MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
OCTOBER 12, 1978

Call to Order	The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, October 12, 1978 at 3:12 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Garrett Conference Center by the Chair, Senator Tom Jones. A quorum was present.
Roll Call	Absent: 1. Bennie Beach* 11. Albert Laird 2. Fred Clark 12. Fred McCoy 3. Bryce Combs 13. Wm. Meadors 4. Phil Constans 14. Wm. Moore 5. Phillip Duff 15. Wm. Neel 6. Lawrence Finley 16. Albert Petersen 7. Delbert Hayden 17. John Phillips 8. Ray Johnson 18. Herb Shadowen 9. Elizabeth Jones 19. Donald Tuck 10. Carl Kreisler 20. Joel Zamkoff *Senator Beach sent Emory Alford as an observer.
Minutes	The minutes of the September 14, 1978 meeting were accepted as presented.
Presidential Selection	The Chair called upon Senator William Buckman, the Faculty Regent, to make remarks regarding the expansion of the Presidential Selection Committee to include minority representation. Senator Krenzin spoke against the expansion and the idea that the committee would benefit from minority representation. ASG President Steve Thornton, the Student Regent, was recognized and spoke in favor of the same issue. Mr. Thornton informed the Senate that if no minority person were elected in the ASG election for the selection committee he would urge Board Chairman J. David Cole to appoint two minority representatives. Senator Buckman stood for questions from the floor.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Executive Committee

At the October 4, 1978 meeting of the Executive Committee, the Congress of Faculty Senates was discussed. Senator Tom Jones, who chaired the COFS meeting in Elizabethtown, Kentucky on September 30, 1978, reported that all those Senate leaders representing several of the Commonwealth universities were in favor of working for a state-wide faculty senate forum and voice. The group was most interested in issues such as faculty salaries, faculty representation on the CHE, and in information sharing.

The Executive Committee recommends, in accord with Sturgis, that any vacancy on a Senate standing committee be filled by a caucus of the College whose member resigned from any committee.

Senator Henrickson also encouraged Senators to attend the regular meetings of the Board of Regents. He also urged the Senate to vote in the on-going election of faculty for the Presidential Selection Committee.

Fiscal Affairs

Senator Pulsinelli (Robert) presented a preliminary report entitled "Expenses Within Academic Departments, 1976-77," dealing with the percentage of budget expenses for instruction versus administration.

Faculty Status and Welfare

Senator Parks reported that the committee is meeting weekly to continue its work on the promotion and rank procedures and criteria. There was to have been a report on summer session stipends at the Commonwealth institutions, but Senator Parks discovered that the data was not as correct as he would like.

By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections

Senator L. Pulsinelli urged Senators to vote in the Selection Committee election. She reported that in the first two elections there had been a sixty percent (60%) rate of participation by faculty.

Institutional Goals and Planning	Senator Miller reported that her committee is working very hard and making much progress toward a report on enrollment patterns here and across the nation.
Ad Hoc Committee on Communications	Senator Walls announced the forthcoming first issue of the Faculty Senate Newsletter.
Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Structure	Senator Lucas announced that he had checked his reported figures on total number of administrators at WKU against the official voting list of administrat for the Presidential Selection Committe and found them to be quite conservative After much discussion of one or two ambiguities in the Lucas-Glaser reports Senator Strande made a motion to table the vote on acceptance until a new version of the pages in question could be presented to the body. The motion passed.
Ad Hoc ASG/Faculty Senate Committee on Evaluations	Senator Henrickson presented a document drafted by the committee consisting of an introductory letter to the administration accompanied by a request for funding of the project. After considerable debate with regard to the substantive nature of the request, its feasibility in the view of the administration as well as several controversial paragraphs, Senator Butle made a motion to table action and instructed the committee to revise thei plan in accordance with the debate on the senate floor. The motion passed.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.