

MINUTES

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

March 17, 1983

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Krenzin at 3:12 p.m., in the Ballroom of Garrett Conference Center. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Absent were:

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| 1. Ausenbaugh, James | 9. Kreisler, Carl |
| 2. Duffy, Glenn | 10. Lile, Steve |
| 3. Eversoll, Robert | 11. Lohr, Glenn |
| 4. Graham, John | 12. Morgan, Mike |
| 5. Isherwood, Tom | 13. Ruff, Larry |
| 6. Kersting, Frank | 14. Schneider, Robert |
| 7. Kesler, Jack | 15. Verner, Joann |
| 8. Klein, Michael | 16. Zacharias, Donald |

Minutes

The minutes for February 10, 1983, were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Senator Uveges reported that the Senate's Self-Study Report has been accepted by the Steering Committee. The Vice President for Academic Affairs has determined how the lump sum amount for faculty salaries shall be appropriated among the five colleges. A 5½% increase will be given to each faculty member who is performing satisfactorily. Last, spring enrollment indicates part-time students up by 74 and full time down by 206.

Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Solley attended the March 2 meeting of the Academic Requirements and Regulations Committee of Academic Council. Changes in the current grading system to incorporate pluses and minuses were ruled a first reading by committee chair, Diane Rutledge.

By-Laws, Amendments & Elections
Committee

Senator Pauline Jones announced the results of Senate elections:

Academic Services

Library Automation & Technical Services - Linda Allan
Library Special Collections - Nancy Baird
Library Public Services - Becky Moore
Library Public Services - Carolyn Boles, At-Large

Potter College

Art - Pat Trutty-Coohill
Philosophy & Religion - Margaret Howe
Communication & Theatre - Carl Kell
Modern Languages & Intercultural Studies - James Babcock
Journalism - Art Kaul

Sociology - Joan Krenzin, At-Large
Philosophy & Religion - Jim Spiceland, At-Large
Government - John Parker, At-Large

Business College

Business-Distributive Education & Office Administration -
Mary Holman
Accounting - Jerry Rust
Finance & Quantitative Business Analysis - Chung Wook Rhee

College of Education

Home Economics & Family Living - Richard Mason
Teacher Education - Robert Otto
Educational Leadership - Thomas Updike
Psychology - Harry Robe
Military Science - William Cavin
Physical Education & Recreation - Charles Crume
Psychology - Dorsey Grice, At-Large
Teacher Education - Keith Taylor, At-Large

Ogden College

Health & Safety - Robert Baum
Computer Science - Thomas Cheatham
Biology - Robert Schneider
Physics & Astronomy - Ed Dorman
Biology - Larry Elliot, At-Large
Mathematics & Computer Science - Glenn Powers, At-Large

Senator Jones urged committee chairs to invite these new senators to the committee meetings. She then reminded everyone of the Faculty Regent election on March 23-24.

Committee on University
Committees

Senator Weigel reported that Peggy Keck will serve on the University Insurance Committee. The President has requested nominations of faculty to serve on the Committee to Study Incentives for Early Retirement.

Faculty Status & Welfare
Committee

Senator Murphy read comments from President Zacharias concerning duplicate vitae and modification to the tenure policy. Zacharias encouraged centralized systems for recording and updating vitae; he also attached a copy of the revised tenure policy which will be sent to the Board- FSW 004.1 11/11/82 revised. (Attached to the minutes.)

Senator Hessley commented on FSW 006.1, the survey on summer school practices among similar institutions.

Institutional Goals & Planning
Committee

Senator Alford shared the President's response to initiating distinguished professorships. The President cited the current development policy as incorporating such honors.

Political Action Committee

Senator Harry Robe announced that Harvey Sloane will be at the Faculty House from 1:20-2:20, March 30. Three candidates have pledged position papers on higher education. Senator Robe noted that other COSFL members are interested in our political efforts through this committee.

Professional Responsibilities &
Concerns Committee

Senator Mason presented an interim report on ways to honor retired faculty by citing present benefits, suggesting additional considerations and requesting faculty to present any further ideas to his committee.

Faculty Regent's Report

Senator Buckman expressed appreciation to the Senate for the reception and to his advisory committee who deserves recognition. He then highlighted events over spring break such as formula funding hearings in Madisonville. He encouraged everyone to vote in the forthcoming election so that the new Faculty Regent can be truly representative of the faculty.

Chair Krenzin then read a letter of appreciation to Regent Buckman for his nine years of service.

NEW BUSINESS

A Murphy/Uveges motion, VI FSW 007.1, carried as follows:

Faculty who receive appointments as Fulbright Scholars* not only bring honor to themselves but reflect credit on the University. If they take a leave of absence rather than a sabbatical to accept such an appointment, they are not allowed to count the time served as Fulbright Scholars toward the years needed to qualify for future sabbaticals, in effect penalizing them for bringing this recognition to the university. To eliminate this inequity, the Faculty Senate urges that non-sabbatical Fulbright Scholars be allowed to count the time of their leave toward qualifying for a sabbatical.

*Fulbright here is being used as a kind of generic term for various other grants that faculty may be awarded from foundations such as Rockefeller, Carnegie, Ford, Guggenheim and the like.

A Murphy/Weigel motion, VI FSW 008.1, was referred back to committee when a Grice/Bowen motion carried. The motion read as follows:

Recently the University, primarily for budgetary reasons, has begun to encourage faculty where at all possible to choose one-year rather than one-semester sabbaticals when making application for them. Yet faculty who make such a choice and who thus may be regarded as helping the University are in fact penalized by the failure of the University to continue paying into their account with the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System, a payment which continues for those who choose the one-semester sabbatical. In light of this evident inequity the Faculty Senate urges that the University administration reconsider its policy and give most serious consideration to making full payment to KTRS for faculty on one-year sabbaticals.

A Seeger/Howe resolution passed as follows:

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate ask the President of Western Kentucky University to direct that any proposed change of policy regarding academic rules and requirements be referred to the Faculty Senate.

COSFL Report

Senator Robe reported on the meeting of February 16, 1983, at UK, the first meeting ever held there. Steve Brashear, Lt. Governor candidate, spoke at the luncheon. A Retrenchment Committee is being formed by COSFL to examine issues and policies concerning retrenchment.

Announcements

Senator Dorman requested all senators who gave reports to give him a copy for the Newsletter.

Adjournment

A Pearson/Harrington motion to adjourn carried at 4:17 p.m.

Dr. William Beckman
Department of Physics

Dear Bill,

The Faculty will be pleased to hear that you are
appreciated for your contribution to the
department and the university.
For a job well done.

Thank you for your report on the meeting at UK.
Your discussion of the faculty's role in the
state and the university's role in the
community is very important. The
Faculty is proud of your leadership and
dedication to the university's future.

The Faculty will be glad to note that your
report was very thorough and well-organized.
You have done a very good job of
summarizing the issues and making
clear recommendations.

We hope that your report will be helpful
to the Faculty in its deliberations.
Please let us know if you need any
assistance or if we can be of any
help to you in any way.

Yours truly,
The Faculty