

Minutes

FACULTY SENATE

December 6, 1994

The Senate convened at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, Blume Conference Center, Hankamer School of Business, with Chair Ray Cannon presiding.

Present: Barker, Basden, Benesh, Buddo, Cannon, Davis, Edwards, Garner, Goforth, Hillman, Jensen, Johnson, Longfellow, Luper, Massirer, McGee, Nixon, Ortuno, Pierce, Pippin, Robinson, Rogers, Seward, Thomas, Tipton, Whipple, Wood, and Youngdale.

Absent: King, Monk, Sanders, and Wallace.

Four documents representing the report of the Committee on our committee structure and the Presidential Search Resolution passed by Student Congress were distributed by Cannon prior to the meeting (copies attached to file copy of the minutes).

AGENDA

1. **Invocation**
Barker led the invocation.
2. **Minutes of November 15, 1994**
Longfellow moved that the November 15, 1994, Minutes be approved as distributed. Barker seconded. Motion passed.
3. **Report on recent developments regarding the search for a new President**
Cannon gave a report on the developments since the last Senate meeting regarding the search for a new President. Events reported included:
 - a. Cannon's meeting with President Reynolds on November 16, at which time the Senate's November 15 resolutions were discussed, followed by Cannon's delivery of a cover letter and the resolutions to the President's office for distribution to each regent.
 - b. A November 18 meeting involving several faculty members, including some Senators, and the student body president with the candidate being recommended to the Board for election as President, a report of which was sent by e-mail from Cannon to each Senator on November 21.
 - c. A November 23 meeting of several Senators with Board Chair Galloway, a report of which was sent by e-mail from Cannon to each Senator on November 23.

d. A December 1 meeting involving representatives from the faculty, alumni, student body, staff, and administration meeting with President Reynolds to seek to bring the various groups together and to assure those present that all these groups would be involved as the presidential search goes forward. One suggestion from this meeting was that there be further meetings involving similar groups.

e. A December 5 meeting involving most of the groups identified in d. above, seeking to set a meeting for the groups to get together for further discussion about the process. A tentative luncheon meeting was set for Saturday, December 31, 12 noon to 2:30 p.m., in San Antonio at the Marriott Rivercenter. Senators who desired to participate were asked to sign the distributed sign-up sheet for the meeting.

Among the points made at these meetings, in addition to the comments listed above, are:

*Cannon has made the point that any faculty representation in the presidential search process should be elected by the Faculty Senate, not appointed by the Senate chair or by others.

*Some avenue(s) for regular faculty-regent dialogue should be developed, with full approval and knowledge of the administration, to enhance communication and mutual understanding.

4. Report from Student Life Committee

Committee chair Rogers distributed and reviewed a report of the Faculty Advisory Committee on Student Life and Services (copy attached to file copy of the minutes). The report dealt with guidelines for student organizations with pledge programs. Discussion followed, with members of the Senate expressing major concerns about the treatment of pledges by student organizations. Though no formal action was taken on the report, the Senate did express sentiment that no student organization at Baylor University should haze in any way and that excessive time not be spent in pledging or other organization activities to the detriment of academics.

5. Report from the Committee on the Committee on Committees

Committee chair Hillman distributed replacement pages for the previously distributed reports, as follows:

Report, December 2, 1994, Page 2

Committee Descriptions, December 2, 1994, Page 4

Committee Guidelines, December 2, 1994, Pages 6, 7

(copies attached to file copy of the minutes)

Hillman then commented on the committee's work and the report documents. Several concerns were expressed about the work of some of the university committees, including some major concerns about the inactivity of the Athletic Council.

Several changes to the committee documents were suggested:

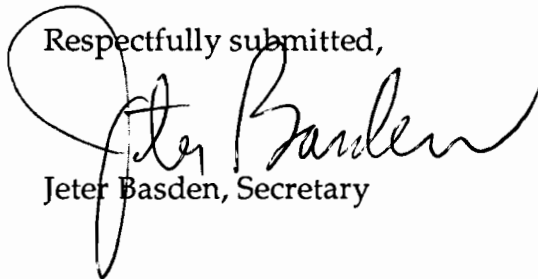
a. Report, September 30, 1994, Page 3 -- H. Miscellaneous Recommendations, 2. Change (underlined) to read: "The Committee on Committees shall designate committees included in the"
Change approved by common consent.

b. Report, September 30, 1994, Page 4 -- J. Recommendation Regarding Student Appointments to Committees, 6. Change to read: "The Student Body President must submit his or her appointments to the Chair of the Committee on Committees after confirmation by the Dean for Student Life by the day of Spring Commencement. If such appointments have not been submitted by said date, the appointments shall be made by the Dean of Student Life." Motion made by Thomas, seconded by Robinson, that these changes be approved. Motion passed.

Upon completion of the discussion, McGee moved, Goforth seconded, that the report of the Committee on the Committee on Committees be adopted by the Senate. Motion passed.

At 5:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeter Basden". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jeter Basden, Secretary