

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Bennett Auditorium

April 18, 1983

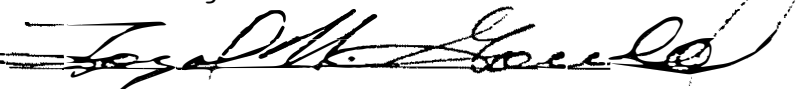
President Herbert H. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and Professor Charles Tolbert gave the invocation.

Professor Mike Morrison presented a brief overview of the University Council's proposed reorganization plan (distributed to Senate members prior to the meeting) for general and specific governing bodies. The main purpose of this proposal is to encourage greater participation/communication throughout the campus among faculty, staff, and students. After a lengthy discussion, Professor Howard Rolf moved that a committee be appointed/elected to consider the recommendation brought to the Senate by the University Council and to make any suggestions or recommendations to the Senate that the members deem appropriate. Professor James McAtee seconded the motion which passed by majority vote. Professor Erwin Elias then moved that President Reynolds be authorized to appoint a balanced committee from the existing University Senate to study the proposal. Professor Robert Baldrige seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

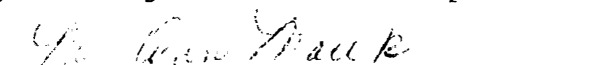
President Reynolds briefed the Senate on: (1) the FY 83-84 budget which is scheduled to be distributed about June 1, 1983. He reported that because of lower interest rates during the current fiscal year Baylor will experience a decrease in temporary investment income of about \$500,000 and will also experience an additional \$500,000 decrease in FY 83-84. He further reported that Baylor's earnings through the Baptist Foundation of Texas have decreased due to lower investment yields on the endowment funds they manage for the University. President Reynolds stated that over the next six weeks the financial staff will be carefully reviewing all proposed expenditures in order to end FY 82-83 in the black. (2) the current status of the Texas Tuition Equalization Grant program being considered by the Texas House and Senate. He stated that even though the TEG is experiencing difficulties due to decreased State revenues Baylor has taken precautions to insure that the University will have the necessary funds available to aid incoming students and to insure that Baylor can maintain its enrollment at about 10,000 FTE. (3) faculty contracts for academic year 83-84 which were distributed April 8, 1983 with prudent increases. He stated that if revenues increase over what is projected for FY 83-84 contracts may be modified as in past years. (4) a forthcoming memorandum (dated April 18, 1983 to all academic units and administrative offices) which addresses three items recently discussed with the University community and a consensus evolved concerning these: personalized faculty stationery, a University-wide media policy, and the BU Personnel Policy Manual.

On behalf of Dean Robert Collmer, Chairman of the Honorary Degrees Committee, Professor Robert Miller presented the Committee's recommendation that Mr. Ronald Reagan (President of the United States), Mr. Claude D. Pepper (Congressman from the Fifteenth District of the State of Florida), and Mr. Ernest L. Boyer (President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching) have conferred upon them the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree at times convenient to the University. Professor Miller moved that the Committee's recommendation be accepted; Dean William G. Toland seconded the motion which carried. It was noted that if President Reagan accepts Baylor's invitation to speak at Summer Commencement his will be the only honorary degree conferred at that time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



Loyal N. Gould, Secretary



M. Ann Mauk, Recording Secretary