

Minutes  
Faculty Senate  
Western Kentucky University  
August 24, 1978

- Call to Order                      The called meeting of the WKU Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, August 24, 1978, at 3:10 p.m. in the Garrett Conference Center Ballroom by the Chair, Tom Jones. A quorum was present.
- Roll Call                              Absent:
1. Gregory Lowe
  2. Albert Laird
  3. Doris Broach
  4. Robert Blann
  5. Donald Tuck
  6. Jack Thacker
- Minutes                                The minutes of the May 11, 1978 meeting were accepted as presented.
- Remarks by President  
Downing                                At the invitation of the Senate, President Downing spoke on various topics.
- Election of Secretary-  
Treasurer                              Owing to the resignation of Senator Koenig, the Senate proceeded to elect a new Secretary-Treasurer. Senator Henrickson nominated Senator Veenker. Senator Lysbeth Wallace nominated Senator Miller who declined because of other responsibilities in the Senate. Senator Veenker was elected by acclamation.
- Reports of Standing  
Committees  
Executive Committee                      Senator Henrickson reported that there were three meetings during the summer. On June 21, the committee decided not to participate in the on-going debate regarding the administrative evaluation which

was being followed closely by the press. On July 20, the formation of the Congress of Faculty Senates was discussed. Representatives from all the state's senates were in attendance in Lexington on July 14 (save the University of Louisville). The congress sees the need for faculty in Kentucky to have a united voice in bringing its viewpoint to the public at large, the legislature and the Council on Public Higher Education. On August 22, the Chair urged all standing committee chairs to work diligently this year.

A motion was put forth and seconded that the Faculty Senate work with the ASG in organizing a forum for the gubernatorial candidates during the next several months. The motion passed without opposition.

**Fiscal Affairs**

Senator Bailey urged all senators to aid his committee by sending the information and questionnaires to him as soon as possible.

**By-Laws, Amendments,  
and Elections**

Senator Pulsinelli introduced Senator Elaine Harrison who, by virtue of being the second highest vote-getter in the last election, is replacing Senator Koenig.

It will be necessary to hold three elections very soon owing to recent resignations. Senator Pulsinelli said that the eligibility lists are being revised.

N. B.: In order to aid the parliamentarian in ascertaining the status of the quorum, all senators leaving the senate floor



before adjournment are respectfully asked to deposit their name-plates with the parliamentarian.

Finally, the committee distributed a single sheet providing the senate with the correct cataloging procedure for all documents to be distributed to the senate for consideration and action.

**Faculty Status and Welfare**

Senator Parks called for any documents which the committee might find helpful in its attempt to revise the Rank and Promotion policy.

**Professional Responsibilities and Concerns**

Senator Petersen announced that he will present a report on grievance procedures at the September 14, 1978 meeting.

**Institutional Goals and Planning**

Senator Miller indicated that the committee has been searching for its self-definition and has decided to address itself to the following issues: the Senate's relationship to and participation in the Congress of Faculty Senates; enrollment patterns at WKU; the role of CPHE at WKU.

**Academic Affairs**

Senator Butler said that the role of his committee is somewhat ambiguous but that they will attempt to strengthen the working relationship among the Senate, the Office of the Academic Vice-President and the Academic Council.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluation of Faculty**

Senator Miller informed us that she as well as Senators Duff and Henrickson have been meeting throughout

the summer with the ASG committee to arrive at a suitable technique for student evaluation of faculty. Senator Miller is very encouraged and believes that a helpful study will eventually be sent from the committee.

**New Business**

Senator Finley urged the senate to concern itself with the problem of athletes who matriculate for several years and do not receive a degree. The Chair suggested that he work with Senator Petersen's committee (PRC).

Senator Henrickson moved that a study be made to compare WKU summer stipends with those of other Commonwealth universities. Senator Lucas offered a second. The motion passed by voice with some opposition. Senator Davis mentioned that he has the necessary data.

**Announcements**

The Chair announced that Mr. Jim Browning is working in the Senate office for twenty hours per week as Secretary.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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