

SENATE CONSIDERS VARIED TOPICS--Ed Dorman
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Reports from standing committees were the first order of business for the March meeting.

Executive Committee.

Senator Weigel said the April 29th Faculty Senate meeting would be held in the Regents Room of the Wetherby Administration Building.

Academic Affairs Committee.

Senator Schneider asked senators to complete forms asking senators to identify areas of concern for study by the Academic Affairs Committee.

By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections Committee.

Senator Pauline Jones announced the names of the newly elected senators. Run-off elections for at-large senators will be completed at 4 P.M. March 4th. (A complete list of newly elected senators can be found elsewhere in this NEWSLETTER.) College caucuses are being held the week after spring break. Current senators informed newly elected senators of committee responsibilities and all senators have been asked to express their committee preference for Senate VI.

Committee on Committees.

Chair Krenzin reported for Senator Ruff. Names were submitted for a committee formed to revise the document on administrative evaluation. (See article elsewhere in this newsletter.) Faculty members of this committee represent the colleges and academic services. They are: Dr. Ed Dorman (Ogden), Dr. Archie Laman (Education), Dr. Larry Lowe (Business), Ms. Virginia Neel (Academic Services), and Dr. Patricia Taylor (Potter). Departmental senators were urged to make the document available to their constituents. All comments regarding the document should be sent to the respective college/services representative.

Faculty Status and Welfare Committee.

Senator Bill Smith reported on the insurance survey conducted during spring 1981, which revealed the following concerns: the need for dental/optical coverage and for information regarding all insurance coverage, concern about whether Blue Cross/Blue Shield is the best bargain, and about life-insurance, how to increase life coverage and insurance after retirement. On January 28th Senator Smith and Senator Eula Monroe met with Dr. Bill Stroube. They requested that answers to these questions be made available through university channels. The first response appeared in the Personnel file, February 1982 issue.

Institutional Goals and Planning Committee.

Senator Seeger reported he has received information from two faculty members and three deans regarding cooperation with other schools. (See NEWSLETTER, November 1981.)

Student-Faculty Reception Committee.

Senator Bowen announced that the joint Faculty/ASG reception planned for March 16th has been postponed to April 7th because of a conflict.

Political Action Committee.

Senator Robe said the need for additional revenue is the current "hot potato" in the General Assembly. It is estimated that budget will exceed revenue by \$100 million. Senator Robe recommends that letters written to legislators in support of identifying additional sources of revenue be from concerned citizens rather than from members of special-interest groups. Senator Robe also said his committee will soon be contacting announced candidates for governor to determine their positions regarding higher education in general and Western Kentucky University in particular. The committee will keep the senate and all faculty apprised of its findings.

NEW BUSINESS.

In new business, Senator Seeger moved the acceptance of the following resolution for first reading:

The Faculty Senate asks the Board of Regents to reconsider the waiver of out-of-state tuition for nearby counties in Tennessee and Indiana. We note reports of a large decrease in the applications for admission from out-of-state

We favor the granting of out-of-state tuition waivers to students from the above noted areas, as was the policy in the past. Furthermore, we believe that Davidson and Macon counties, Tennessee should be included in the regions considered.

The motion carried. Senator Seeger reviewed the history of the topic. The Board of Regents has approved a policy that would dispense with the waiver. Hallmark Awards are available for students from the "waiver counties" with high school GPA's of 3.8 and composite ACT scores of 28 while students with GPA's of 3.3 and composite ACT scores of 24 are eligible for H.H. Cherry Meritorious Awards.

Western will be \$600,000 in the red unless scholarships are given to these students. Senator Grise expressed concern about our ability to attract students when we have widely publicized our financial cutbacks. Asked what he thought could be gained by discontinuing the waiver, Regent Buckman said the legislature would question our need for money if we waive out-of-state tuition.

Senator Grise thinks enrollment will be our most salient problem in the next four to five years. He stated that we must be careful about our public statements. Senator Finley asked if schools in surrounding counties of Indiana and Tennessee waive out-of-state tuition for Kentucky students. The answer is yes. Senator Finley wonders if those states might reciprocate if we no longer waive tuition for their students. Scholarships instead of tuition waiver seem to be a reasonable alternative for attracting the best students from neighboring out-of-state counties. Regent Buckman stated scholarships are also available for the best in-state students.

The resolution will be brought before the senate for final vote at the next meeting.

Faculty Regent Report.

Regent Buckman reported on several bills currently being processed through

legislative channels.

COSFL Report.

Tom Jones announced H.B. 736 (S.B. 355), which proposes a 15 percent salary increase for faculty in higher education, found three sponsors. COSFL members will be lobbying in Frankfort in support of the bill.

In response to this announcement, Senator Bluhm reminded senators of the current deficits in the budget. He stated that we are dreaming to anticipate passage of this bill unless revenues are increased. He urged personal contacts with legislators.

Tom Jones also reported on the Benchmark Study. In a 13 state region (nine SREB states plus four states contiguous to Kentucky), Kentucky is second only to Texas in the amount of money spent to administer the council on Higher Education.

Lost and Found.

Two umbrellas were found in Garrett Ballroom after the last Senate meeting. Joan Krenzin has them in her office.

Correction.

In the February 11th issue of the Newsletter, Regent Buckman was quoted as saying WKU led Kentucky universities in the portion of the budget devoted to instruction at 4.5 percent. The correct figure is 41 percent. Our apologies.

PROGRAM REVIEW.

Program review as a long and short-term process is a concept whose time has come. As reported elsewhere in this NEWSLETTER, faculty representatives have been selected to serve on a committee to revise the document on administrative evaluation. (This document is not related to Faculty Senate's document on administrative evaluation.) Faculty input is sought by the committee. Departmental senators will make the document available to their respective faculty. This evaluation is one part of the long-term process.

Faculty Regent Buckman, reporting to the Senate on March 4th, informed senators they could also anticipate hearing more about program review in the near future. Governor Brown has expressed concern about "duplicate" programs in Higher Education. Programs under close scrutiny according to Buckman, are those with fewer than 20 students or 10 graduates per year.

Vice-President James Davis related his concerns about this short-term review process. They are twofold: 1) CHE staff would notify university presidents of duplicate programs with the admonition to "prove they aren't" and 2) the request for information would come at the end of spring semester and, therefore, wouldn't allow faculty suggestions because of summer vacation. When asked the role of faculty now, Dr. Davis said he didn't know, but thought he would have more information after spring break. He stated Deans are working with department heads in an effort to determine which programs are at risk. He assured faculty they will be kept apprised of the review process as information is available.

NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS

Departmental Senators

Academic Services

Media Services- Tom Foster

Business

Economics- Mike Morgan

Management and Marketing- Lawrence Finley*

Ogden

Applied Health- Kay Parsley

Biology- Rudy Prins

Chemistry- Earl Pearson**

Geography and Geology- Ron Seeger*

Industrial Engineering and Technology- Robert Eversoll

Mathematics and Computer Science- Carroll Wells*

Nursing- Deborah Oldenburg

Potter

English- Pauline Jones**

Government- Joe Uveges

History- Fred Murphy*

Music- Emory Alford

Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work- Tom Isherwood

At-Large Senators

Business- Stephen Lile

Education

Sallye Clark

Dwight Cline

Ogden

Kay Carr

David Coffey

Frank Conley

Tom Coohill

Sheralyn Cox

Potter

Tom Baldwin

Michael Klein*

Mary Ellen Miller

Richard Weigel*

* Re-elected

** Formerly at-large