

MINUTES
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

March 13, 1980

Congress of Senate Faculty
Leaders

Before opening the meeting, the Chair took time as Chair of COSFL to report on a resolution from COSFL urging all faculty in the commonwealth to write the chairmen of the Senate and House A and R Committees in support of the higher education section of the Governor's budget. He also read a speech which was delivered earlier at a news conference with Governor Brown and representatives of the COSFL.

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, March 13, 1980 at 3:14 PM in the Ballroom of the Garrett Conference Center by the Chair, Tom Jones. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Absent:

1. Ed Bohlander
2. Bryce Combs
3. Leo Fernandez
4. Mohnainder Gill
5. Ray Johnson
6. Bill Leonard
7. Greg Lowe*
8. Wm. Moore
9. Virginia Neel*
10. Marizu Richardson
11. Brian Sullivan
12. Phil Constans
13. Dale Wicklander
14. Don Zacharias

*sent observers

Announcement

The Chair thanked Mrs. Paul Gerard and Mr. Otis Sledge for their spartan efforts toward setting up the Ballroom on very short notice.

Minutes

Corrections to the January 17 minutes:
Page three, line 11: omit the word "unanimous."

Corrections to the February 14 minutes:
Page three, line 5 (from the bottom of the page): read "intra-departmental" for inter-departmental."

Standing Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Senator Krenzin reported that the Executive Committee had met five times since the last Senate meeting. Pat Bowen reported that there were 26 persons in attendance at the February 15 social at the Red Carpet Inn. Because so few attended we fell short of revenue sufficient to pay for the room. Senator Long mentioned at two of the meetings that faculty will not be able to depend on monetary gains from the legislature and will therefore have to consider alternate means of dealing with inflation. President Zacharias met with Senator Constans and Senator Tom Jones to discuss the administrator evaluations. There has been discussion of the appointment of a committee to raise funds for travel in connection with the Senate representatives to COSFL.

Senator Veenker reported that COSFL had met on Tuesday, March 11 in Bowling Green. Steve West and Tom Jones have been spending about two days per week (fortnightly) lobbying for faculty interests in Frankfort. The Congress discussed the details of the higher education section of Governor Brown's budget extensively. How to raise funds to support COSFL lobbying was discussed. A University of Louisville/Murray motion urging faculty to write letters supporting the Governor's budget passed unanimously. Tom Jones appointed a committee to study and report on loss of disposable income for faculty. The group is considering asking the Governor to name a commission made up of his staff, legislators, COSFL representatives and CHE personnel to make formal recommendations regarding the loss of faculty income over the last several years.

Academic Affairs

Senator Peterie presented AA 004.1 dealing with academic freedom and due process (for information only).

Senator Peterie then moved the adoption of AA 007.1 3-13-80 (reducing general education hours from 54 to 42 and declaring a moratorium on raising of course numbers) which was seconded by Senator Bowen.

A Thacker/Shadowen motion to strike the last paragraph dealing with raising course numbers passed by a voice vote; however, the parliamentarian ruled that the proposed resolution was substantive, requiring a second reading, and to amend during the first reading would be out of order.

By-Laws, Amendments and Elections

Senator Pulsinelli welcomed several newly elected senators as observers to the Senate. Each was given an opportunity to introduce him/herself.

Faculty Status and Welfare

Senator Veenker moved the adoption of FSW 004.1 (the last page of the promotion policy dealing with peer review of promotion recommendations at the college level). Second by Senator Henrickson. Senator Veenker made a short speech explaining several aspects of the promotion policy which have at times been misunderstood. After several Senators spoke to the motion, FSW 004.1 failed by a division of the house, 20-21.

Senator Parks presented a new salary study, FSW 005.1 STATUS REPORT ON TRENDS IN FACULTY SALARIES for Academic Years 1970-80. Senator Parks explained the several tables thoroughly and stood for questions.

Senator Clark moved (2nd Linda Pulsinelli) that Jim Parks be given a vote of commendation from the Senate for his work in preparing the Salary Report. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Dissemination of the salary report was discussed at some length, but no formal action was taken.

Fiscal Affairs Committee

Senator Bailey presented a report (FAC 007.1) for information only.

Institutional Goals and Planning

Senator Mary Ellen Miller announced that the CHE has employed Robert Sexton to do a study on trends in higher education over the next twenty years. Mr. Sexton will meet with the IGP committee in April.

Communications Committee

Senator Martin invited any senators interested in seeking Senate office campaign through the Newsletter. A platform might be submitted in 150-200 words.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Faculty-Student Relations

Senator Long reported that the committee is meeting regularly (Tuesdays at 2:00 PM). The committee is currently preparing a packet of information that will be very helpful to departments in planning social events for faculty and students. Among other things, the packet will contain step-by-step procedures one must follow to use certain University services.

Administrator Evaluation

Senator William Davis reported that the committee will meet tomorrow to complete the evaluation instrument. It will be ready for use in April.

Faculty Status and Welfare
Benefits Subcommittee

Senator Rivers pointed out that there has been no competitive bidding on our health plan for at least ten years. The nation's three largest carriers, Metropolitan Life, Mutual of Omaha, and Prudential, have been contacted by the committee regarding presentation of programs. The Executive Committee directed Senator Rivers to set up open meetings where these carriers, as well as Blue Cross, might make presentations of their programs for WKU. Since the official insurance committee has not been meeting, a new committee has been set up. Vice President Largen has asked that he be kept informed of the FSW activities.

Blue Cross will appear Thursday, March 27 in Garrett Conference Center Room 103 at 1:30 PM; Prudential: Tuesday, April 1, same time and place; Metropolitan Life: Thursday, April 3.

A Rivers/Bluhm motion that eight senators volunteer to attend all three meetings passed with the provision that any volunteer may procure a substitute if necessary. Senators Bluhm, Bowen, William Davis, Connie Foster, Martin and Mary Ellen Miller volunteered. Another volunteer will be sought by the chair before March 27.