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Resolutions on Scholarships, Parking

Chair Gene Evans presented for its second reading the Noser/Otto motion that the University establish scholarships, with benefits equivalent to those of our best athletic scholarships, for outstanding students preparing to teach the humanities, mathematics, or the natural or social sciences in the public schools. Bluff Biff Kummer pointed out that the athletic scholarships are given by individuals and corporations, and are actively sought through the athletic foundations. A method for pursuing the scholarships would have to be developed - would faculty members be willing to go off campus and solicit funds? Chair Gene replied that he believed that to be the intent of the framers of the resolution. Fred Murphy said that he thought the scholarships would come out of University funds, and would cost the University very little money (as Dr. Pulsinelli had indicated at the November Senate meeting).

Janet Palmer opposed the wording of the resolution, which limited the scholarships to students preparing to teach in the public schools, reminding the Senate that our goal is to attract the best minds to Western, not to institute a policy of forcing students at the age of 17, before they have had any experience of college, to commit themselves to a career of teaching in the public schools. Furthermore, she doubted that the requirement of teaching in the public schools after leaving college could be enforced.* Bob Otto, clean as ever, responded that, as we complain about the competence of the students who enter Western, we must want to do something about this problem; if we can attract outstanding students into public-school teaching by means of these scholarships, then the level of instruction in the public schools should be raised, and we should have better students coming to Western. After a certain amount of huffing and puffing, the resolution carried by a voice vote.

Chair Gene then presented, for its second reading, the Murphy/Krenzin resolution urging the administration to reject the Parking Committee's infamous recommendation that the Grise Hall lot be made a student lot and that a new lot be constructed for faculty, and also urging the administration to direct the Office of Public Safety to monitor more closely the parking in faculty lots. Mr. Paul Bunch, Public Safety Director, announced that the President had declined to rezone the Grise Hall lot and build a new lot. GE said that the resolution had become moot, in view of the President's action, and the Senate then voted to postpone consideration until the January meeting.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

GE announced that the Executive Committee had discussed changing the procedures for faculty-regent elections, and that the By-Laws and Elections Committee probably would present a proposal concerning this matter to the Senate at its February meeting.

Academic Affairs:

Nattily attired Janet Palmer reported on the NFE (National Faculty Exchange) program. The NFE is a non-profit, membership organization composed of colleges, universities

*The incisive Senatrix had forgotten that these students must take so many courses in education that they do not have time to learn what used to be called a subject; hence, they are, upon graduation, unable to earn a living by any legal means other than teaching and must turn either to it or to crime - two fields said not to pay - though most undoubtedly will choose the latter, as having the superior social standing.

(in the U. S. and in foreign countries), U. S. government agencies, and educational associations, which provides a clearing house for faculty and staff of member institutions to work temporarily (one or two semesters, or a summer term, for faculty; up to two months, for staff) in other member institutions, for professional growth and development. It is not necessary to have direct, matching swaps between a pair of member institutions. The individual must return to her or his home institution for at least one year, or else reimburse it for his or her salary and fringe benefits; during the exchange period, s/he will receive herorhis regular salary. S/he is responsible for all moving expenses. The exchange period counts toward retirement, promotion, and sabbatical leave, but not toward tenure. The University would have to pay approximately \$500 per year, in order to belong to the NFE, and would have to appoint a program coordinator. JP moved that the Senate recommend to the University administration that Western join the NFE. The second reading of the motion will be at the January meeting of the Senate.

COSFL:

Rich Weigel reported that COSFL had met with gubernatorial candidate and Lt. Governor Steve Beshear. The Lt. Governor said that the changes that need to be made in education in Kentucky cannot be made overnight — that, as governor, he would set the process in motion and keep it going, but that it would take more than four years to implement. It is most important, he said, to establish a plan for higher education, with goals and objectives, that could be implemented over a period of 6-10 years. Mr. Beshear said also that university faculty members should be represented on the Council on Higher Education, and that, if the majority of faculty members at a university were in favor of collective bargaining, he would support it, but that it would lead to binding arbitration and strikes would not be permitted. He said that Kentucky should pay its faculty members enough to keep them and that there should be across-the-board raises to restore lost purchasing power: nothing ranks higher than retaining a quality faculty.

This was the first of several projected meetings of COSFL with the gubernatorial candidates.

Representatives from Eastern Kentucky University said that, at Eastern, formula funding is being applied even on the departmental level, and affects teaching positions.

At the University of Louisville, the Faculty Senate has passed a performance-based salary-increase document.

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