

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
NOVEMBER 9, 1978

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, November 9, 1978, at 3:15 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Garrett Conference Center by the Chair, Senator Tom Jones. A quorum was present.

Announcement

Senator Jones announced that the Lucas-Glaser reports on Administrative Structure have been filed permanently as per the wishes of Senator Lucas.

Roll Call

Absent:

1. Robert Blann
2. Ed Bohlander
3. Bryce Combs
4. Norman Hunter
5. Elizabeth Jones
6. Carl Kreisler
7. Albert Laird
8. Marion Lucas*
9. William Moore
10. Albert Petersen
11. Robert Pulsinelli*
12. Jack Thacker
13. Donald Tuck*
14. Joel Zamkoff

*(Sent observer to cover his absence.)

Minutes

The minutes of the October 12, 1978 meeting were approved.

Reports of the Standing
Committees

Executive Committee

Senator Henrickson reported that the committee had discussed at length the Senate's role in the ASG Evaluation Committee. The report from the Congress of Faculty Senate Leaders was given by Senator Tom Jones. The members gave their compliments to Senator Walls and his committee on the first issue of the newsletter. Mike Taylor was thanked for designing the logo. The newsletter was sent to all faculty and about 100 administrators. At the November 1, 1978 meeting the committee

again discussed COFSL and student evaluations. Senator Tom Jones, following Senator Henrickson's report, announced that a COFSL meeting with representatives from six of the eight institutions was held in Elizabethtown on October 13, 1978. Although a constitution was presented to the group, the consensus was to avoid the difficulties of ratifying a document at each institution and proceed as a forum for gubernatorial candidates to speak out on issues in higher education. The next meeting will be hosted by the University of Louisville, December 8, 1978. Candidates Ray B. White and Harvey Sloane have accepted; the press will be in attendance.

By-Laws, Amendments, and
Elections Committee

Senator Linda Pulsinelli welcomed to the Senate newly-elected Senator George Bluhm from the Government Department who will replace John Phillips.

Suspended Action

At this point in the meeting, the chair suspended the meeting in order to allow a replacement on the Institutional Goals and Planning Committee. Senator Neel will replace Senator Elizabeth Jones.

Faculty Status and
Welfare Committee

Senator Parks reported that the committee is working very hard on a new promotion policy. A preliminary report will be forthcoming. He also announced an update of faculty salaries with recommendations for raises. With regard to the report on Summer stipends at Commonwealth and other Universities, he expressed his concern that it is very difficult to get reliable data. Senators James Davis, William Buckman, and Charles Henrickson questioned Senator Parks and made suggestions.

Professional Responsibilities
and Concerns Committee

Senator Teske reported that his committee has been considering action on the following items: administrative handling of faculty evaluations, a grievance procedure, and the appointment of a University ombudsman.

Institutional Goals and
Planning Committee

Senator Rowe brought the following resolution to be voted on by the Senate:
Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate commend Tom Jones for his role in forming the Congress of Faculty Senate Leaders and that the Senate encourage his continued leadership in the workings of this group and that the Senate ask him to report back to the Faculty Senate the deliberations and actions taken by the Congress of Faculty Senate Leaders.

The resolution passed without opposition.

Academic Affairs
Committee

Senator Butler reported that a number of "faculty concerns" have come his way since the recent solicitation in the newsletter. He listed them and asked for the senate to consider which committee might deal with the particular items.

Ad Hoc Committee on
Communications

Senator Walls reported on the publication schedule for the newsletter; none in December; resuming again in late January.

ASG/Ad Hoc Committee
Report on Teacher
Evaluation

Senator Miller called attention to the mailing which had been sent prior to the Senate meeting which included a list of several questions to be discussed on the floor.

1. How does the Faculty Senate feel about student evaluations of faculty?

Ten senators and two ASG representatives discussed the issue pro and con until Senator Greer offered the following motion

"That the ASG be encouraged by the Faculty Senate to develop whatever evaluation procedure it desires."

The motion was seconded. Senator Henrickson then offered an amendment:

"That the Faculty Senate through the Academic Affairs committee cooperate with the ASG in the development of the instrument."

It was seconded. Senator Leopold then offered a substitute motion:

"That we defer all action until we can ascertain the legality of evaluations through the attorney general for the Commonwealth and the University attorney."

The motion received a second but was defeated by a voice vote.

The amendment to the main motion passed 29 to 11. The main motion (Senator Greer) passed by a voice vote.

New Business

Senator Krenzin offered a resolution:

"That the Faculty Senate of WKU recognize with a letter of appreciation the contribution by Mr. Michael Taylor of the Art Department in designing the Faculty Senate logo.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn passed at 4:53 p.m.