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REGIONAL CAMPUS FACULTY SENATE
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The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Chairman Jimmie Nunnery. The minutes were approved with the following correction:

Chairman Jimmie Nunnery pointed out that the Faculty Senate had voted that the Chairman of the Senate should be represented on the liaison committee of the Board of Trustees rather than be as an individual.

Dr. H. W. Davis reported that the Southern Association had visited the Salkehatchie and Beaufort Centers. The visiting committee recommended that the Centers be accredited to give AA and AS degrees. The committee noted some deficiencies such as the fact that admission requirements were not clearly stated; that some faculty records lacked official transcripts; that Salkehatchie lacked a professional librarian and that Beaufort was very short of library space. In addition, the committee pointed out that the University as a whole must begin keeping track of continuing education units in order to comply with Standard IX. Dr. Davis noted that Regional Campus enrollment had increased 21%. Heaviest growth in enrollment occurred in Spartanburg and Coastal. Sumter also increased considerably the past year. However, the Vice Provost noted that demographic data indicated that there should be a leveling off and even slight decline in enrollments.

Dr. Davis also reported that the University had asked for approximately 5 1/2% pay increase for faculty and staff. The Budget and Control Board had recently recommended 4% for state employees including University faculty. If the 4% is given, the University will have very little leeway in raising faculty salaries. Dr. Davis also remarked generally that the energy crises might affect faculty travel as well as enrollments. In conclusion he thanked Mr. Casper for the efforts made in planning for the Senate meeting. Mr. Casper welcomed the Senators and invited them to tour the building after the meeting.

The Chairman called for committee reports.

Dr. James Brown, Chairman of the New Courses and Curriculum Committee, expressed his appreciation to the Regional Campus office for arranging the joint department meeting; however, it was observed that it would be helpful to have the Regional Campus represented on the departmental committees. To this effect he introduced the following motions:

Motion: That there be a Regional Campus faculty member as a representative on the Main Campus departmental Curriculum Committee and that the Regional Campus administration arrange for this representation. The manner of selection could be determined by each Main Campus department. The representative would then report to department members on all other regional campuses.

Motion passed.

Motion: That curricula changes by departments be communicated to Regional Campuses and that a definite procedure be established by Regional Campus administration to provide for this communication. Discussion brought out that there is an update catalog, two copies of which are available on each campus. The advisement problems are being studied and dealt with.

Motion passed.

Professor Andrew Crosland, Chairman of the Library Committee, introduced the following motions:

Motion: Since funds allocated for library processing of materials are inadequate, recommend that funds be increased for this purpose considering supplies and materials. In discussion I hoped that this will decrease the lag between purchasing and receiving books on Regional Campuses.

Motion defeated.

Motion: Recommended that each Regional Campus Library Committee formulate a Library Bulletin to inform faculty of matters of interest to them if such does not already exist.

Motion passed.

Professor John Stine, Chairman of the Welfare Committee, introduced the following motions:

Motion: That full time faculty member on each campus should determine what constitutes a reasonable number of office hours. Normally, office hours should not exceed ten hours per week.

Motion passed.

Motion: That page 21, paragraph 5 of the Regional Campuses Faculty Manual dealing with promotion procedures be amended to eliminate the phrase 'the Council of Directors'.

Motion passed.

Motion: That cost of living increases for faculty whose duties have not changed be provided and that additional sums be given for merit raises.

Motion passed.

Motion: The committee expressed displeasure that it had not had the opportunity to make the changes in the manual before it went to the press. This was not voted on but was received as information.

Mr. Nunnery asked for the report on criteria for promotions as requested by the Senate in September. Mr. Greenley said no decision had been made but that directors were expected to comply with the provisions of the Regional Campus Faculty Manual.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Duffy reported manuals were expected to be available by the middle of next week and would be mailed to the directors for distribution.

The Aiken delegation moved that the manner of selecting representatives be changed to follow a rotation system. The motion was received for study and action at the next meeting. The motion to consider the matter at this meeting failed.

Professor Emily Towler asked Dr. Duffy to search the records of the Faculty Senate and see if the rank of Master Teacher had ever been provided for and approved by the Senate. Dr. Duffy promised to do so.

Dr. Churchill Curtis moved that there be a special meeting of the Senate on Friday, December 14 to discuss changes in the manual. In the discussion which followed, Dr. Duffy pointed out that the manual had been discussed by appropriate committees for more than one and a half years and that the manual provided for changes in the future by appropriate faculty action. Several members pointed out that a special meeting of the Senate might not be feasible because of the energy crises. Dr. Curtis then withdrew his motion.

Dr. Duffy was asked by the Chairman to report on salaries and he stated that, in general, the ranges for Instructor in the Regional Campus system were between \$8800 and 10,000 and those of assistant professor range from 10,200 to 11,500. He promised to report further on faculty salaries to the Senate. (Such a report has been prepared by Dr. Davis' office and will be given to the senators at the next faculty meeting). Dr. Duffy also noted that a recent report done for the Commission on the Status of Women showed that women employees were in jobs which paid below \$10,000. He promised to secure a copy of this report. (The report will be issued to the Senators at the next Senate meeting.)

There was renewed discussion of the proposal that faculty members be paid over a twelve month period. Chairman Munnery reported on a conference which he had had with Mr. Ralph Friedman (Centrex #5186) listing plans which were available through the Credit Union for spreading payments over twelve months.

New Business

Professor Calvin Smith asked that the Executive Committee clarify the meaning of the phrase "substantive legislative matter" by the next meeting. The motion to consider the matter failed.

Dr. Conway Henderson of Spartanburg attempted to introduce the following motions:

That the Regional Campus office attempt to provide State network broadcast service of the Regional Campus basketball tournament in Spartanburg and that the Regional Campus Senate Welfare Committee meet with the Faculty Senate Welfare Committee on Main Campus in order to draft a strategy for seeking improved faculty benefits from the State Legislature during the coming session.

The chairman ruled that the motions constituted substantial matters as had the previous Aiken motion regarding faculty senate terms and like the Aiken motion could not be considered unless the Senate voted by 2/3 majority to consider it.

The Senate by majority vote upheld the chair.

Chairman Munnery stated that the next meeting would be held on either February 15 or February 22 and that the Executive Committee would decide the date in order to have the meeting coincide with the basketball tournament in Spartanburg. (The meeting will be held February 22).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.