weser (Sumter) asked Professor Foster about the communications between the Curricula and New Courses Committee and the various departments in regards to the Regional Campuses being informed of changes taking place prior to the meetings.

After a brief discussion, the body agreed that some provisions should be made for informing the Regional Campuses of the changes that will affect the courses on the Regional Campuses.

Faculty
Welfare
Committee

C. Faculty Welfare Committee--Professor John Woodward (Military) Representative.

No report.

Academic
Advisory
Committee

D. Academic Advisory--Faculty Liason Committee.
Professor Emilie Towler (Aiken) Representative.

Professor Towler reported the Academic Advisory is reviewing the sabbatical leave policy. She encouraged more interest from the Regional Campuses on sabbatical leave and asked the body to submit comments to her on this matter.

Professor Towler reported in the meeting on December 10th, that by action of the Faculty Senate and the Graduate Faculty all colleges within the University are encouraged to take their own action in five categories and these are: (1) criteria for entrance into degree programs; (2) the criteria for determining scholastic eligibility of majors enrolled in degree programs; (3) the number of majors a degree may accommodate; (4) attendance and (5) student petitions.

Professor Towler stated this action directly concerns the Regional Campuses because of students transferring to the Columbia Campus and that Regional Campuses should have input into the scholastic eligibility of those going into their junior year and, also, the number of majors is an important factor to the Regional Campuses.

Unfinished
Business

IV. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New
Business

V. New Business

Chairperson Weser announced the Nominating Committee has been set up by the Executive Committees.

Nominating
Committee
Appointed

Jimmie E. Nunnery, Chairman; Marion Preacher, Beth Dunlap, John Mecham and John Stine.

Professor Nunnery stated the Committee will meet in Columbia on March 1, 1977.

Professor Farmer asked Dr. Davis to comment on specific recommendations concerning Promotion and Tenure process.

Promotion
and Tenure
Process

Dr. Davis stated there is a need for elaboration on identifying problems and solutions. He mentioned three ways: (1) Recommendations from the administrators; (2) There should be a local committee and (3) Possible, revert back to administrative responses.

Announcements:

Chairperson Weser asked for suggestions for a speaker for the next meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.