

FACULTY SENATE communications committee NEWSLETTER

Faculty Senate meeting of Feb. 11

Chair Fred Murphy reported on plans for the Frankfort parade and rally for higher education and encouraged everyone to attend.

Brian Sullivan said that elections by department and colleges are in progress. Senators have been given criteria to distribute to all faculty.

Rich Weigel announced the following appointments from the Committee on Committees:

Athletic Committee: Bob Pulsinelli

Class Scheduling Committee: Livingston Alexander

Rachel Allen
Dana Boden
David Coffey
Thad Crews
Louis Ehrcke
Charles Hayes
Jim Heldman
Jim Highland
Jeff Jenkins

Barry Brunson of the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee said his committee had checked on the reason why summer faculty were not paid until the end of the second summer session. He said that even though the first session ends in one fiscal year, the summer salary money is taken from the following fiscal year.

In regards to summer grades for first session not being sent to students until the end of the second session, Sen. Brunson said the computers are programmed to tabulate all grades from both sessions at once. He added that the registrar office personnel will help students on an individual basis if they need their grades before the end of the second session.

TOM JONES SYMPOSIUM

Despite the afternoon snowstorm, the Second Annual Tom Jones Symposium--"The Role of the Faculty Senate at Commonwealth-Supported Universities"--featured two speakers.

Bob Campbell of the University of Louisville Faculty Senate explained the history of U of L's senate. In 1985, the senate was reorganized so that the chair of the senate is a member of the Board of Trustees, and the vice chair of the senate is the chair of the University Executive Committee.

Committees include: Executive; planning; committee on committees and credentials; academic programs; budget, finance and economic welfare; library; Redbook and faculty senate bylaws.

Commenting on the future of the U of L Faculty Senate, Dr. Campbell said that non-academic institutions are competing for faculty members. Only by working together can universities do something about falling salaries. "We need to give up some of our parochialism and work with other groups," he said. He added that senates need to become more vocal, active, and cooperative with other senates.

Klaus Heberle of the Faculty Senate at Eastern Kentucky University said that the president of EKU is the senate president. The senate is composed of: 18 administrators

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There is a ratio of 3 to 1 faculty to administrators, with a maximum ratio of 4 to 1. The senate elects its chair.

Dr. Heberle said the senate originally acted to approve policies suggested by the president. With a younger faculty and changes in the administration, that has changed. The EKU senate has developed procedures for administrative evaluations, and procedures for recruitment, evaluation and retention of department chairs.

At EKU, the senate only recommends. He said they are working on how to get the senate involved in the university budget process.

The two guests then answered questions regarding the composition of the two senates.

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A list of state senators, representatives, and key committee members is attached.

MARCH SENATE MEETING

The next senate meeting will be Thursday, March 16 in the Garrett Ballroom at 3:20 p.m.

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