

MINUTES
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

February 14, 1980

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday February 14, 1980 at 3:13 PM in the Ballroom of the Garrett Conference Center by the Chair, Tom Jones. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Absent:

1. Bennie Beach
2. Ed Bohlander
3. Don Butler
4. Robert Smith
5. Bryce Combs
6. James Davis
7. Robert Eversoll
8. Mohaninder Gill
9. Ray Johnson
10. Wilburn Jones*
11. Richard Miller
12. James Parks
13. David Rivers
14. George Roberts
15. Brian Sullivan

*sent observer

Special Announcement

Senator Melville requested all Senators to fill out a Senate evaluation form and leave it in the Ballroom at the end of the meeting.

Minutes

Corrections to the January 17 minutes:
Page 1: For HB 156 read HB 152.
Page 2 Para. 2, For "Participation," read "participation." Page 2, bottom: For "HB 156" read "HB 152." Page 1: 14. **Read** "Joanne" for Hoanne." Page 3: para. 1. For "Thu" read "The."
Page 4: read "voiced concern with" instead of "is caught up just now in."

Additions to the January 17 minutes:
Institutional Goals and Planning
Committee Report:

Senator Miller moved the adoption of IGP 003.1 12/13/79 (That honorary degrees should be approved by the Senate as well as the Regents).

Second by J. Jones. The Lucas/Veenker amendment, "That there be a Faculty Senate committee to review nominations, submit recommendations to the Senate and forward to Regents," (failed). The Little/Jones amendment, "That Executive Committee of Faculty Senate serve as screening committee and report only to the regents," was ruled out of order.

The Little/Hunter amendment, "That the original resolution (003.1) be amended as follows: Remove... 'Faculty Senate'... and insert 'Executive Committee of Faculty Senate'...", failed 27/16. Finally, IGP 003.1 was defeated by a voice vote (no division of house).

Senator Miller reported on the continuing discussion of the Fall break proposal, but no motion for action was forthcoming.

Corrections to the February 4 minutes:
Page 1: For "The letter asked that all presidents reduce personnel by" read "The letter reported that the governor had asked all state agencies to be reduced by." Page 3: For "convened" read "adjourned."

Reports of the Standing Committees

Executive Committee

Senator Krenzin reported that David Rivers and James Oppitz (working under Faculty Status and Welfare) have had responses from three insurance companies who are interested in bidding on WKU health insurance. WKU has not had competitive bidding for three years. A Veenker/Bowen motion to have an open forum on health plans (with the cooperation of the appropriate administrators) passed. Marion Lucas reported that the university parking committee has been working on a plan to keep faculty and staff from bringing more than one vehicle at a time to campus. The Board of Regents approved the new Committee on Committees and made both it and the Communications Committee standing committees of the Senate. Regent Buckman is not in

favor of a current bill extending the term of regents to six years. The Senate agenda for the regular meetings will be coming out four days prior to the meetings and will include more detailed information regarding topics to be discussed and reports to be voted on. 667 faculty signed the petitions in support of the CHE salary request. William Davis has been appointed budget director of the Senate.

The Chair requested that Senator William Buckman report on his trip (with the Chair) to Frankfort to turn in the petitions and meet with the faculty advisory committee to the CHE. Senator Buckman said that Pat Miller of KTRS, Jody Richards, Bill Buckman and Harry Snyder are to work on compromise legislation in lieu of HB 152/SB 27 on equity retirement contributions. The mood of legislators is more positive regarding higher education than it has been in the past. The governor is opposed to voting members being added to the CHE. Our local legislators and our president are working very hard in our behalf.

Academic Affairs

Senator Peterie reported on meetings which the AA committee had with Jim Pearse and Regis O'Connor regarding alleged censorship of the adaptation Dr. Pearse made of the John Irving novel The World According to Garp. The opinion of the AA committee is that there has been no violation of Dr. Pearse's academic freedom. Senator Peterie then made several ex-officio comments regarding his personal viewpoint on the matter. Senator Peterie believes that there was violation of academic freedom and that this issue is one which should concern all faculty, i.e., it is not just an inter-departmental matter for Communications and Theatre. Letters from the faculty of that department in support of Dr. O'Connor are available from the AA committee.

Standing Committees

By-Laws, Amendments and Elections

Senator Pulsinelli reported on departmental elections currently in progress and announced the college elections soon to be held. She introduced a letter which will be sent to all senators after the elections informing them of the new constitutional by-laws governing the transition of the old Senate to the new. The Senate was urged to stir up interest in the elections.

Faculty Status and Welfare

Senator Veenker introduced a new version of the committee's promotion policy. He moved that FSW 001.2 2/14/80; FSW 003.1 2/14/80; FSW 004.1 be accepted by the Senate for a first reading. Second by Senator William Davis. After some discussion the motion passed by a voice vote.

Fiscal Affairs

Senator Bailey presented two reports for information only, FAC 006.1 on the College Heights Foundation and FAC 005.1 on Unregulated Travel Funds.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Social Functions

Senator Bowen announced the Senate party to be held February 15 at 8:00 PM at the Red Carpet Inn.

Administrative Evaluation Committee

Senator Constans presented his committee's Instrument for Evaluating Administrators and commented on changes that had been made since the instrument was last presented to the Senate. Senator Constans then moved the adoption of the instrument. His motion was seconded by Senator Broach. The motion passed.

New Business

Senator Petersen put before the Senate a resolution regarding the dissolution of the current Faculty Senate for the purpose of forming a University Senate.

The resolution called for the establishment of an ad hoc committee

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to study the feasibility of such a structural change. Senator Collins seconded the resolution. By a division of the house, the motion failed 27 to 16.

Senator Hanser brought before the Senate some ideas from his department regarding faculty welfare. The Chair suggested that the ideas (including faculty food co-ops and fringe benefit packages in lieu of adequate raises) be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee for referral to the appropriate standing committee for study.

Announcements

Senator Melville reminded the Senators to leave their completed Senate evaluation forms in the Ballroom before leaving the meeting.

The Chair called the Senate's attention to informational material in the packets.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM.