

AGENDA

EXPANDED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 29, 1980

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- III. Ad Hoc Committees
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The Expanded Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate convened in the Executive Room of Garrett Conference Center at 3:08 P. M. Present: Shadowen, Martin, Petersen, Bowen, Jones, Lowe, Peterie, Melville, Davis, Krenzin, Veenker, Buckman, Miller, Pulsinelli, Long. Lucas.

Bill Davis was appointed budget director for the Faculty Senate. Tom Jones discussed a letter he had written to George Atkins. Mr. Atkins has stated that faculty salaries are his top priority and public school salaries second.

Neil Peterie's committee met by phone. Jim Bingham has accumulated data on grade distributions for each department for the past eight years. Don Butler has resigned from the AA committee and the Senate; Jones will appoint a successor. Peterie is planning to propose a resolution regarding the cancellation of "The World According to Garp." Jones pointed out that a public work (a play) had not been censored.

Jones stated that no one had suggested names for two committees to be appointed before the next Faculty Senate meeting: Faculty Handbook Committee and Retraining Committee. Jones mentioned remarks of Regent Mike Herrald at March 26, 1980, Board of Regents Meeting. Suggested see College Heights Herald.

The BAE committee report by Linda Pulsinelli included a letter from Connie Foster commenting that agenda for Faculty Senate meetings did not always arrive before Faculty Senate meetings, a violation of the constitution. It was suggested that committee chairpersons notify the Communications Committee the Monday before the week of the Faculty Senate meeting of reports and proposals to be introduced or voted upon at that meeting.

Some discussion of the four-day notice of Faculty Senate meetings followed. Pulsinelli urged that Faculty Senate members maintain enthusiasm for coming Faculty Senate elections, the week of February 11, 1980. Pulsinelli indicated that a list of amendments had been prepared for each member of the Faculty Senate. New Constitutions in May will contain all changes in Faculty Senate constitution. Krenzin suggested that agenda should indicate "voting on" or Reporting on," etc to help refresh memories of Faculty Senate members to allow them to prepare for the coming meeting. Veenker suggested that the Expanded Executive Committee should meet 10 days before the Faculty Senate meeting, thus allowing the constitutional requirement for the agenda.

Veenker (for Parks) reported that the FS&W committee would present a revised promotion policy for "information only" at the next Faculty Senate meeting. The committee worked on the revised policy on

January 28, 1980, for one and one-half hours. Most responses were negative. Rewrote non-Ph. D. section, indicating that there are not two parallel policies, but one which allows exceptional non-Ph. D.'s to rise in the ranks. If this revised policy statement fails, Veenker commented, we are right back to the present Faculty Handbook.

Buckman commented on issues before the legislature: 1) change in term of regents from 4 to 6 years (supposedly Senator R. Martin's bill) dilutes influence of Faculty and Student Regents. If this measure passes, it will probably be tested in the courts. Buckman and Jones anticipate meeting with Miller and Snyder in Frankfort on 1-30-80 on 2) equity in retirement. Buckman doubts any bill on equity will pass. Will meet George Atkins at 11:00 1-30-80.

Petersen talked with President Zacharias on Ombudsman. Zacharias mentioned the objection of WKU deans. Peterson indicated that there is no way to quantify the need for an Ombudsman. Zacharias suggested a two year trial. Zacharias also concerned about the selection of the Ombudsman. Petersen will report to the Faculty Senate when issue firmed up. Petersen still looking at faculty consulting. WKU in basic agreement with other universities. He believes that much of the problem lies with Grants and Contracts which does not help faculty take advantage of maximum consulting in grants. Petersen is going to present a proposal for a committee to study the possibility of creating a university senate. Much discussion followed, the majority opposed to this idea.

Pat Bowen reminded the committee of the projected party, Feb. 12, 8-10 P. M., Red Carpet Inn, \$1.50 per person; \$2.00 per couple.

Bob Martin mentioned that an article by Paul Bunch, Director of Safety, would appear in the next issue of the Faculty Senate Newsletter. Buckman will have an article on the education bills in the legislature in the issue. Melville and Lucas will have something soon on the Faculty Senate evaluation. Petersen thought the "College" articles were too favorable.

New Business--Jones asked if a petition to the legislative delegation might help on salaires. Krenzin wondered if it would be effective. Melville figured higher education is 10 to 15 years behind the efforts of KEA in improving our position financially. Jones asked that we write letters to our legislative delegation. Petersen asked about polling the faculty on a union.

Peterie gave two concerns of his department to the FS&W committee.

Jones requested help from the Executive Committee on choosing members to the "Rewriting Faculty Handbook," "Retraining," and "Legislative information" committees. He appointed a Committees Committee of himself, Krenzin, and Melville.

Martin suggested consideration of the idea of a ceiling salary for upper pay levels, with greater increases for lower levels. He also expressed concerns about changing course numbers to higher levels. Krenzin explained the financial reasons behind the hurried move to 54 hours of upper level courses being required.

Adjourned 4:45 P. M.