MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

The Faculty Senate met in regular session on Wednesday, November 13, 1991, at 2:30 p.m. in Conference Room 4, Davis Hall. Chairman I. Bernstein presided.


APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Senator Wood asked to correct the minutes to reflect his presence in Senate meeting of October 16, 1991. Minutes were so amended. Motion made by Senator Mykytyn to approve minutes, seconded by Senator Ridgway. Corrected minutes were approved by voice vote.

REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN: Chairman Bernstein made a special presentation to President Nedderman, commending him for his accomplishments during his nineteen-year tenure as President of this University, particularly stressing the growth of the Graduate program under his leadership. He stated that as a member of the faculty he felt that the President's success was not only the physical buildings that have been added during these years, but that the more significant contribution has been his continual and strong support of academic excellence and academic freedom.

The Chairman presented a plaque to President Nedderman on which was inscribed: "With respect, affection and heartfelt thanks for nineteen years of leadership and service, this plaque is presented to Wendell H. Nedderman by the Faculty Senate of the University of Texas at Arlington, November 13, 1991".

President Nedderman accepted the plaque and expressed his thanks and appreciation, noting that it had special meaning coming from this group.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIRMAN: There were no questions for the Chairman.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
President Nedderman reported that at the Board of Regents meeting we were allocated $3.36 million. Under the Equipment and Library category we received $750,000 for academic computer upgrade and $750,000 to supplement the State appropriations for the Library. Under the category of Repair and Rehabilitation we were granted $860,000 for the new boiler in the Thermal Energy Building and for Phase III in the renovation of the Library which will complete the Library project. We also received $1 million for the renovation of Ransom Hall, which, at the earliest, will not begin before January, 1993.
With the approval of the repair of the 2000 ft. utility tunnel and the approval of $12.5 million for Phase I of the new 57,000 sq. ft. Science Building, on which construction will begin next summer, the East-West Mall will be in serious disrepair. Under these conditions it is not feasible to begin on the Ransom Hall project until the later date.

In answer to concerned inquiries as to the status of our trees where the construction will take place, The President reiterated his statement in an earlier meeting that the tree loss will be minimal.

President Nedderman made a visual presentation, using the overhead projector, which described the many advances made by the University from the year 1959. He stated that the University has three elements: People, inclusive of Faculty, Staff and Students; Programs, consisting of Teaching, Research and Service; and Facilities, including Brick, Mortar and Equipment, Computer capability and Library resources.

The President offered his perspective of the higher educational system with the following: "I think of the University as a Knowledge machine, a Repository of knowledge in terms of Library and the minds of faculty, staff and students; a Dispenser of knowledge through the teaching function; and a Discoverer of knowledge through research.

The wide spectrum of change over the past thirty-two years encompasses the increase of student enrollment from 5,000 in 1959 to 25,135 in 1991; the advancement from a School of Arts and Science to a University which is home to four large colleges: Liberal Arts, Science, Engineering, and Business Administration, as well as Schools of Nursing, Social Work, Architecture, The Center for Professional Education, and Public and Urban Administration, the multiple building facilities to accommodate this progress, and, finally, our current building program to update those accommodations. Scholastic achievements are more than noteworthy. In 1972, with an enrollment of 13,000, there were 936 in the Graduate Program. In 1991 with over 25,000 students, there are 4300 in the Graduate Program, 650 PhD candidates, and 51 Baccalaureate, 56 Masters, and 19 Doctoral degrees offered.

The President informed the Senate that during the last meeting of the Coordinating Board a presentation was made which recognized UTA as one of the seven multi-doctorate Universities in the State. The others are: University of Texas Austin, A & M, Texas Tech, University of Houston, North Texas State, and the University of Texas Dallas.

The challenge has been to continue building adequate facilities with the erratic funding program we have had through the years and to develop a physical plant to accommodate a rapidly growing enrollment and an evolving mission which included graduate degrees.

The result has been the addition of the 19 Doctoral, Baccalaureate, and Masters degrees in order to provide quality education. The physical addition of 1,600,000 gross sq. ft. of new space and 18 new buildings is another positive result.

Since 1972 the buildings added on the West side of Cooper include; The Fine Arts Building, The Activity Center, Architecture Building, Tennis Center, General Service Building, The Book Store, University Village and the Stadium. On the East side of Cooper we added The Business Administration building, Engineering Lab, Geoscience, Nursing/Math Building, Thermal Energy, Aerospace Research, Engineering II, Expansion of University Center, Day Care Center, Parking Garage and Phase II of the Science Building which will be completed in 1993.
The Projects that have been completed are: the lowering of Cooper Street, the Landscaping, the building of the Automation Robotics Research Institute -- 48,000 sq.ft. on 18 1/2 acres in the River Bend development of East Fort Worth, and the investment purchase of the property at Cooper and Mitchell at a good price for future expansion.

President Nedderman noted that there is still much to do. There are more additions to the Doctorate program to be made, and the void in the Master program in Fine Arts must be filled. We have presented to the Coordinating Board a proposal for the FMA in Music and a Masters in Communication which we hope will be forthcoming soon.

QUESTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT
Senator Tolbert asked the origin of the River Bend acreage.

President Nedderman explained that the property in River Bend, where the Robotics Center is located, was donated by David Newell, an alumni of this University.

He was further questioned about the ownership of Doug Russell Park. The inquiry was to learn whether or not that property was owned by the City.

The President clarified the ownership, informing the Senate that two acres are owned by the City and seven or eight acres belong to the University. The University has resisted the city proposals for greater development of the area because of the possibility of the University's using it in the future. Further development would make it more difficult for it to be reclaimed when needed.

REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT BAKER
Vice President Baker is currently in Austin serving on a committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Dr. Dunn reported from the Presidential Search Committee that the members had completed examination of 100 resumes, and there were approximately 20 more yet to be reviewed. He informed the Senate that during this process they had found many strong applicants for the position. Dr. Dunn expressed satisfaction with the progress of the committee and their optimism.

Senator Girardot inquired as to whether or not a candidate would be afforded protection of confidentiality.

Dr. Dunn responded that as far as possible there would be a measure of confidentiality. The Committee will select the candidates and submit their selections to the Board of Regents. Candidates would first be interviewed in Austin before coming to the campus for interview.

Senator Porter asked if she had understood correctly that the number of applicants had been reduced to 20 or 30.

Dr. Dunn said the 20 to which he had previously referred were those whose applications had not yet been reviewed.

Senator Porter expressed her interest in knowing the percentage of women applicants.
Dr. Dunn explained that they have not kept up with percentages though he knows there are several women candidates.

Senator Eisenfeld expressed interest in the method of screening the applicants.

Dr. Dunn assured him that the screening criteria would carry through to the last group. The successful candidate is defined as the one who is best for the University. It will be an individual who is oriented to the area, a high profile 'mover and shaker'.

Dr. Dunn gave a report of University of Texas -Pan American October meeting. The main issues addressed were new Tenure and Promotion policies and establishing and maintaining an equitable university-wide faculty salary structure. Included in his report was an update on the lawsuit against 40 faculty members in the University system. A copy of the Roundup Report from UTPA was distributed to all Senate members. There was some discussion on the matter of the lawsuit and its implications. Most important is the threat of loss of academic freedom and tenure for those faculty persons being sued. Dr. Dunn's final statement was: "Academic freedom and tenure has been supported in the Supreme Court".

OLD BUSINESS
There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS.
There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:
Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Lana Rings, Secretary
C. Florence Zuefeldt, Recorder