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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
April 9, 1992

The Senate was called to order at 3:30 P.M. Senator Charles Bussey was represented by Senator Pro Tem Rich Weigel, Senator Mary Cobb by Jimmy Feix, Senator Rita Hessley by Chuck Hendricks, Senator Stephen Jacobs by Glenn Powers, Senator Barbara Kacer by Judy Pierce, Senator Janice Massanat by Shiu-Yue Mak and, Senator Gary McKercher by Colleen Reardon. The following miscreants were absent without representation: James Bingham, Linda Brown, Larry Caillouet, Marlyn Casto, John Crenshaw and Cheryl Keyes. President Thomas Meredith was also absent.

The March 12, 1992 minutes were read and accepted with corrections.

Report from the Chair. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with the president for a confidential briefing on the budget. The Executive Committee was generally pleased with the proposal, and made a few minor suggestions. The Executive Committee has decided to postpone the annual survey of faculty opinion until later in the semester when faculty members will know more about the proposed budget. Finally, while some senators could be dropped due to repeated absences without representation none have been dropped to date.

By-laws, Amendments and Elections. Senator Otto announced that at-large elections were still underway. Other elections had been completed.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns. No report. A resolution on faculty travel would be presented later for second reading.

Faculty Status and Welfare. Senator Kuhlenschmidt announced a second reading of a resolution on faculty liability under old business and read a statement on evaluation of junior faculty by senior faculty which will be printed in its entirety in the next Faculty Senate Newsletter.

Fiscal Affairs. Senator Glaser reported that a reanalysis of expenditures revealed a significant increase in instructional spending per student at the end of 1991, the first such increase in five years.

Budget Committee. Senator Hansen reported that the President had not met with the committee since leaving for the Women's final four basketball tournament, the budget is expected to go to the Board of Regents on or about April 13, and that the board is expected to act on the budget on April 30.

Senator Hunter presented data indicating discrepancies in the level of institutional contributions to WKU employees compared to the contributions for public school teachers and faculty at other universities. Certain changes in the formula used to compute contributions would create a more equitable situation and could amount to about \$2000 per year in additional retirement pay. Alternate explanations for the discrepancy were reported in discussions: because University employees contribute to Social Security while public school teachers do not, and because teachers are paid less they need a higher multiplier to compute institutional contributions.

Faculty Regent. The regent announced that he would be meeting with library representatives to discuss possible changes to work schedules in light of the proposed budget. Alternatives are still under discussion.

Old business. The following items were considered for second reading:

1. The proposed amendment to the constitution, Section III.A.3, failed after discussion.
2. The proposed amendment to the constitution, Section III.C.2, passed after discussion (attached).
3. The resolution on faculty liability passed (attached).
4. The resolution on funding of faculty travel passed (attached).
5. The resolution to eliminate intercollegiate football at WKU was presented for second reading. A Spencer/Turley motion to substitute a resolution that "President Meredith direct the Athletics Department to put a ceiling on intercollegiate football expenditures," in place of the resolution to eliminate football, failed following discussion.

A Weigel/Garrett motion to substitute a resolution that "The Faculty Senate favors suspension of intercollegiate football at Western Kentucky University" failed after discussion.

A Garrett/Pulliam motion was made to substitute the following resolution for the original resolution:

Resolved that the Faculty Senate favors the elimination of intercollegiate football at Western Kentucky University.

A Spencer/Shannon motion to suspend definitely until the Fall semester a vote on the substitution failed on a voice vote. A division of the house was next requested whereupon a secret ballot was also called for. The Garrett/Pulliam motion to substitute the new language passed 32-9.

The substitute resolution then passed on voice vote (attached).

New business. A Goble/Spencer resolution commending the Lady Toppers basketball team was presented and passed following a request to consider it on one reading (attached).

A Hunter/Krenzin motion to direct COSFL representatives to present the pension contribution discrepancy to the COSFL was accepted for first reading (attached).

Announcements. The next COSFL meeting is set for April 25, 1992. Those wishing to have input are asked to forward their comments to Senator Pulliam.

The first meeting of Senate XVI is scheduled for April 30.

The senate adjourned at about 5:30 P.M.

Appendix

1. Amendment to Section III.C.2 of the Faculty Senate Constitution:

"voting members of the Faculty Senate are to be elected during February and March and shall be chosen as follows:"

2. Resolution on faculty liability

"Resolved that the Faculty Senate hereby adopts the AAUP Statement on Institutional Responsibility for Faculty Liability."

3. Resolution on faculty travel allowances:

"Be it therefore resolved that the university increase travel allowances for attendance at professional meetings to a realistic level, including annual adjustments, as soon as the current budget crisis is past."

4. Resolution on intercollegiate football:

"Resolved that the Faculty Senate favors the elimination of intercollegiate football at Western Kentucky University."

5. Resolution on the Lady Topper Basketball team:

"Whereas the Lady Toppers showed stamina and perseverance in its 1991-92 season in order to win the Sun Belt Conference title, and whereas the team brought honor and glory to themselves and Western Kentucky University by challenging formidable opponents and advancing to the final game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association women's basketball championship for the first time in history, the Western Kentucky University Faculty Senate does hereby resolve to congratulate and commend the members of the Lady toppers team, Coach Paul Sanderford and the staff for this meritorious achievement."

First reading

The Faculty Senate directs the Senate's COSFL representative to present the information concerning KTRS multipliers to COSFL, urging that body to pursue, by whatever means it deems best, a program to bring about a more equitable KTRS multiplier for university faculty.

Proposed Constitutional changes:

1. Amendment.

III. A. 3

Each department or independent academic unit is entitled to one senator who shall be elected by secret ballot by the faculty of that department, each college may also be entitled to at-large senators.

2. Amendment.

III. C. 2

voting members of the Faculty Senate are to be elected during ~~the third and fourth weeks in February~~ February and March and shall be chosen as follows: