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WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE X

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Call to Order

Chair Fred Murphy opened the Faculty Senate.

Roll Call

The following senators were absent without observers:

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| Baum, Robert | Kummer, William |
| Brunson, Barry | Martin, Edward |
| Caillouet, Larry | Powers, Irene |
| Cannon, David | Prins, Rudolph |
| Hessley, Rita | Robinson, Faye |
| Humm, Audrey | Seitz, Joerg |
| Kearny, Edward | Tuthill, Brent |
| Kell, Carl | Wright, Peggy |

Announcements

Fred Murphy announced that the first meeting of Faculty Senate XI will be held on Tuesday, April 28, at 3:20. President Alexander will speak on capital expenditures, and the Senate will elect officers.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Fred Murphy reported that Ken Nelson of the Graduate School spoke to the Executive Committee about the Junior Black Faculty Advisory Committee. The purpose of this committee is to increase the number of black faculty members here at Western and to provide an opportunity for the participants to sample an academic career.

The committee met with President Alexander on April 8, and the President reported on improved student recruitment. He stated that Western was about 800 students ahead of last year. He indicated that the average ACT was 20, and the emphasis has been toward the top 20% of the high school seniors. Two other items discussed were faculty salary and capital outlays. The President accepted an invitation to speak to the April 28 Faculty Senate meeting.

Institutional Goals and Planning Committee

Linda Allan reported that a letter to the college deans has been sent, requesting a faculty meeting be called on the concept of departmental chairs. She indicated that a referendum would be held and a report made to the April 28 Faculty Senate XI meeting.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns Committee

Rose Davis reported on the survey of faculty concerning student evaluations. She stated that the results indicated a general feeling of satisfaction with the evaluations, with no major problems occurring, only some specific departmental dissatisfactions.

Unfinished Business

Second reading of the Sick Leave Policy Resolution.

Jim Tomes was invited to speak on what the Kentucky Teacher Retirement System offers. It provides six months retirement credit at retirement, but this will not apply unless all faculty participate. After, a number of questions were answered concerning the advantages: (1) a certain number of sick days guaranteed, (2) additional income at retirement, and the disadvantage: (1) additional bureaucratic procedures.

Paul Campbell moved to delete Holiday and Vacation from the resolution, second by Brian Sullivan. The motion carried. Jim Flynn then moved to postpone definitely until April 28, second by Ed Dorman. The motion to postpone carried.

Second reading of the Athletic Expenditures Resolution.

Ed Dorman moved to insert the words "be urged to" after "President" in the original motion. Second by Brian Sullivan; the amendment carried.

Norm Hunter then moved to change subsection one of the original motion to read: "request that the Board of Regents take action to change the level of football competition to Division III." Seconded by Richard Weigel. After discussion on the motion, the amendment carried. The resolution as amended carried and reads as follows:

Be it resolved that, in light of the Fiscal Affairs Committee report on intercollegiate athletic expenditures, the President be urged to:

- (1) request that the Board of Regents take action to change the level of football competition to Division III;
- (2) continue to review the control of athletic expenditures; and
- (3) report to Faculty Senate XI on the future of our intercollegiate athletic program.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn by Brian Sullivan was seconded by Norm Hunter.