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Dr. Marsh

THE MINUTES
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
TYLER STATE COLLEGE

3:00 p.m., March 12, 1974

I. REPORT ON TACT MEETING IN AUSTIN

Dr. Gerald L. Morris, Professor of Mathematics and Chairman of the Department of Mathematics, and Dr. Noel H. McCoy, Dean of Student Life and Associate Professor of Psychology, were representatives of the Tyler State College TACT Chapter at the TACT meeting in Austin on March 8 and 9. Dr. Morris reported that the originally scheduled speaker for the Friday night TACT meeting, Price Daniel, Jr., was absent due to illness. The substitute speaker was Senator Lloyd Doggett. Dr. Morris suggested that he be remembered if a speaker were needed for Tyler State College because he was very impressive.

At the Saturday meeting, TACT announced that it would support a recommendation that \$25 per month be allocated for the health insurance for faculty members and staff members rather than the current \$12.50. TACT voted to support the Coordinating Board's recommendation to the Legislative Budget Board for a minimum of eight percent salary increase per year for each year of the next biennium.

TACT plans to make available to TACT members automobile insurance with a deviation of 20 percent.

TACT also plans to take out group professional liability insurance for TACT members which will amount to about \$1.25 per year for \$300,000 of professional liability insurance. One dollar will be paid out of state dues and the remainder would be paid out of the local chapter.

II. COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS MEETING

Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr., President of Tyler State College, said that a full report of Article VII as it is now written was given at the Council of Presidents meeting in San Antonio on March 8. The main provision in the State Constitution now calls for a floor of 32 million based on current income of the permanent university fund. The legislature, as the provision now states, would be allowed to increase this amount each biennium should it be necessary in order to adequately provide for institutions not participating in the permanent university fund.

Under Article VIII, Section 7, the state debt definition--as the provision

is now written--excludes building use fees as they are now used by institutions of higher learning.

Dr. Stewart read the definition as it was previously written:

No state debt shall be incurred unless authorized as provided in this constitution.

State debt shall mean bonds or other evidences of indebtedness which are secured by the general credit of the state or are to be repaid from tax revenues, (fees), tuition, or (other charges of the state), an agency, institution, college, or university of the state.

State debt shall not include bonds or other evidences of indebtedness authorized by general law which are to be payable solely from the revenues to be generated by a project, if such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness are not secured by the general credit of the state.

"Fees and other charges, etc." must be excluded from this provision if building use fees are to be continued as now provided.

III. UPPER LEVEL FORMULA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. John Sawyer, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, reported on the upper level formula advisory committee. The upper level committee has concluded that specific formulas cannot be recommended for upper level institutions for this biennial request in that there are just not enough data. The committee has recommended that some guidelines be offered for making appropriations requests for upper level schools. The committee has communicated the recommendations, as far as guidelines are concerned, to the Legislative Budget Board. However, the representatives could not commit for the legislative budget board as to whether or not they would accept the recommendations.

Mr. Sawyer said that this would be tied to the upper level schools using projected enrollment. Formulas are based on a base period of semester credit hours produced which normally backs up to the summer of the previous year. Tyler State College's formula should be based on actual or projected enrollments for the bienniums requested.

It has not been decided as to how the Legislative Budget Board is going to allow the upper level institutions to make recommendations.

IV. COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE COUNSELORS MEETING

Dr. O. Robert Marsh, Dean of Admissions and Records, announced that

twelve schools have been invited to participate in the meeting of community and junior college counselors on March 20 at 10:00 a.m. The conference is designed to review the suggestions that were made by the group at the September meeting and to discuss how they have been implemented at Tyler State College.

V. COORDINATING BOARD MEETING

Dr. Stewart mentioned that the Commissioner reported to the Coordinating Board that the staff would not consider the nursing degree applications at the April 19 meeting as originally planned because the nursing study has not yet been completed.

Dr. Stewart said that he had been concerned recently with the problem of other institutions offering courses and establishing centers in towns located near Tyler and which could be served by Tyler State College. The Coordinating Board will most likely look into this problem on a statewide basis in the near future.

Dr. Frank H. Smyrl, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Social Sciences, suggested that if Tyler State does have to compete with other schools that it do so by offering courses that would better meet the needs of the people and by offering quality courses.

VI. BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

Dr. Stewart announced the Board of Regents Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, at 3:00 p.m. The establishment of a Faculty Senate will be discussed. Also the Board will act officially on the TEX-AN System implemented earlier upon the authority of the appropriate Board committee. New faculty and staff appointments will be considered by the Board.

VII. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

Dr. Stewart mentioned that the architects will have a budget for the moveable equipment at the next session with the staff on campus.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

James L. Mayfield, Director of Library Services, announced that the library is collecting documents, publications, etc., for the Tyler State history files in the library. He said that all cooperation would be appreciated.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Robert L. Cox
A. Wayne Criswell
Dr. George Joyce
Dr. O. Robert Marsh
James L. Mayfield
Dr. Noel H. McCoy
Dr. Gerald L. Morris
John R. Pierce
James S. Powell
John R. Sawyer
Dr. Frank H. Smyrl
Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr.
Dr. Billy L. Turney