

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee of Senate XIX
Chairs, Standing Committees

FROM: Carl Kell, Vice Chair

DATE: 10 November 1995

RE: Log of resolutions passed by Faculty Senate XVIII

According to the revised Constitution of the Faculty Senate, it is the responsibility of the Vice Chair to track the progress of resolutions adopted by the Senate. I have therefore reviewed the minutes of the Senate motions passes during the previous legislative session. Motions not adopted have been omitted.

Attached is a log listing resolutions adopted by the Senate XVIII and recorded in the minutes. Vote tallies and number of readings were carried through when listed. Apparently some resolutions have not been acted upon, or that action, such as letters written and/or delivered, was not recorded in the minutes. It is the duty of the Senate, particularly its standing committees, to act upon adopted resolutions. A review of these resolutions may help to shape our agenda for the coming session.

Finally, as this is only the second such log prepared, I have taken the liberty to alter the process for numbering the resolutions from the first log. Instead of beginning with the calendar year, which does not correspond with our sessions, I have begun the Senate number(eg.S18). Next, the month and year of the meeting is given, rather the number of the meeting itself(eg S18:10/94). Finally, the adopted motions are numbered sequentially for the entire Senate session (eg S18:4/95.14). It seems to me that a standardized process for numbering the resolutions be established in order to track their process. I am certainly open to any suggestions as to how this can be simplified and/or clarified.

The following resolutions were adopted at the first meeting of Senate XIX on 4/29/94:

S18:9/8/94.1

Whereas: The Faculty Senate is in agreement with the President that the faculty be afforded the fullest possible participation in considering a "New Level" of quality for Western Kentucky University:

The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University resolves:

1. The Faculty Senate requests that the President furnish the Senate with one copy of the College-level responses and each of the Vice-Presidents' responses to the "New Level" proposal as soon after October 15 as possible.

2. The Faculty Senate requests that the faculty comprise at least one half of the university-wide committee appointed by the President which will be charged with preparing a "final plan" for advancing Western Kentucky University to a "New Level".

ACTION: passed on S/18:9/94

S18:10/13/94.2

The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University resolves:

1. The Faculty Senate commend the Special Budget Committee of the Board of Regents on its open discussion on October 5, 1994, of the University's budget, on its recognition of the need for more emphasis on expenditures for instruction, research, and libraries, and on its report of recommendations to the Board.

ACTION: passed as S/18:10/94

S18:11/8/94.3 (see memo)

ACTION: passed as S/18:11/94

S18:12/6/94.4

Resolution submitted (first reading) :

We wish to express our appreciation to the Board of Regents and others who have established a foundation to raise funds for the University.

We are concerned that the independence of the WKU Foundation does not offer sufficient control over the expenditures of discretionary funds.

We urge the Foundation to adopt a policy of full disclosure of all expenditures and we ask the Board to further encourage such a policy.

ACTION: S18:12/94-First Reading. No action

S18:1/19/95.5

Resolution passes (as mended):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate expresses appreciation to the Board of Regents and others who have established the WKU Foundation to raise funds for Western Kentucky University.

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate is concerned that the independence of the Foundation does not offer sufficient control over the expenditures of unrestricted (i.e., discretionary) funds at its disposal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate urges the Board of Directors of the WKU Foundation to adopt a policy of full disclosure of all such expenditures and also urges the University Board of Regents to encourage such a policy. Full disclosure means specification of who receives how much and for what.

ACTION: S/18:1/95 passed second reading

S18:2/9/95.6

Resolution passed:

The wording of the Senate Constitution, under Roman III Organization, category A Composition, number 1, second paragraph, shall be changed from "Academic Services" to "University Libraries."

ACTION: S/18:2/95 passed

S18.3/9/95.7

No Resolutions

S18.4/13/95.8

Resolution passed on second reading:

Whereas, part-time faculty play a vital role in the success of
Western Kentucky University,

Whereas, this role should be acknowledged and adequately
rewarded,

The Faculty Senate recommends the following actions:

1. Increase
2. A semester based course evaluation system for PTF.
3. Institute a review process where PTF meet at least once a semester with their department head to discuss problems and to review course evaluations from the previous semester.
4. Change the payroll system so that PTF receive their first paycheck no later than the fourth Friday of the semester.
5. Encourage Department Heads to include PTF in departmental meetings and functions.
6. Encourage an attitude of respect and appreciation for PTF.
7. Establish two categories of PTF: Continuing and Occasional, as detailed in the 1992 Task Force Report on PTF.
8. Encourage the Department Heads to apprise PTF of their potential employment situation PRIOR to the beginning of the semester.
9. Encourage the Administration, Deans, and Department Heads to continue reducing WKU's reliance on PTF. Adequately remunerated Full-Time faculty will serve the long-term goals of WKU better than a continued reliance on PTF.
10. Support and recognize the efforts of PTF at the College and University levels. Most PTF are exceptional teachers, dedicated to the educational mission, and eager to be a full partner in Western's academic community.

Resolution presented for the first reading:

Whereas, faculty status confers both rights and professional
responsibilities,

Whereas, discussions of ideals is a valuable activity, profitable
in itself,

Whereas, a statement of ethical responsibility expresses the
aspirations of a community of people; that community should

be involved in the development of the statement,

It is resolved that the Senate present the proposed Statement on Faculty Ethics and Professional Responsibilities to the faculty, and seek ideas from them over the course of the Fall 1995 Semester. At the beginning of the Spring 1996 semester the Executive Committee of the Senate will be empowered to revise the working document in light of the obtained ideas. The committee will present the revised document to the entire faculty for a vote on the acceptability of the Statement.

ACTION: passed, second reading. First reading carried over to Faculty Senate XIX.