

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 22, 1980

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:05 P.M. in the Executive Room of Garrett Conference Center. Members present: Pat Bowen, Tom Jones, Greg Lowe, Joan Krenzin, Ron Veenker, M.B. Lucas. Visiting: David Rivers and Robert Oppitz.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

Senator David Rivers reported to the Executive Committee that he has been studying "health insurance benefits" at WKU since the fall of 1978. Three firms--Metropolitan Life, Prudential, and Mutual, in addition to the present carrier, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, which hopes to continue coverage of the WKU faculty--are poised to make presentations to the WKU faculty and offer competitive bids. Rivers believes that the Faculty Senate should think in terms of suggesting to the WKU administration that these presentations should be made as soon as possible.

Krenzin suggested that Davis's Faculty Senate committee have a public forum in conjunction with WKU administrators during which the competing companies would make presentations (on different days).

Oppitz suggested that the University Committee on insurance could meet with the Faculty Senate committee.

Veenker moved that Senator David Rivers contact appropriate administrators with all deliberate speed on their willingness to have a public forum on health insurance matters. Seconded by Pat Bowen. Passed unanimously.

Rivers asked if he should submit a final report. Jones thought yes. Rivers and Oppitz concluded their participation in the meeting.

Jones indicated that he and Steve West of Murray would spend Thursday (1-24-80) in Frankfort lobbying for higher education. Jones indicated that he had heard from then-President John Minton on academic freedom for choosing classroom material. Vice President James Davis will discuss the issue at his meeting with President Zacharias on 1-23-80.

Bowen mentioned that preparations for the Faculty Senate party have been concluded. Red Carpet Inn, Friday, Feb. 15, 8-10 P. M. \$2.00 per couple; \$1.50 individuals; each person should bring hors d'oeuvres.

Lucas reported that the Parking Committee is currently discussing the implementation of a policy that will prohibit a faculty or

staff members from having two cars on campus at the same time. No decision has been made, however.

Melville presented a form by which Senators will evaluate the Faculty Senate. The evaluation will take place in the near future.

Jones asked the members of the Executive Committee to let him know our thoughts regarding membership to the Ad Hoc committees on retraining faculty and rewriting the faculty handbook.

Adjourned 5:01 P.M.