

Baylor University

Faculty Senate Newsletter

September, 1995

The 1995-96 Faculty
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are as follows:

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FROM KATHY HILLMAN--

As we start a new academic year after a busy Senate summer, our first newsletter must begin with thanks, especially to the Committee on Committees chaired by Lucille Brigham and vice-chaired by John Wilson. The Committee spent countless hours throughout the spring and summer making their original recommendations and then re-recommendations as faculty left Baylor. Special thanks must go, too, to Vice Presidents Hillis, Netherton, and Schmeltkopf and Presidents Reynolds and Sloan, who offered guidance and support.

Senator Tom Goforth chaired a committee this summer appointed by Dr. Schmeltkopf to report to the Council of Deans concerning Merit Pay. A consensus seems to have been reached, and Tom will be presenting the proposal at the first Senate meeting. If the Senate accepts the basic principles, Dr. Schmeltkopf, in conjunction with the Senate, will appoint a committee to make appropriate revisions.

I have participated in meetings with Kent Newsom, President of the Baylor Alumni Association, and others regarding development of an Alumni College at Baylor similar to those at Cornell, Washington and Lee, Brown, and Rice. Robert Reid is considering the "deanship" of the college. I'm excited about the prospect of having alumni and friends and their families on campus for academics.

Dr. Schmeltkopf has appointed a Council for International Education to "stimulate student participation in international education programs, assist with the overall coordination of international education activities, and provide advice to the leadership of our international education program." His intent is that the committee become part of the Committee on Committees report.

As an outgrowth of the new Academic Actions Policy, a Task Force on Academic Support for Athletes chaired by Dr. Charles Schmitz has been appointed. A report is due to Dr. Schmeltkopf on September 2. Hopefully, the Senate will be able to react to the recommendations and to review modifications that may be needed to the Academic Actions Policy. This summer, the Senate also supported changes in SAT/ACT requirements for 1996-1997 based on SAT recentering. The Faculty Committee on Enrollment Management chaired by Senator Kathy

Whipple will study the issue in greater depth.

Several Senators attended meetings about outsourcing mail and copy operations. The change to Xerox Corporation on August 1 seemed smooth.

Please feel free to contact me or other Senators regarding the above or other matters you believe the Senate should consider this year. Some faculty members have already suggested issues for discussion. This will be a busy time as we move ahead with the Faculty Handbook, complete the institutional self-study, and enter a new Baylor era under President Robert Sloan.

FROM PRESIDENT SLOAN--

I hope this note finds each of you doing well as we are now in the midst of the new academic year. I am composing this note toward the end of August, all the while realizing that you will receive it sometime after my inauguration. For the purposes of this note, I am assuming that it will have gone well. Besides, such observations give me the opportunity to use the future perfect tense, a now infrequent thrill for one who was teaching the second semester of Greek grammar just a few months ago.

While I still confess to a sense of feeling overwhelmed at times, I am truly confident that Baylor's history, traditions, staff, faculty and students constitute not only a safety net for me, but hold great promise for our future. I am convinced that my first responsibility to you is to support you and to allow you to do the work to which you have been called. Baylor is an enormously multi-faceted entity, but with all of our complexity and diversity of interests, we are first and foremost an academic institution of higher learning. I know you join me in the determination to keep our eyes firmly fixed upon that central fact, understood within the framework of our historic mission and purpose.

Thank you for all that you do for Baylor day in and day out. I am confident that we will remain true to our heritage, and I am also determined that, based upon the foundation of our history, we can and will move forward into an exciting future which will continue to liberate you, our staff, and our students for all the varied experiences of excellence infused with integrity which our mutual commitment can make possible.

All blessings to you and yours.

Robert B. Sloan, Jr.

The Faculty Senate has as its purpose to serve the Baylor University faculty and function as its representative, deliberative and legislative body.

All academic areas of Baylor schools are represented in the Senate. Thirty-three members are elected to staggered, three-year terms by the faculty of each school, with no more than two faculty members from a single department. Members may serve two consecutive three-year terms, after which they cannot be re-elected for one year.

Dates of Senate meetings for 1995-96:

September 19, October 17, November 21, December 5, January 16, February 20, March 26, April 16, May 7

All regular Senate meetings are held at 3:30 p.m. in the Blume Conference Center.

Dates of President's Faculty Forums:

Thursday, September 28, 1995 Miller Chapel 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 22, 1996 Barfield Drawing Room 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17, 1996 Barfield Drawing Room 3:30 p.m.
(Jointly sponsored by AAUP)

Wednesday, November 29, 1995 Barfield Drawing Room 12 noon
(Faculty-Staff luncheon sponsored by Continuing Education)