

May 7, 1981

INITIAL MEETING OF SENATE V: Elections and Reports--Sue Bryant

Due to the university reorganization which occurred after Faculty Senate elections, but which affects the composition of Faculty Senate membership, Senator Long presented the following motion on behalf of the Executive Committee:

That the Senate function with the representational composition based on the correct numbers as of the time of the elections -- this to be a temporary measure to last for the duration of Senate V only.

Following unanimous approval of this motion, election of officers and caucus of committees to elect chairpersons were conducted. The officers are: Joan Krenzin, Chair; Richard Weigel, Vice-chair; Connie Foster, Secretary; and John Long, Parliamentarian. The new committee chairpersons are:

Academic Affairs -- Harry Robe
By-laws, Amendments, and Elections -- Pauline Jones
Communications -- Sue Bryant
Faculty Status and Welfare -- Fred Murphy
Fiscal Affairs -- Robert Hoyt
Institutional Goals and Planning -- Ron Seeger
Professional Responsibilities and Concerns -- Earl Pearson
University Committees -- Mahmaud Salem

Bill Davis reported that the 1980-81 Faculty Senate budget was plagued by budget cuts and unanticipated expenditures. To circumvent ending fiscal year 1981-82 in the red, budget allotments will be increased where greater expenditures are likely and an overall budget increase will be requested.

Senator Long announced that the Faculty/Student Relations Committee received only two responses to the questionnaire in the last Newsletter, but will continue to encourage such activities.

Reporting as Faculty Regent, Bill Buckman stated he has requested that two items be placed on the agenda for the next Regent's meeting. Those items are: a request for a Faculty-Staff grievance procedure and a study of part-time faculty at WKU particularly as it relates to quality of education.

On April 10, the Executive Committee met with President Zacharias to present the Faculty Senate document on Rank and Promotion with the rationale for recommendations. Vice President Davis attended the meeting also, giving like consideration for the Council of Dean's document. President Zacharias will develop the final document, presenting it to the Executive Committee before taking it to the Board of Regents for final approval. Due to the change in membership, Senator Long presented the following motion:

The Faculty Senate request that the Executive Committee of Senate V be invited to consult with President Zacharias on the Faculty Senate Rank and Promotion document along

with members of the Executive Committee of Senate V.

The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Harryman gave the report for the Committee on Committees in the absence of Senator Taylor, chair. The report concerned the fact that committee input was not sought for several major committees formed at WKU this year. Discussion ensued regarding the viability of the committee versus disbanding it. A motion was proposed by Senator Harryman, which read:

The chairperson of the Senate send a written message to the President of WKU, Dr. Donald Zacharias, informing him of the existence of the Senate's University Committee on Committees and requesting that the University's administrators avail themselves of this service when appropriate.

The motion passed.

Under the heading of New Business, Senator Wells expressed his concern about misinformation in the news media. His motion stated:

The Communications Committee monitor area media for errors in the reporting of items concerning WKU and that this committee working with the Executive Committee request the appropriate correction of any errors which occur.

The motion passed unanimously.

FACULTY SENATE V WISHES EVERYONE A NICE SUMMER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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