

## MINUTES

## FACULTY SENATE

April 12, 1979

## Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, April 12, 1979, at 3:12 P.M. in room 204 of the Garrett Conference Center by the Chair, Tom Jones. A quorum was present.

## Roll Call

## Absent:

1. Agnes Adams\*
  2. Marvin Albin\*
  3. Bennie Beach\*
  4. Mary Crisp
  5. Norman Hunter
  6. Robert Melville\*
  7. David Rivers
  8. Robert Teske
  9. Jack Thacker
- (\*Sent observer)

## State of the Senate

The Chair, Tom Jones, read a prepared address on the state of the Faculty Senate. Copies were distributed in the packets of the individual Senators.

## Minutes

## Corrections:

Page 3, paragraph 1: ...rotating chairmanships...to read: elected chairmanships for departments.

Page 2, paragraph 4: following "Senator Pulsinelli" insert: The motion passed.

Page 3, paragraph 1: The phrase "on behalf of the Faculty Senate" should follow "directed to write."

## Election of Officers

Senator Lowe nominated Senator Krenzin for the office of Vice-Chair. Senator Lucas seconded the nomination. Senator Krenzin was elected by a unanimous ballot.

Senator Miller nominated Senator Veenker for the office of Secretary-Treasurer. The nomination was seconded by Senator Padilla. Senator Veenker was elected by a nearly unanimous ballot.

Senator Lucas nominated Senator Krenzin for Parliamentarian. Senator Greer seconded the nomination. Senator Krenzin was elected by a unanimous ballot.

**Standing Committee Reports  
Executive Committee**

Senator Henrickson reported on two Executive Committee meetings. During the March 19 meeting, Senator Jones informed the committee that for the present UK will not participate in the Congress of Senate Faculty Leaders. Faculty Senate committee structure was discussed, especially the need for ad hoc committees.

At the April 11 meeting, the Executive Committee approved the formation of the following ad hoc committees: University Emeritus Faculty Relations (Senator Shadowen, Chair); Communications (Senator Fernandez, Chair); Social Functions (Senator Bowen, Chair); Faculty-Student Relations; Experience/Academic Credit (to work under the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee). A reception hosted by the Senate for the Board of Regents and Administration was discussed. As well, the Executive Committee discussed the agenda for the April 12 Senate meeting.

**Fiscal Affairs**

Senator Bailey reported that his committee meets bi-weekly at 7:30 A.M. in the Faculty House. He hopes to have a major report on the percent increase of individual budget items ready for the May meeting of the Senate.

**By-Laws, Amendments  
and Elections**

Senator Pulsinelli introduced two new Senators: Bob Martin, from the department of Foreign Language, and Larry Hauser, from the department of Psychology. The committee has been discussing the problem of transitions between Senates. They are considering the apropos of May or August for the general elections.

**Faculty Status and Welfare**

Senator Parks announced the formation of several sub-committees to assist in the work of the main committee: Promotion; Salary Lobby; Benefits; Salary Data, and two ad hoc committees: Experience Credit and Criteria for Part-time Teachers.

**Professional Responsibilities  
and Concerns**

Senator Petersen informed the Senate that his committee is working on a grievance procedure document and the advisability of appointment of a University Ombudsman.

### Institutional Goals and Planning

Senator Miller discussed the status of the Lucas Resolution on elected departmental chairmanships. The public hearing was well attended; anyone who did not have an opportunity to speak at the hearing is invited to send written responses to the committee by April 27.

### Academic Affairs

Senator Peterie informed the Senate that he has had one meeting with the committee since assuming its chairmanship. The two items of business which are carried over from the last Senate are the student evaluation of faculty and the liason program between the Academic Council and the Senate. The committee is beginning to work on a report which will measure the quality of academic programs at Western. So far the discussion has centered about general education, how to strengthen existing programs, accreditation of programs, grade inflation and academic freedom.

### Ad Hoc Committee on Social Functions

Senator Bowen requested that Senators volunteer to provide hors d'oeuvres for the April 28 social at the Red Carpet Inn from 4:00-6:00 P.M. The Senate will host the Regents and the Administration.

### New Business

Senator Greer presented a joint resolution with Senator Martin.

Senator Buckman reported on several items including the Council on Higher Education proposal to the legislature regarding parity funding for KTRS contributions. Senator Buckman urged members to make rather specific written responses to him regarding the presidential candidates so that he might have some information to give the Board on faculty opinions. He also said that he, with Senator Tom Jones had met with the Legislative Research Commission to discuss faculty concerns such as salaries and regional university autonomy.

In other new business, Senator Richard Miller suggested that new faculty being hired at higher salaries than continuing faculty was the cause for some concern. Senator James Davis said that his office is working hard to guard against abuses in those situations.

Senator Petersen made know a rumor alleging the construction of a "faculty club" with golf course at the university farm. Senator Buckman denied the rumor. He then discussed the developments at the Owensboro consortium which appeared in the press prior to the Senate meeting

Senator Parks expressed appreciation to the office of the Academic Vice-President for the printout received by faculty regarding information in the personnel files. He expressed regret as well that no information on the years of experience was included in the printout.

The Chair requested discussion from the floor with regard to existing need for a faculty-student relations committee.

Senator James Davis spoke to the issue of parity-funding for members of KTRS. He said also that Murray and Western had done a good job in working with the Owensboro consortium and are not at fault for recent developments.

The Senate adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Adjournment

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