

MINUTES

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

November 10, 1983

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, November 10, 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* | 12. Robert Eversoll |
| 2. Emery Alford | 13. Tom Isherwood |
| 3. Linda Allan* | 14. Art Kaul |
| 4. James Babcock | 15. Carl Kell |
| 5. Nancy Baird | 16. Carl Kreisler |
| 6. Randy Capps | 17. William Kummer |
| 7. William Cavin | 18. Richard Mason |
| 8. David Coffey | 19. Mike Morgan |
| 9. Charles Crume | 20. Earl Pearson |
| 10. James Davis | 21. Tom Updike |
| 11. Larry Elliot | 22. Donald Zacharias |

*sent observer

Minutes

The minutes of October 13, 1983 were corrected on page 2 in Announcements to read: "Money will come from funds allotted to the Institutional Exchange Program." The minutes were then approved.

Committee on University
Committees

Senator Krenzin, chair, distributed a "1983-84 Committee Membership" document and requested that senators inform the committee of any errors. Ed Pease has been appointed to the Library Committee. The committee has nominated six faculty members to serve on the committee to reevaluate the Purdue System. Three of the six nominees will be selected to replace three committee members who have left the University.

Faculty Status & Welfare

Senator Rust, chair, submitted to the Senate the "Report on Trends in Faculty Salaries."

Senator Rust has received an abundance of material on Murray State University's Health Insurance Plan and is presently compiling the information to present to the Senate.

Institutional Goals & Planning

Senator McFarland, chair, announced that the committee met and elected a new chair, Senator James Babcock. The committee reviewed the President's Strategic Planning Program and expressed concerns over administrative overhead and possible biases involved in eliminating programs.

Report from COSFL

Senator Robe highlighted the COSFL meeting held at the University of Louisville on October 15, 1983. Senator Ed Ford and Mr. Lovelace, representing Martha Layne Collins, and Mike Jones from the KEA staff discussed elementary, secondary and higher education. Joining with KEA in lobbying efforts was discussed. KEA spent \$1.5 million during recent political campaigns. Because of the scarcity of funds, it is likely that there will be competition between elementary-secondary education and higher education for allocations. Alternative sources of funding were discussed.

The problems and progress of the seven campuses were reviewed. All campuses are involved in some form of self-study on strategic planning.

Senator Robe distributed to senators a COSFL proposal of two projects: 1) Legislation which directly affects higher education will be monitored through COSFL; 2) The actions of each legislator, the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor will be followed and their votes for and against higher education will be observed. Funding is needed for these projects.

Report from Faculty Regent

Senator Miller expressed concerns discussed with President Zacharias:

1) As we are entering a period of the declining 18-year-old pool, recruitment competition will be higher; 2) The Student Directory is received late in the semester because it is currently published free for the University; 3) The President's efforts to obtain the Governor Scholarship program have been well received.

Senator Miller reiterated the suggestion that thought should be given to the University joining with KEA or organizing our own funds.

Senate members were encouraged to write Governor Brown to request faculty representation on the Council of Higher Education. Students are represented on the Council.

Senator Miller commended Senator Rust on his work with the insurance programs.

Announcements

Senator Rust, in response to a question under Committee Reports, announced that salary conversions were calculated using the 9/11 conversion that has been used in the past.

Senator Weigel encouraged all faculty to be photographed for the Talisman.

Senator Weigel also briefly reviewed a report received from the President: High School Preparation and Collegiate Performance in Kentucky. Anyone interested in seeing the report should contact Senator Weigel and ask to be added to the routing list.

Adjournment

The Prins/Trutty-Cohill motion to adjourn carried at 4:12 p.m.