

MINUTES
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
October 13, 1983

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, October 13, 1983, at 3:20 p.m. in Garrett Ballroom with Chair Weigel presiding. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Absent were:

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| 1. Marvin Albin * | 11. Richard Mason |
| 2. Robert Baum | 12. Mary Ellen Miller |
| 3. Ray Biggerstaff | 13. Becky Moore * |
| 4. Carolyn Boles * | 14. Mike Morgan |
| 5. William Cavin | 15. Debbie Oldenburg |
| 6. Thomas Cheatham | 16. Mike Ramsey |
| 7. Robert Eversoll | 17. Pat Trutty-Coohill |
| 8. Dorsey Grise | 18. Joe Uveges |
| 9. Tom Isherwood | 19. Donald Zacharias |
| 10. Carl Kreisler | |

* sent observer

Minutes

The minutes for September 8, 1983, were approved as written. Senator Davis commented on the grade change policy. Senator Seeger asked that the minutes again reflect Senator Davis' statement that changing an incomplete to a grade within the normal time period does not require the Department Head's approval.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

Senator Kell, chair, announced that the committee will do a full study of advance registration to determine how to handle problems of no shows and non payment of fees. Senator Kell also reported that the committee was asked to study the statement on page 43 of the bulletin about degree programs, particularly the sentence, "This (recognition of the degree program for five calendar years) does not preclude the addition of requirements arising from action of the State of Kentucky or additions which may arise out of undetected errors or omissions in the original program." Senator Davis reported that he is recommending the second part of the sentence referring to undetected errors be deleted, making the undergraduate degree form a contract.

Faculty Status & Welfare

Senator Rust, chair, reported that the Consumer Price Index for August 1983 has been released and the Faculty Salary Study related to current purchasing power should be completed within the next two weeks.

Senator Rust responded to a request made by Regent Miller to obtain information concerning the health insurance program at Murray State University. Through a conversation with a Murray faculty member, he has ascertained that Murray has a fully paid insurance program, including prescribed drugs. Dr. Paul Cook will give further details concerning costs, exclusions, and benefits to Senator Rust within the week.

Senator Rust asked if there is Senate interest in assessing faculty

concerns for scholarships for faculty children. The consensus of the Senate was not to pursue the matter.

Political Action

Senator Robe, chair, made the following announcements: Jim Bunning will visit Western on October 28 to meet with the faculty; Alice McDonald will be at the Red Carpet Inn on Tuesday, October 18 for a fund-raising dinner; COSFL will meet in Louisville on Saturday, October 15.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns

Senator Howe, chair, reported that the committee has contacted Dr. Jim Davis in the Office of Academic Affairs and requested that advertising be expanded during the nomination period for outstanding faculty so that participation in the nomination process will increase. The committee's attention is also focusing on the membership term on the Selection Committee for Outstanding faculty. The committee is investigating the use of student evaluations by department heads, concerns expressed about the Core Questions used in the Purdue Cafeteria Evaluation System, and the use of re-captured salary dollars. Senator Miller is attending to the latter concern.

Announcements

Senator Davis announced that the second annual Lilly Conference on College Teaching will be held November 11-13, 1983, at the University of Miami (Ohio), Markum Conference Center. He requested that the Committee on Committees select four faculty members to attend. Money will come from funds allotted to the Faculty Exchange program.

Senator Otto announced that the NEA Secretary will be on campus Tuesday, October 18. She will meet with the faculty from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in Room 211 of the College of Education Building to discuss NEA and Higher Education. The faculty is also invited, on that date, to attend a formal presentation at 8:00 p.m. in Garrett 103.

Adjournment

The Coohill/Kummer motion to adjourn passed at 4:31 p.m.