

MINUTES

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

September 10, 1981

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, September 10, 1981, in the Ballroom of Garrett Conference Center at 3:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

Roll Call Absent were:

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| 1. James Ausenbaugh | 7. Michael Klein |
| 2. George Bluhm | 8. Robert Melville |
| 3. Bill Buckman | 9. Joel Philhours |
| 4. Cam Collins* | 10. Larry Ruff |
| 5. John Graham | 11. Imogene Simpson |
| 6. Frank Kersting | 12. Joann Verner |

* sent observer

Minutes The minutes for April 30, 1981, had one correction under "Announcements" where "the" should appear instead of "that". The minutes were then approved as corrected.

COSFL Report Tom Jones reported on the recent COSFL meeting which included a lengthy conference with George Atkins on the plight of faculty in higher education and passage of a resolution on intercollegiate athletics: "Resolved: that intercollegiate athletics become self-supporting within five years." The 1981/82 COSFL officers are: Tom Jones, Chair; Steve West, Vice-Chair and legislative liaison; Ron Veenker, Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Senator Weigel stated that the Executive Committee had met three times since the last Senate meeting.

By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections Committee

Senator Pauline Jones called attention to the BAE 001.1 (9-10-81) proposed amendment and requested each senator to complete a straw vote ballot concerning the voting status of alternates.

Faculty Status and Welfare Committee

Senator Murphy commented that his committee had numerous topics to consider and would decide on proper disposition of two completed questionnaires.

Professional Responsibilities
and Concerns
Committee

Senator Pearson referred to the faculty grievance procedure passed last spring (PRC 002.1) and mentioned that inequities in faculty evaluations sometimes cause grievances. Chair Krenzin commented that a University Grievance Committee has been established.

Institutional Goals and
Planning
Committee

Senator Ron Seeger covered past and present committee activities and cited future trends, one being conflicts between the University and the Council on Higher Education. The Committee also has been asked to study cooperation with other universities and the matter of reassigning faculty no longer needed in programs for which they were hired.

Fiscal Affairs
Committee

Senator Hoyt reminded the Senate of the 1979/80 study of disparity in expenditures among colleges and wondered how current financial conditions have altered those expenditures as well as faculty/student ratios.

Academic Affairs
Committee

Senator Robe stated that the committee's study on grading patterns is on hold. He expressed concern about pre-enrollment procedures which close classes and then registration procedures which reopen those classes.

Communications
Committee

Senator Bryant announced a new column for the newsletter in which President Zacharias will answer questions from the faculty. She also asked for names of emeritus faculty who would like to receive the newsletter.

Committee on
Committees

Senator Salem suggested specific ways to increase the effectiveness of this committee and reported on faculty appointed to university committees by the President: Norm Holy to the Presidential Advisory Committee and Kathleen Kalab, Phil Constans, and Michael Taylor to the University Grievance Committee. Speaking next as a senator, he expressed concern that criteria be established for selecting faculty to insure fair representation on committees. He then resigned as Chair of the Committee on Committees and as faculty senator. Chair Joan Krenzin noted that Dr. John Wassom, Head of Economics from the College of Business Administration, is on the President's Advisory Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

An election for one COSFL representative and two alternates was held. The Chair of the Faculty Senate is automatically a representative. Senators Price/Hire nominated Senator Robe. Senators Beard/Bowen nominated Senator Seeger. A Hoyt/Wells motion closed

the nominations. A Beard/Harryman motion passed that the nominee placing second be the first alternate and that procedures begin for the second alternate. Ex-senator Don Bailey and Senator Pauline Jones declined. Senators Jim Davis/Wells nominated Senator Bill Davis. A Taylor/Howe motion passed to accept him by acclamation. The results were: Representatives Krenzin and Robe; first alternate, Seeger; second alternate, Bill Davis.

A Grice/M.Crisp motion passed that the Task Force on Admissions paper be admitted for discussion. Present to answer questions were Jim Flynn, Livingston Alexander, Linda Pulsinelli, Roy Reynolds and Ronnie Sutton. President Zacharias stated that the Board of Regents wants action soon but that the committee is gathering comments from the University and community. He urged faculty to write their comments with alternatives to the problems discussed.

A Henrickson/Pearson motion carried as follows: "that the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University supports the concept of minimum academic standards for admission to the University."

Adjournment

A Weigel/Murphy motion to adjourn passed at 5:40 p.m.