

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
April 14, 1988
Garrett Ballroom
3:20 p.m.

Senator Murphy called the meeting to order. Absent without observers were: Kern Alexander, David Coffey, John Crenshaw, Chuck Crume, Dorsey Grise, Edward Hein, Rita Hessley, Carolyn Houk, Audrey Humm, Mary Lazarus, Alton Little, Mark Lowry, Edward Martin, Michael Richardson, Joerg Seitz, Brian Sullivan, Bob Tinsley.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented.

Senator Murphy explained this is the final meeting of Senate XI and announced new Senators for 1988-1989 and welcomed those present. Present were: Elaine Moore, Stephen Jacobs, Earl Pearson, Joe Glaser, and Michael Ann Williams. New Senators not present were: Brian Goff, David Shull, Donna Bussey, Robert Baum, Virginia Eaton, Gabriel Buntzman, Alan Yungbluth, Kenneth Kuehn, Georg Bluhm, John Faine, Tim England, and Terry Leeper. The first meeting for Senate XII will be Tuesday, April 26. Senator Murphy thanked those leaving the Senate and expressed appreciation for all they have done.

Executive Committee

Senator Murphy reported that the Executive Committee had two consecutive meetings with the President. The first one was prior to the special meeting of the Senate on Tuesday, March 22, when the President gave his presentation of his position regarding the issue of the Publications. The President called the Executive Committee together to seek their advice concerning the appropriate approach to take.

The second meeting discussion was much of what was presented at the open forum such as, the enrollment cap, fraternity and sorority housing, and a policy for academic bankruptcy. The Executive Committee will probably meet one more time with the President before the semester is out.

Fiscal Affairs

Senator Gabehart reported on the "Report on Financing of Intercollegiate Athletics, 1986-87." He thanked Dr. Cook for making the information available, and the two Secretaries in the College of Business Administration for the typing. College of Business paid for the printing. Attention was given to the history of this annual report. Items of discussion : 1) revenues and expenditures as noted on page 3; 2) what is basketball and football "guarantees & others" on page 4? visiting teams are guaranteed a certain receipt regardless of gate receipts; 3) any information about the football program in this current budget, about the overruns in that? any additional information available for the 1987-88 football program? this is not in this report; 4) Where does the money come from to take care of overexpenditures?

Some items are "paper transactions", there are no "out of pocket" costs for tuition, yet that is included as expenditures; food uses what food sells for not the cost of it. If its not paper it is paid. Out of what budget? Dr. Haynes commented on Academic budgets and there the University does a great deal of internal transferring.; 5) question about "100 Club reimbursement."

No resolution was presented from the committee.

By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections

College of Education and College of Business Administration have not reported on caucuses with regard to committee assignments. (College of Education report recieved during this report.)

Election of officers will be at the first meeting of Senate XII. Persons interested in running for an office may let Brian know.

Faculty Status and Welfare

Senator Brunson reported on Sick leave policy and a "Snell Lot Parking Improvement Plan." Report attached.

Institutional Goals and Planning

Senator Ball reported that sentiments run deep regarding institutional support of research. Two hundred and fifty (250) questionnaires have been returned with extensive writings. The committee is continuing the analysis of these comments. A report will be presented at the next meeting.

Faculty Regent Report

Faucly Regent Gene Evans reported that the Board of Regents will meet Tuesday (April 19) to decide how to begin selecting a new President. Due care requires a careful investigation and considerable thought before making a selection. Evans' sentiment is to have a national search. He has no preconceived notions about any particular candidate.

Concerning the Athletic Budget, even if the Senate has no resolution, he will raise questions about the Athletic program during the budget discussion at the May Board meeting.

Unfinished Business

Faculty Status and Welfare resolution (second reading)- Senator Weslowski addressed the Senate with extensive discussion on this resolution. Senator Weslowski then presented the following amendment which was seconded by Senator Dorman.

Especially in a time of critically tight budgets, all components of a university should be financially well-managed and accountable.

Academic freedom is a standard which must be upheld in poverty as well in prosperity. No actions should be taken which have the effect of abridging or curtailing

the editorial independence of the press, including the College Heights Herald and the Talisman. Student editors, reporters, and staff, once selected, should be under no faculty or administrative editorial constraints, but under only the constraints of responsible journalism.

