

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 21, 1988

Garrett Ballroom

3:30 p.m.

Senator Murphy opened the meeting. Those absent without observers were:

Kern Alexander
Cam Collins
Ed Dorman
Gene Gallegoes
Edward Hein
Edward Martin
Michael Richardson
Bob Tinsley

The minutes were approved as presented.

Announcements:

Senator Murphy reported that President Alexander called for a special session of the Faculty Senate to be held on January 25th at 3:20 p.m. in the Regents' Room.

At 5:30 that evening, the President invited all of the Senators and their spouses to his home for dinner. Tickets would be provided for those who would like to attend the basketball game after the reception.

Senator Murphy reminded the Senate of the rally sponsored by the Kentucky Advocates of Higher Education in Frankfort on Tuesday, February 16th, and asked the Senators to signify if they planned to attend, and if they would be willing to drive a university van. He also asked that each Senator inform those whom they represent and poll those who planned on attending.

The Senate secretary should be informed as to the numbers going by February 3rd. V.P. Haynes does not endorse dismissing classes in order to attend.

Her number is 5325

Her hours are T, TH 12-2

M, W 10:30-4:30

Senator Murphy received a letter from V.P. regarding the vote on Chair vs. Head. The V.P. indicated that he would inform the President about the Senate vote: the decision was just two votes shy of unanimous.

Dr. Haynes letter says:

I appreciate your interest in this issue, and I, too, agree that it is an important matter for the university. We need to continue to build a strong and dedicated faculty who share the responsibility in the governance of the university.

BY-LAWS, AMENDMENTS, AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:

Senator Sullivan reported that the committee is

preparing for elections to be held on the 3rd and 4th of February. These will be college and at-large elections.

INSTITUTIONAL GOALS AND PLANNING:

Senator Ball reported that her committee was looking into university services and how the university is meeting research needs. To better understand this matter, the committee will distribute questionnaires to Senators who will, in turn, give them to the faculty within their departments. Each person is requested to complete these and to return them to Senator Ball by February 1st. The purpose is to evaluate the WKU climate for research.

COSFL:

Senator Campbell reported that the next COSFL meeting would be in Lexington on Friday, January 22nd where they would examine legislation concerning Kentucky Retirement, T.AA/CREF and other retirement programs.

COSFL will host a reception for the legislative assembly on the 24th of February. Attendance will be by "invitation only." The annual meeting will be on the 18th and 19th of March in Frankfort.

Senator Campbell presented copies of the legislative agenda which COSFL hopes to have enacted (see attachment), and moved that this presentation be considered the first reading. George Seity seconded. The final vote will take place on Monday, the 25th.

The motion reads:

The Faculty Senate at Western Kentucky University endorses the COSFL legislative agenda.

On item 3 on Centers of Excellence, Senator Weigel asked if these referred to centers which already exist or to establish additional centers. It is to establish additional ones, according to Senator Campbell.

One item already running into a major roadblock is #6 for a screening paneling. The governor opposes it.

TOM JONES SYMPOSIUM:

Senator Campbell reported that the symposium of Feb. 11th would be held in the Garrett Assembly Hall, Room 103 at 3:20. It is open to everyone, encourage all to attend.

The topic is Faculty Senate: What Other Universities Are Doing.

Presentor will be John Taylor from Murray, Bob Campbell of UL, and Glen Rainee from Eastern.

At 5:30 those interested in doing so will meet in the Executive Dining Room to continue the discussion. Go through the line, and discussion will begin at 6:00. We will discuss ways to put through legislation favoring higher education.

Adjournment was at 4:10.