

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting  
February 3, 1984 3:00 p.m. HmH 141

Members Present: Emma Schultz, Donna Ingham, Mindy Davis, Pat Tinch,  
Jo Wise, Kenneth Brown, Leo McMakin, Lynn Gardner,  
Robert Vetter, Richard Merritt

Guest speaker Dr. Robert Griffin addressed the Faculty Senate and outlined several administrative policies that have effectively allowed Panhandle State to avoid a serious financial crisis. Included among these are the retention of four vacant positions, an overlapping of some job duties, and a reduction in supply/equipment purchases and repairs. A question and answer period followed. Dr. Griffin also related that due to budgetary concerns, an earlier recommendation by the Faculty Senate that nine month teaching faculty receiving a summer teaching contract be permitted to accumulate and use sick leave during the summer term, would not be honored by the administration.

Chairman Schultz called the Faculty Senate meeting to order.

Chairman Schultz reported that the letter communicating the concerns of the faculty regarding the budget problems facing Oklahoma was delivered to Walter Hill and Tim Leonard.

Chairman Schultz reported the minutes of the Academic Council meeting. Discussion followed regarding the scheduling of final exams.

Chairman Schultz reported the minutes of the Administrative Council meeting. Discussion followed regarding the elimination of the womens volleyball program.

The Faculty Senate will meet the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in HmH 141 for the remainder of the semester.

Richard Merritt moved to adjourn.

Submitted by  
Richard Merritt, Secretary

# Oklahoma State Senate

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February 27, 1984

Ms. Emma Schultz, President Faculty Senate  
Panhandle State University  
Goodwell, Oklahoma 73939

Dear Ms. Schultz:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the recently passed sales tax increase. I appreciate your thoughts and comments on this matter.

Personally, I was opposed to the Special Session because I felt the Governor's tax proposals were more than was needed. Secondly, it did not allow us to address areas of where additional cuts and reforms could be made.

I know there is waste in government and I will continue to work to eliminate as much as possible. However, the State Legislature did cut out \$90 million of State expenditures last year and State spending has been cut an additional \$150 million this year. Also, it should be mentioned that over the last four years, the Governor and Legislature passed tax cuts which decreased the State revenues by approximately \$150 million per year.

The real problem lies with next year when the State will be forced to reduce spending by an additional \$250 million. This will mean that in just three years, State spending will be reduced by approximately \$450 million, or about 1/3 of the total State budget. Many of the cuts that have been made are good and I supported a reduction of State spending. However, I do not know whether we can reduce it this drastically without bringing to a complete halt most of the highway projects and without closing some small schools and severely damaging higher education. I have worked very hard for improvements to our highways and to see that our schools have not lost their source of funds.

Once again, I appreciate your comments and concern and please feel free to contact me regarding any suggestions or thoughts you may have regarding this matter or other matters which affect our state.

Sincerely,

  
Tim Leonard

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April 12, 1984 1:00 P.M. HmH 141

Members Present: Emma Schultz, Donna Ingham, Mindy Davis, Jo Wise,  
Leo McMakin, Johnnie Davis, Kenneth Woodward,  
Robert Vetter, Richard Merritt

Chairman Schultz called the Faculty Senate meeting to order.

Senate members discussed the guidelines for representation of academic divisions on the Faculty Senate as outlined by the Constitution. Interpretation of these guidelines was debated as to their intent. This issue was not resolved. Jo Wise moved to follow historical precedent regarding the issue of representation. Mindy Davis seconded. The motion carried.

Kenneth Woodward and Jo Wise recommended that the Constitution of the Faculty Senate be critically reviewed, with special attention devoted to By-Law 1, Amendment II, dealing with Faculty Senate representation by division.

Johnnie Davis reported on the scheduling of the spring break and will formulate a survey to canvass faculty preferences.

Leo McMakin reported that a request had been made to establish a faculty lounge. Discussion was tabled pending further information regarding the request.

Mindy Davis reported that a request had been made to mark parking lot spaces adjacent to Hamilton Hall with cement barriers, and extended this request to the lot adjacent to the Administration Building. Lack of organized parking alignment resulting in possible auto damage and/or lack of space were the primary reasons for the request. A written recommendation will be forwarded to R.D. Schultz supportive of the request.

Senate members discussed the possibility of assigned parking on campus. Kenneth Woodward volunteered to obtain information on this subject.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for May 10, 1984 at 1:00 P.M. HmH 141.

Johnnie Davis moved to adjourn.

Submitted by

Richard G. Merritt