Discussions of the amendment:

Senator VanderHayden commented that the words "under no faculty and administrative editorial constraints" were a major point a month ago and thinks editing of these is fine, but questioned why Senator Weslowski wanted to take these words out. Senator Weslowski responded that the resolution was not a product of a committee meeting. Would like to remove the word because a) they are redundant and b) they tend to thin redundancy to suggest that somehow or other administration is interested in repealing the 1st Amendment.

Senator Brunson clarified the history of this motion. It's being of substance and requiring a second reading. He drafted the statement and contacted committee members as well as he could concerning the motion. He received a phone call the morning of the Senate meeting.

The Wesolowski/Dorman amendment was defeated.

Then there was no further discussion of the original resolution and the resolution passed.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns resolutions (second reading)

1. That the Faculty Senate endorse the report of the Task Force for the Evaluation of Teaching.
2. That the Faculty Senate recommend a validation study be undertaken here at Western to see if a survey of student opinion is correlated with student academic gain.
3. The Faculty Senate urges that, in the future, we return to the practice of transcribing student comments, even if there is a delay in return the evaluations to the faculty.

1. No discussion, the motion carried.

2.

Much discussion was presented by Senators Dorman and Reber concerning how to measure academic gain, how to validate a study used to measure it, etc. Senator Harryman questioned if there were any reports on how often these studies have been tried and the results they have had. He has been unable to find satisfactory results and gain scores are most unreliable. Senator Reber explained the Task Force did not find any validation studies which directly measures academic gain. He had an estimated cost for such a study. The Task Force recommended the University undertake this study.

Senator Murphy asked for further discussion or a motion to postpone definitely. Receiving no further discussion a voice vote was taken. The voice vote being undeterminable, the Chair asked for a hand vote.

The motion was defeated.

3.

In discussion, Senator Collins asked if an estimate of cost for transcribing had been received. This had not been done. Senator Noser offered an amendment: "When requested to do so by the students"

Seconded by Senator Reber.

Discussion on the amendment: Senator Dorman has a suspicion of the results, as he informed his students the comments would not be transcribed this past semester and has received no written comments. Students are more confident when all comments are transcribed.

The amendment was defeated. No further discussion was given, the original resolution passed.

New Business

The following resolution was distributed:

Faculty members should be involved to a significant degree in selecting Western's next president. In addition to the obvious benefits of drawing on faculty expertise and insights, such involvement will contribute to the faculty's confidence in the selection process and, ultimately, in the person selected.

Therefore, the Faculty Senate urges the Board of Regents to incorporate the following provisions for faculty involvement in the selection process for the next president of the University:

1. Several faculty should be members of the search committee. At least some of the faculty members should be elected by the faculty to membership.
2. There should be open sessions where faculty can ask questions of and discuss issues with each finalist for the position during on-campus interviews.
3. There should be ample opportunity for faculty to relay their assessments of candidates interviewed to the appropriate body (search committee or Board of Regents) before the selection decision is made.

Senator Flynn moved we approve this motion and do so in one reading. Second by Senator Weigel. Resolution passed. Senator Murphy will forward this resolution to the Board of Regents.

Gene Evans added a comment concerning student athletes and their studies while participating in athletic events.

Senator Brunson presented for the first reading the following motion: that the Senate voice approval of the

"Snell Lot Parking Improvement" plan. Seconded by Senator Noser.

Announcements

Senator Brunson invited everyone to a presentation on Friday, April 22, at 3:20 p.m. in Garrett Conference 103 sponsored by Sigma Xi and the University Lecture Series. Dr. David B. Wilson will present "Science and Religion in the Age of Darwin: The Question of Miracles." Afterwards, the Graduate faculty will have a meeting.

At the next Senate meeting, all members of Senate I will be invited guests for the purpose of giving special honor to Phil Constans, first chair of the Senate, on the occasion of his retirement.

Senator Murphy asked for volunteers with skills in calligraphy to do some certificates.

Executive Committee will meet briefly following this meeting.

The Senate adjourned at 4:50 p.m.