

FACULTY SENATE

April 20, 1989

3:30 p.m.

Senator Murphy called the meeting to order. Those absent without observers were: Robert Baum, Gabriel Buntzman, Donna Bussey, Faye Carroll, Cam Collins, Chuck Crume, Kieth Gabehart, Gene Gallegos, Joe Glaser, Brian Goff, Dorsey Grise, Robert Haynes, Carolyn Houk, Kenneth Kuehn, Mary Lazarus, Alton Little, James Martin, Ruth Meredith, Thomas Meredith, Gene Meyers, J. William Murphy, Tom Noser, Eric Pennington, David Shull, Doris Thayer, Terry VanderHeyden, and Edward Wolfe.

Senator Vos announced there are extra copies of the athletic funding report. He encouraged everyone to keep up the pressure to the President if we have any concerns. This is the only way we will see any changes. Clarification on the lack of information on the significant support provided by the Hilltopper Foundation was due to not having a financial statement from the Foundation.

Senator Murphy explained a perception we have to deal with is that President Meredith said these complaints about athletics are really coming only from a small group of faculty that doesn't really represent anybody else. We need to change this perception. Also, this whole matter of athletics and all of the criticisms that faculty offer about what is or is not being done at Western are being interpreted by the President as unhappiness at our salaries, that we would not be complaining if salaries were better and insurance was being paid. This perception is not true and we need to convince him that we are not just complaining because we are unhappy with salaries.

OLD BUSINESS: (completion)

C. SECOND READING: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
(see attachment 1 for complete text of proposed revision)

Senator Rose Davis moved to amend the motion to include the By-Laws amendment which were omitted during the first reading. Senator Weigel seconded.

A question was raised concerning a quorum. After much discussion; the parliamentarian declared we may count observers. There being no formal objection from the floor, the Chair declared we have a quorum.

Senator Krenzin explained the membership has the right to make a motion to appeal the decision of the Chair. Having no appeal from the membership, the Chair declared we move along with the proposed changes to the Constitution.

Senator Krenzin pointed out that changing the By-Laws does require a majority vote of the actual membership of the Senate and she moved to postpone the By-Law until the next meeting of the Senate. Seconded by Senator Campbell. The motion carried.

REVISION OF THE SENATE CONSTITUTION: All voting will be by a

show of hands.

- Housekeeping changes to change all occurrences of:
- a. "Chairperson" to "Chair" and
 - b. Changing "the regular May meeting" to "the spring meeting of the new Senate."

The motion carried.

III. Organization.

- III. A. 1. motion carried.
- III. A. 3. motion carried.
- III. A. 4. motion carried.
- III. B. 4. motion carried.

III. C. 2.

Senator Richards moved to amend as: "...Each eligible voter shall be permitted to vote for a maximum number of one person from any one department...", changing "two" to "one". Senator Russell seconded. The motion was defeated.

The motion, as originally presented, carried.

III. C. 3. as a unit.

Senator Campbell moved to amend III. C. 3. iii.: "...on which there is a vacancy, with the exception of the Executive Committee, commencing with the spring meeting of the new Faculty Senate. Senators thus elected shall serve for the remainder of their current Senate term unless elected Chair or Vice-Chair of the Senate or to the Executive Committee..." (inserting the two underlined phrases.)

The amendment carried.

The motion as amended carried.

- III. C. 4. motion carried.
- III. D. motion carried.
- III. E. 1. Senator Murphy explained this will need the approval of the President.

Senator Russell moved to strike the sentence: "These representatives shall review budget priorities with the purpose of determining if the University is headed in the appropriate direction and that funding priorities have been examined." Senator Veenker seconded.

The motion carried.

Senator Murphy relinquished the microphone and Chair to Vice-Chair, Senator Campbell. Senator Murphy proposed an amendment to add the sentence, "These representatives shall seek to determine that funding priorities have been examined in the preparation of the budget." Senator White seconded.

The amendment was defeated.

III. E. 1. motion carried as amended.

III. E. 3. motion carried.

III. E. 4. motion carried.

Senator Dorman moved to add as number 8: "Members of Senate committees may be removed for cause, following the guidelines established in Sturgis, current edition." Senator Veenker seconded.

Discussion of placement as III. E. 8. as awkward and lead to a general agreement to divide E into sections at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

The motion carried.

III. E. 7.

Senator Russell moved to strike the last sentence: "The Faculty Senate Newsletter shall be operated in accordance with the standards and norms of the public print media." Senator Mills seconded.

Senator Bluhm requested permission for Dr. JoAnn Albers, Journalism Department Head, to provide clarification on the relationship of the publisher and editor and on the standards and norms of the printed media. Permission was granted.

The amendment carried.

Senator Dorman moved to amend as follows: "Strike the changes, retain the original wording and add the following: 'The Communications Committee, in production of the Faculty Senate Newsletter, is responsible to the Faculty Senate as a whole and must be responsive to the wishes of the Faculty Senate as expressed by majority vote.'"

The motion was seconded.

Senator Bluhm requested the second paragraph be retained. Senator Dorman had no objection to retaining the second paragraph. The amendment now reads:

"IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS COMMITTEE TO PRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE THE FACULTY SENATE NEWSLETTER TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND TO PREPARE OTHER COMMUNIQUEs OF AN INFORMATIVE NATURE AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR OF THE FACULTY SENATE.

THE FACULTY SENATE, THROUGH THIS COMMITTEE, MAY PUBLISH THE FACULTY SENATE NEWSLETTER. THIS SHALL SERVE AS THE PRIMARY MEDIUM OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES, DEBATES, POLICIES, AND POLITICS OF, AND IN, THE SENATE. IT MAY ALSO PROVIDE A FORUM IN WHICH THE ENTIRE FACULTY CAN PRESENT AND DEBATE IDEAS AND CONCEPTS REGARDING ALL ASPECTS OF ACADEMIC LIFE.

THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE, IN PRODUCTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE NEWSLETTER, IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE FACULTY SENATE AS A WHOLE AND MUST BE RESPONSIVE TO THE WISHES OF THE FACULTY SENATE AS EXPRESSED BY MAJORITY VOTE."

The amendment carried. The motion as amended carried.

Senator Murphy called for a final approval of the Constitution as amended and revised. The motion carried,

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Senator Krenzin moved the Resolution on Extended Campus Reference Services and all new business be postponed until the next meeting. The motion carried.

Senator Murphy thanked everyone for staying through this lengthy meeting. The new Senate will meet Tuesday, April 24, during which Senate officers will be elected. There is one declared candidate for Chair, Senator Bart White. Others are encouraged to consider running for an office.

The meeting adjourned 5:30 p.m.