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MINUTESWESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE X

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Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, October 9, 1986 at 3:25 p.m. in the Garrett Ballroom with Chair Eugene Evans presiding. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Absent without substitutes were:

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| 1. Alexander, Kern | 7. Hessley, Rita |
| 2. Baum, Robert | 8. Hobbs, Christine |
| 3. Caillouet, Larry | 9. Kell, Carl |
| 4. Cannon, David | 10. Martin, Edward |
| 5. Coffey, David | 11. Sullivan, Brian |
| 6. Gabehart, Keith | |

Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of September 11, 1986 were approved as written.

Committee ReportsBy-laws, Amendments, and Elections Committee:

Senator Baird announced that the election for Faculty Regent will be held Thursday, October 30, and Friday, October 31. Ballots and ballot boxes will be available in the offices of the College Deans. Nominations must be accompanied by letters of acceptance from the nominees, and are due by 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 17. As of the date of this Senate meeting, two nominations have been received: those of Mary Ellen Miller and of Henry Baughman.

Executive Committee:

Chair Eugene Evans announced that a report from the Committee on Departmental Governance is expected before the end of this semester; consequently, the first Tom Jones Symposium will be devoted to this topic. It will be held on the afternoon of a school day, probably towards the end of February, and will consist of a luncheon followed by a program of 1½ - 2 hours duration. It is hoped that speakers from the University of Louisville and from Northern Kentucky will be able to attend.

Chair Evans announced also that Vice President Haynes has asked for nominations for a committee to deal with the subject of evaluation of faculty members.

COSFL Report

Chair Evans reported that COSFL is in the process of inviting the gubernatorial candidates to appear before the group. He expects the first of these to be Lt. Governor Beshear, and hopes that it will be possible for persons who are not members of COSFL to attend.

COSFL is also planning the establishment of an Associate Membership, which will allow all the faculty members in the State to become involved. There will be a modest dues requirement.

Chair Evans then introduced Vice President Haynes, who had agreed to speak to the Senate on the subject of the Community College.

Address by the Vice President

Vice President Haynes announced that the Community College opened on October 6, and is located in the Science and Technology Building. The Office is open Monday through Thursday from noon until 8:30 p.m., on Friday afternoons, and on Saturday mornings.

The Vice President said that departments have been requested to submit courses which can be taught under the umbrella of the Community College, and that approximately 140 sections have been acquired. Discussions are under way concerning the possibility of offering exclusively in the Community College programs inappropriate to a university but appropriate to a community college: e.g., Associate Degree programs and Certificate programs. The Associate Degree in Liberal Studies program has been approved for the Community College. We now have about eighteen Associate Degree programs in the University; if the departments concerned wish to transfer any of these to the Community College, and if the transfer seems appropriate, it will be made.

Teaching in the Community College will be voluntary. When appointments in the Community College become available, they will be advertised. Western faculty members can apply for these positions if they so desire.

Vice President Haynes stated that the purpose of the Community College is to broaden educational opportunities for persons in this region without interfering with the ongoing operations of the University.

Question and Answer Period

Senator James Martin asked the Vice President whether the Community College program is to be geared to the working student or to the academically underprepared student. Dr. Haynes answered that we are looking for both; that we intend to address the same types of students that community colleges normally address, and that these types fall into fairly set patterns.

In response to a question from Senator Crume, the Vice President said that the number of hours required for any particular Community College program would be determined by the unit in charge of the program. Dr. Sutton added that, in some community college systems, the Associate Degree programs are two-year programs; the Diploma programs are one (or a little more) year programs; and the Certificate programs are less-than-one-year programs.

In response to a question from Senator Brunson, Dr. Haynes said that faculty members who are to teach exclusively in the Community College probably will be added on an as-needed basis, some of these being full-time, and some part-time, faculty members. He has not yet considered the question of joint appointments to both Western and the Community College.

Senator Crume asked whether departments that develop programs for the Community College can expect increased funding for graduate teaching assistantships in those areas. The Vice President replied that this matter is under consideration and that it is a distinct possibility.

Replying to a question by Senator Flynn, Vice President Haynes said that a Curriculum Committee for the Community College is to be appointed shortly, and that it will have the responsibility for approving courses which are exclusively courses of the Community College. Courses which carry Western credit will have to be approved in exactly the same way as at present.

Chair Evans asked whether Western and the Community College would be entirely independent institutions. Dr. Haynes replied that courses which are exclusively Community College courses will be the responsibility of the Community College. Courses which are offered in both institutions will be supervised by the same units which supervise them now.

Senator Krenzin said that the State funding formula provides, for community colleges, a higher level of funding for remedial programs than for other types of programs, and asked if we would have such programs ready when the students who need them enter the Community College. The Vice President said that he was not aware of this provision, but he believed remedial programs to be more appropriate for community colleges than for universities. He added that the future of remedial programs currently being offered at Western will be discussed with the departments concerned.

Dr. Glaser asked whether funds intended for the Community College would be allocated directly to the Community College, or through Western. Dr. Haynes said that they would come to Western, and that Western would then allocate them to the Community College. He also said that enrollment fees at the Community College will be equal to those at Western.

Chair Evans introduced Dr. Boles, who directs the two-year programs of the College of Business. Dr. Boles said that there appeared to be an assumption that students seeking an Associate Degree are always substandard students, and that this assumption is incorrect: there are many reasons for enrolling in Associate Degree programs, and students in these programs are sometimes more highly-motivated than the traditional university students.

Chair Evans thanked Dr. Haynes, Dr. Sutton, and Dr. Boles for attending this meeting of the Senate.

Adjournment

As there was no New Business, the Senate adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

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