

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY  
December 20, 1975

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on Saturday, December 20, 1975, at 1:30 p. m., CST, in the Office of the President, Wetherby Administration Building, on the Western campus. Dr. W. Gerald Edds, Chairman, presided.

All members were present; namely.

Dr. William G. Buckman  
Dr. W. Gerald Edds  
Dr. Chalmer P. Embry  
Mr. Hugh Poland

Also present were Dr. Dero G. Downing, President; Miss Georgia Bates, Secretary to the Board; Mr. Harry K. Largen, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer; Dr. Paul B. Cook, Assistant to the President for Resources Management and Director of the Budget; and Dr. James L. Davis and Dr. Delbert Hayden, members of the special ad hoc committee on faculty tenure, who served as co-chairmen of the Faculty Tenure Committee.

In presenting the first item of business, Dr. Embry, chairman of the special ad hoc committee on faculty tenure, called upon Dr. Davis for a report on the proposed revisions of the four provisions in the policy which had been referred back to the committee by the Board in the meeting on October 25 for further study and recommendations. Following Dr. Davis's presentation, President Downing and others were unanimous in their expressions of satisfaction with the finalized policy, which was described as being both "good" and "sound." After further discussion and upon Dr. Embry's recommendation, Dr. Edds moved adoption of the faculty tenure policy. The motion was seconded by Dr. Buckman, and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Buckman, Edds, Embry, Poland

Nay: None

Dr. Davis and Dr. Hayden excused themselves from the meeting at this point.

With the Executive Committee having been directed by the Board to work with the President and appropriate university officials in recommendations pertaining to the allocation of the June 30, 1975 unencumbered fund balance in the amount of \$684,039 (\$756,579 less authorized expenditure of \$72,540 for replacement of the roof on the

Central Wing of the Kelly Thompson Complex for Science), President Downing introduced that matter for discussion. He reviewed his comprehensive report to the Executive Committee of December 12 and the proposals contained therein. As the result of the directed "further study and review" by him and members of the University Administrative Council, he then recommended that the plan of priority for the utilization of the fund balance, which represents delayed application of the funds to unmet needs of a nonrecurring nature, be adopted and presented to the Board for its ratification.

The discussion which followed dealt primarily with expressions regarding the need for increased scholarship support for students of sophomore, junior, and senior classification. Mr. Henry, who had joined the meeting, voiced a strong appeal in this direction. President Downing explained why such recommendation had not been included in the proposal, citing detailed reports prepared by the Office of Student Financial Aid which reflected the breakdown and distribution of funds exceeding \$7.2 million from all sources for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1975. Vice President Largen responded to Mr. Henry's reference to the role of the Department of Administration and Finance in such allocation of funds. In commenting on the growth of funds held by the College Heights Foundation, Dr. Edds proposed increased scholarship support from that source. It was pointed out by the President that inasmuch as \$314,075 was proposed to be held in reserve until other determinations are made, the matter of appropriation of funds for scholarships could be reviewed at that time. Dr. Buckman, in suggesting that action relative to the unencumbered fund balance be deferred until the January 31 meeting to provide for further study by the Executive Committee, expressed the need for the establishment of a finance committee of the Board and his reasons therefor. The issue was further discussed, but no action was taken.

In presenting the final item, Dr. Buckman questioned the reasonability of having Dr. Thomas Madron, who is charged with the responsibility of determining the statistical treatment of evaluations, make distribution of the administrative evaluations directly to members of the Board rather than reporting to the President as previously authorized and directed by the Board. Dr. Downing responded by stating that the implication of such a move would lead to a misunderstanding of the relationship of the role of the President and the role of the Board of Regents. He added that inasmuch as the Board looks to the President for information, reports, etc., receipt of the evaluations from

a source other than the President would be contrary to the basic relationship between the President and the Board. He stated that in his opinion such a procedure is not in keeping with the administrative structure of the University.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 o'clock.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary