

# MINUTES

## WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

September 8, 1983

### Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, September 8, 1983, in the Regents' Room of Wetherby Administration Building at 3:20 p.m. by Chair Weigel. A quorum was present.

### Roll Call

Absent were:

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| 1. William Cavin   | 5. Richard Mason* |
| 2. Robert Eversoll | 6. Sam McFarland  |
| 3. Carl Kreisler   | 7. Mike Morgan    |
| 4. Steve Lile      | 8. Earl Pearson   |

\* sent observer

### Minutes

The minutes for April 26, 1983, were approved as written.

### Comments from the Chair

Chair Weigel commended Senator Krenzin for her term as Faculty Senate Chair. A Murphy/Baldwin motion carried unanimously as stated:

The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University wishes to express its deep feelings of appreciation to Joan Krenzin who, with patience, hard work, constant enthusiasm and unfailing good humor led us through two eventful years filled with challenges and achievements. Chair Weigel then presented a certificate to her.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Kell, chair, announced that the committee will follow basically the discussions of the Academic Council. Any senator is encouraged to introduce lines of discussion by contacting any committee member. The charge of the committee is to take a futuristic look at issues or problems that need attention.

### By-Laws, Amendments & Elections Committee

Senator Jones, chair, reported that the committee will investigate election procedures. New Senator Ray Biggerstaff from Health & Safety was introduced.

### Committee on Committees

Senator Krenzin, chair, summarized the committee's accomplishments for the 1982-83 Faculty Senate year. Fifty-two names were submitted for twenty-six regular committees, and thirty-five names were submitted for the self-study committees. In making nominations this year, the committee will use the information collected in last year's questionnaire on faculty committee interest. The committee has met three times this year and has made nominations for the University Committee on Admissions, the University Press of Kentucky and the Athletic Committee. The committee plans to update the list of membership on university committees and to distribute it in November.

### Communications Committee

Senator Dorman, chair, requested that committee chairs who wish for their reports to be included in the Faculty Senate Newsletter submit the report in writing to him.

Faculty Status & Welfare  
Committee

Senator Jerry Rust, chair, reported that the committee will investigate faculty salaries.

Fiscal Affairs Committee

Senator Albin, chair, reported on the committee's review of the previous year's issues. The consensus of the committee is not to initiate any follow-up of the activities of the previous committee. The committee will consider any assignments or conditions that warrant its attention.

Political Action Committee

Senator Harry Robe, chair, announced that gubernatorial candidates Martha Layne Collins and Jim Bunning will be on campus this fall. Any senators interested in serving on this committee should contact him.

Professional Responsibilities  
& Concerns Committee

Senator Howe, chair, reported that the committee will consider concerns from the areas of recognition of outstanding faculty performance, patents and copyrights, research grants and recognition of scholarly activity. Under present investigation by the committee is the use of student evaluations of faculty in annual evaluations. A show of hands indicated that the Senate is interested in this issue. The committee is also investigating the procedure used for the selection of the annual awards for research and productive teaching.

Unfinished Business

Senator Murphy moved to substitute the following motion for the motion presented at the previous meeting of the Senate (April 26, 1983, p.3):

The Senate reaffirms its commitment to the principle of conducting its own administrative evaluations, but will refrain from such evaluations during the academic year 1983-84 to give the new procedures established by the administration an opportunity to be tried. It directs the committee on Professional Responsibilities & Concerns to examine the instrument and procedures carefully, after their initial use, and to make recommendations as to the adequacy of both in fulfilling the functions that the Senate considers important in such evaluations.

The motion, seconded by Senator Rust, initiated a lengthy discussion including clarification from President Zacharias.

The motion to substitute the above mentioned motion carried.

The motion, as stated above, carried with a 33-15 margin.

Senator Seeger announced that changing an incomplete to a grade does not require the Department Head's approval.

New Business

A Krenzin/Uveges motion carried as stated:

I move that a letter be sent to Dean Hellstrom expressing the appreciation of the Faculty Senate for his action in providing free tickets to the Fine Arts Festival for emeritus faculty.

Report from Faculty Regent

Senator Miller expressed thanks to those serving on the Regent's Advisory Committee. Senator Miller announced that she is a member of the following committees:

- International Education, chair
- Student Affairs
- Finance
- Academics

Senator Miller encouraged communications with the faculty. She may be contacted at Office 128, Cherry Hall, Phone 3043.

Announcements

Chair Weigel announced that copies of the Faculty Senate membership and committee organization are available.

Adjournment

The Biggerstaff/Baum motion to adjourn passed at 4:31 p.m.,

MEETINGS OF THE FACULTY SENATE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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STUDY MEETINGS

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