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Faculty Senate

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FACULTY SENATORS
FROM: TOM JONES, CHAIR *T.J.*
DATE: April 2, 1980
SUBJECT: budget, others

As I'm sure you know by now, higher education's budget was passed late last night (a couple of minutes, I think, after April Fool's day was past!). We did, in my opinion, very very well--especially in view of the fact that in many states the current trend is to award no increases to university professors. And for this good treatment at the hands of the General Assembly we have a number of people to thank: President Zacharias and our board, who had first to request good increases; the CHE, who also had to pass the requests on to the Finance Commission; the Governor, who had to back our requests; and finally the members of the House and Senate, who had the ultimate control. COSFL will be getting out names of those who were our friends, urging that they now be written thank-you letters: we need to show that we noticed and we are grateful.

But this time we have ourselves to thank, too, or at least those of us across the Commonwealth who wrote letters and made phone calls. I'd like to share an anecdote with you as proof of this assertion. I was asked to come to NKU this past weekend as a consultant, one of four, to a conference on university governance. President Albright was there for most of the sessions. Then on Saturday, after lunch, he made concluding remarks. I believe I can quote him exactly: He said, "I think that you should be aware that the Governor's budget as it is expected to be passed would be substantially different from what it is without the efforts of Tom Jones and his organization." He went on to say that this was true because we had supported other parts of the budget as well as our own (meaning, I suppose, the gasoline tax).

I tell you this, I hope, not to be bragging on myself, but to be bragging on the efforts of the COSFL and on your efforts in writing and telephoning. I have heard from too many other sources across the state than that rather hefty endorsement by President Albright that you and the others did make a difference. Good for us!

(see over...)

Enclosed is an item from a sub-committee of the Status and Welfare Committee, the Dale Wicklander Sub-committee on Experience Credit and Academic Credit. Please show it around in your departments and ask for responses. I am at this last minute placing it on next Thursday's agenda. ... Briefly, this concern arose from (I'll take myself and a colleague as examples) this sort of situation: I am given, in terms of years of service, one-half year's experience for my two years at Florida State as a graduate assistant teacher; a female colleague who taught twelve and fifteen hours a semester for five years as part time is given no experience. To me, at least, that just don't hardly seem right!

This is also to urge your attendance at the April 10 meeting of the Senate. It is the last that I shall chair (I'll start the May 8 meeting just long enough to have my successor-- who still has not to my knowledge appeared on the horizon--elected); I would take your presence as a kind of endorsement of what I've tried these two years to do with the Faculty Senate.

There are significant things to be dealt with -- like a revised promotional guidelines proposal. I'll include an agenda with these minutes.

And I'll probably give a "farewell to the troops statement." I'll try to be mercifully short.

TGJ/mh

Enclosures