

MINUTES

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

January 20, 1983

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Krenzin on Thursday, January 20, 1983, at 3:12 p.m. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Absent were:

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| 1. Emery Alford | 13. Micheal Klein |
| 2. James Ausenbaugh* | 14. Carl Kreisler |
| 3. James Bingham | 15. Stephen Lile |
| 4. Glenn Duffy | 16. Bob Melville |
| 5. Robert Eversoll | 17. Mike Morgan |
| 6. Larry Finley | 18. John Parker |
| 7. Tom Foster | 19. Joel Philhours |
| 8. John Graham | 20. Rudy Prins |
| 9. Jo Ann Harrington | 21. Larry Ruff |
| 10. Tom Isherwood | 22. Pat Trutty-Coohill* |
| 11. Frank Kersting | 23. Joann Verner |
| 12. Jo Kibbee | |
- *sent observer

Minutes

The minutes of December 9, 1982 were corrected on p.2 (IGP001.1) to read: "The motion passed and will be forwarded to the President." The minutes were then approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Senator Uveges summarized reports by Chair Krenzin to this committee as follows: 1) a meeting with U of L representatives to discuss inter-university cooperation, 2) allocation of additional \$500,000 to KSU for roof repairs, 3) UK's decision to join COSFL, 4) transmittal of Senate Self-Study to V.P. Davis, and 5) transmittal of four Senate resolutions from the President to V.P. Davis for recommendations. Chair Krenzin then reported a 59% response rate from faculty in the informal survey regarding the performance of President Zacharias. She will be better able now to represent faculty opinion at the Board meeting in January when the President is formally evaluated.

Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Cline invited those interested in a detailed account of the December 16th meeting of the Academic Council to see him. He mentioned that the request for a bibliography not to be included with new course proposals has been sent to committee.

Senator Schneider indicated that the Academic Council's Rules and Regulations Committee, chaired by Diane Rutledge, will explore what procedures other universities follow for change of grades. A handout was distributed for this item which will be discussed by the Council on February 9.

By-Laws, Amendments and Elections Committee

Senator P. Jones reminded everyone that Senate elections are to be held in February and encouraged those who want to run to express such desires.

Senator Robe commented that his committee is trying to provide opportunities for gubernatorial candidates and also let government candidates to speak at WKU.

NEW BUSINESS

A Crisp/Conley motion was presented:

"The Faculty Senate recommends that the time interval between classes be extended from ten minutes to fifteen minutes."

A Seeger/Coohill amendment passed for the schedule to be at fifteen-minute intervals until 2:00 and then ten-minute intervals. The original motion then passed. Effective in the fall the schedule would be: 8-9, 9:15-10:15, 10:30-11:30, 11:45-12:45, 1:00-2:00, 2:10-3:10, 3:20-4:20, 4:30-5:30.

Chair Krenzin then led a discussion of responses to the Senate's self-study questionnaire. President Zacharias indicated that he is reviewing recommendations from Dr. Gray's committee with regard to vote of confidence for department heads and other items. The problems of grade inflation and consideration of + - grade scale were discussed as issues which could be referred to the Academic Council by the Senate. Senator Howe suggested that the Senate examine the organization of each department, the possibility of departmental chairs rather than heads and continued evaluations of department heads. Senator Coohill reminded senators of the low response rate for written comments.

Faculty Regent Report

Senator Buckman requested a straw vote from senators concerning support for strengthening the football program by adding another coach and increasing grants-in-aid. After considerable discussion, the vote reflected 7 in favor of support with the majority opposed or abstaining. President Zacharias commented on the recent NCAA meetings and the implications of the new requirements for WKU sports.

Senator Buckman then offered his resignation as Faculty Regent effective at the end of April. The new regent, ordinarily elected in the fall of 1983, will be able to participate in the 1984/86 budgetary process.

A Coohill/Grice motion passed unanimously that: "The Faculty Senate expresses its appreciation to Bill Buckman for his contributions as the Faculty Regent. This appreciation also reflects sentiments of the entire university faculty."

COSFL Report

Senator Robe reported on the January 15 meeting of COSFL at NKU where all the universities were represented. All institutions are currently discussing admissions policies. UK requires transfer students from community colleges to enter with "good standing." All universities have policies dealing with the procedures for dismissal, but WKU is the only one with a policy for program change causing faculty termination. COSFL delegates reached a consensus to form a Political Action Committee for informational purposes only. A legislative scorecard tracing votes by individual legislators for the past and forthcoming sessions is being discussed. The next meeting is February 26 at UK.

Announcements

Senator Dorman reminded senators who gave reports to submit copies to him.

Adjournment

A Conley/Ritter motion to adjourn passed unanimously at