

MINUTES

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

December 11, 1980

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, December 11, 1980, at 3:10 p.m. in the Ballroom of Garrett Conference Center by the chair, Don Bailey. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Absent:

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| 1. Robert Blann       | 10. Richard Miller   |
| 2. Pat Bowen*         | 11. James Parks      |
| 3. Jeff Crisp*        | 12. Neil Peterie*    |
| 4. James Davis*       | 13. Ron Roberts      |
| 5. Larry Hanser       | 14. David Rivers     |
| 6. Charles Henrickson | 15. Mahmoud Salem    |
| 7. Doug Humphrey      | 16. N. J. Schira*    |
| 8. Ray Johnson        | 17. Craig Taylor     |
| 9. Alton Little       | 18. Dale Wicklander  |
| *sent observer        | 19. Donald Zacharias |

Minutes

For the November 13, 1980, meeting N. Tomazic was absent. With this correction the minutes were approved.

Report of the Chair

Concerning the rank and promotion policy, the chair reported that the Senate's policy statement and the one devised by the Council of Deans were presented to the president and rejected in lieu of the congressional style of revision using the original statement in the Faculty Handbook. Under the auspices of James Davis, both policies which had been submitted are being used to create a new document. The Senate has definite assurance from the administration that it will be able to study, revise, and vote on the final policy.

STANDING COMMITTEE  
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Executive Committee

Senator Veenker stated that at the November 19 and December 3 meetings, the Executive Committee covered the following items:

1. findings of FSW sub-committee on possibility of dental insurance
2. vacancies on the Committee on Human Subjects
3. due process procedures for grievances

4. activation of Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Evaluations
5. convening of Advisory Committee on Honorary Degrees
6. voting delegates for December 6 COSFL meeting
7. faculty participation in on-campus non-academic committees

Fiscal Affairs

Senator Cantrell bearably briefed the Senators concerning the mandated reduction of state appropriations issued July 17, 1980. He noted that the 7.8% reduction, amounting to \$2.2 million, was met at W.K.U. primarily by freezing vacancies in faculty and staff positions; the rest was met by each budgetary unit reducing expenditures by 10% in capital equipment, maintenance supplies, and student assistants. For the 1981-82 fiscal year there has to be a 3.4% reduction. Expected revenue to offset reductions and fill the offers depends on the natural economy, state sales tax and a possible tuition increase to be discussed at the January meeting of the Council on Higher Education. Senator Cantrell then remarked that the FA Committee is currently assuming a listening role because it is too early to determine state revenue and thus formulate exigency plans.

Academic Affairs

Senator Glaser presented AA: 008.1: 12/11/80 for first reading but it inadvertently was moved and seconded by Senators Glaser/Bingham. The proposal, which will clarify in the catalog students' rights to a guaranteed course of study, had several amendments as follows:

A Glaser/Clark amendment to add "for such students" after "may not be changed" and to change "as long as" to "so long as" in the proposed revised paragraph passed unanimously.

A Bluhm/Seeger amendment to leave the first sentence of the original paragraph in the catalog as the introductory sentence in the revised paragraph to read "Once students decide. . . Students shall be entitled. . ." carried unanimously.

A Seeger amendment to change the revised paragraph to read "requirements current. . ." instead of "requirements listed in the course catalog current" died for lack of a second.

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A Murphy/Weigel amendment to change the introductory sentence to "should consult" rather than "should contact" carried unanimously.

Senator Glaser then assured everyone that other editorial changes would be made to rectify agreement and usage errors.

A William Davis/John Jones motion to postpone definitely this amended resolution carried unanimously.

#### Professional Concerns and Responsibilities

Senator Powell stated that a copy of the committee's faculty grievance procedure will be kept on file in the Senate office as a source of information only, since the recently discussed rank and promotion document somewhat addresses this item. Additional suggestions can be directed to Senators Pearson, Benardot, Peterie, Neel, and Powell.

#### Comments by Faculty Regent

Senator Buckman made several corrections to an interview reported in the College Heights Herald. He announced that the Faculty Advisory Committee to the CHE will meet Monday, December 15, at which time certification requirements, the future of higher education, and tuition increases will be discussed. He also has scheduled a meeting with George Atkins to ascertain the financial status as it affects higher education and WKU. His utmost concern is that WKU got the lowest increases in the last three biennium budgets.

#### COSFL

Tom Jones reported that COSFL met on Saturday, December 6 at 3:30 p.m. at Northern Kentucky University. The chair of COSFL, Tom Jones, requested a vote of confidence and the motion passed without dissent. Items discussed included Senate newsletters and continued study of retirement systems and social security.

#### Announcements

Senator Long announced that Western faculty have participated in an institutional exchange program for three years. He recommended that more people become involved in this program and in suggesting questions to be discussed with visiting team members. The institutions this year are Ball State and Western Illinois with the visit to WKU having occurred in November.

Team members include Senator Albin, Henrickson, Monroe, and Long plus Pat Hooper (Math), and Jim Johnson (Continuing Education). Also available for dispensing information and receiving ideas are Senator Carroll Wells and Joan Krenzin.

The chair commended the team for the fine job that has been done.

Tom Jones exhibited the COSFL newsletter logo which was designed by WKU art professor Michael Taylor.

Adjournment

A Seeger/Pearson motion for adjournment passed unanimously at 4:15 p.m.

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