

MINUTES

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

October 14, 1982

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, October 14, 1982, in the Ballroom of Garrett Conference Center at 3:14 p.m. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Absent were:

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| 1. Glenn Duffy     | 8. Bob Melville      |
| 2. Robert Eversoll | 9. Mike Morgan       |
| 3. John Graham     | 10. Earl Pearson     |
| 4. John Jones      | 11. Mania Ritter     |
| 5. Michael Klein   | 12. Harry Robe       |
| 6. Carl Kreisler   | 13. Joann Verner     |
| 7. Stephen Lile    | 14. Donald Zacharias |

Minutes

The minutes for September 9, 1982, were approved as written.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

Senator Uveges reported that the Executive Committee met on September 16 and October 8. The Senate will participate in the University Self-Study with the following people on the Senate Self-Study Committee: Phil Constans, Chair; Del Hayden, Jo Ann Harrington, David Coffey, and Bob Turek. Glenn Lohr will serve on a COSFL insurance committee that will determine pros and cons of all universities having the same carrier and benefits. At the request of Emery Alford, Chair of IGP, a representative from the College of Business was added to IGP; that person is Barry Griffin. Finally, the committee asked Chair Krenzin to express concern to Vice President Davis about the self-study timetable. Reports are due in the Deans' offices on December 17; this represents a three-week extension. All other deadlines remain unchanged.

Academic Affairs

Senator Schneider's committee informally polled faculty in their respective departments and found no dissatisfaction towards the policy or policy change procedures requiring department heads to sign grade change forms.

Committee on University  
Committees

Senator Weigel read the names of nominees selected for the Faculty Advisory Committee: Al Bedel, Carolyn Boles, Melvin Borland, Joe Glaser, William Coomer, Laurin Notheisen, Earl Pearson, and Dorothy Reeves. Nominees have been submitted for vacancies on the Parking Committee.

Faculty Status and Welfare  
Committee

Senator Murphy introduced Senator Philhours, who presented FSW 002.1, "Report on Trends in Faculty Salaries." This report updates and continues a study begun by previous senators and reflects trends through 1982-83.

Professional Responsibilities  
and Concerns  
Committee

Senator Mason thanked the staff in the Office of Academic Affairs for answering phone calls about classes to attend for National Higher Education Week. Although responses were limited, Senator Mason said that enthusiasm was noticeable among those who did call.

Senate Self-Study Committee

Senator Coffey requested senators and all faculty to be considering perceptions, strengths, and weaknesses of the Faculty Senate because a questionnaire is forthcoming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senator P. Jones presented for discussion four by-laws changes which had been seconded at the September meeting. All motions carried as follows:

VI BAE 001.1 9/9/82

The By-laws, Amendments and Elections Committee therefore proposes that the second sentence of the second paragraph of s III E 1 be amended to read:

A quorum for the Executive Committee shall be four of the six members of the committee.

VI BAE 002.1 9/9/82

The committee recommends the following addition to s III E 1 (Executive Committee):

The Vice-Chairperson, the Secretary, and the Parliamentarian shall sit ex-officio and non-voting.

VI BAE 003.1 9/9/82

The By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections Committee therefore proposes that to s III C 3b (Election of the Officers of the Faculty Senate) be added the words:

Election to office shall be by a majority of those present and voting.

VI BAE 004.1 9/9/82

We recommend that to s III D (Meetings and Rules of Procedure) and as number 6, the following be added:

The right to vote shall be vested in the members of the Senate.

Senator Trutty-Coohill sought the status of AA 001.2 regarding institutional progress testing, a motion that was postponed indefinitely by Schneider/Crisp at the senate's May meeting (1982). Schneider responded that he has a scheduled visit with Dr. Faye Robinson to discuss the findings of her report on this topic.

Senator Seeger questioned the change of grade situation and called on the Chair to provide a copy of the directive which each faculty member should have received. Discussion and comments followed with a Howe/Seeger motion that carried recommending:

That the Academic Affairs Committee of the Senate pursue questions concerning change-of-grade policy, including (1) why was the change necessary? and (2) why were procedures that affected faculty made by the Council of Deans without consulting the Senate Academic Affairs Committee?

## NEW BUSINESS

Senator P. Jones presented BAE 006.1 for first reading. Senator Weigel seconded the motion.

A Murphy/Kibbee motion passed regarding insurance hearings:

FSW 001.1 10/14/82

The Faculty Senate requests that when changes in rates and coverage are being considered that the University Insurance Committee notify the faculty and staff of this fact through "This Week at WKU" and arrange to hold one or more open hearings to give interested persons opportunities to comment and make suggestions before final decisions are made.

## Comments from the Chair

Chair Krenzin announced the new COSFL officers: Steve Smith, Chair; Tom Posey, Vice-Chair; Harry Robe, Secretary. COSFL has two concerns presently: 1) the insurance benefits among the state schools and 2) program reviews at U.L. resulting in release of tenured professors.

## Announcement

Senator Grice reminded the senate about supporting the phonothon sponsored by the Student Development Foundation, October 17 - November 4, 6:00p.m. - 9.30p.m. at the Downing Center.

## Adjournment

A Trutty-Coohill/Murphy motion to adjourn passed at 3:57 p.m.