

MINUTES, CALLED MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WKU FACULTY SENATE.

[1978]
Date: Wed., May 17, the Faculty House, WKU, Bowling Green, Ky.

ATTENDING: Constans, Henrickson, Krenzin, ^{Lucas} Lowe, Jones; Koenig per request as recording secretary.

Minutes by Koenig, typed by Jones

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Meeting called by Jones at the suggestion of Lucas and Buckman, re information that Regent Clark would likely be reappointed. Buckman--invited to the meeting but unable to attend--thought that the Senate might write a letter to the Governor.

At issue was: [1] that a regent not favored by the faculty might be reappointed; [2] that the Senate might at least try to influence the appointment; [3] that a female might have a good chance; [4] that the Senate--or the Ex. Com--might write a letter promoting a candidate, although members agreed that such a letter should not mention anyone negatively.

Various people are promoting various people with the governor: Rep. Richards, Pres. Downing, Rep. Alsen promote Clark; Dr. G. Martin also up, strong contender. Cole wants anyone but Clark.

Jones reported informally on a meeting with Regent Kuegel: positive response to him. He asked Jones what he thought of the president; Jones replied that he could not comment on the evaluations, but it appeared to him that a widespread faculty perception was that the president was not an effective fundraiser, etc. Kuegel also asked about faculty attitudes toward the BOR. Jones said negative a year ago, much better now. Kuegel asked whether there was any way that faculty and regents could get together socially, to know each other. Jones suggested that the Senate might arrange something.

Jones reported that Buckman said that Cole had written Downing a letter, presumably re the Regents' desire to see the Administrator evaluation results, and that Cole had a meeting with Downing that morning.

There was discussion about written comments in such evaluations, and the possibility of a select committee of the Senate to weed out spiteful comments. Constans seemed not in favor, nor Lucas. Jones pointed out that this had already been done, in the cover letter promise to "bleep" obscenities.

Back to general discussion of the role that the Senate should or should not play in such matters--i.e., are we reaching too far?

RESPONSES:

Lowe: his feeling is that strong input about Board appointments can only be helpful.

Lucas: As citizens of the state we ought to be able to say anything we want.

Krenzin: the Exec. Com. represents more 'hotheads' -- the whole faculty might not go along, might be more conservative; some think we should not even have a Faculty Senate.

Henrickson: such action is appropriate. A moderate approach now will be the way to go; the Ex. Com could make a statement as the governing board of the Senate without asking the whole Senate.

Sanders: he was absent; no one knew or could speculate as to his feelings on the matter.

Constans: has a good feeling about getting into this--take a stand--maybe float a candidate's name out to important people--Cole and Co. Demo. Chairman Broderick.

Jones: senses a 'democratization' in recent years: more and more rights for more people, minorities, etc.

The committee agreed that Jones could write a letter if a significant candidate--preferably female--were found.

Meeting informally adjourned, c. 1:15.

Tom Jones