

FACULTY SENATE XVI MINUTES
September 10, 1992

Call to Order

The Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Sally Kuhlenschmidt. Senator Sam Evans was represented by James Koper, Senator Michael Klein by Walter Stomps, Senator Karen Sanson by Sheryl Venable, and Senator Steve White by Carl Kell. The following senators were absent without substitutes: Robert W. Otto, Sylvia Pulliam, Barbara Strande, and Alan Flagbluth.

Corrections to the Minutes

The minutes of Senate XV for April 30th were corrected to show that Marilyn Castro, Jan Garrett, Corbin Goble, Norma Schira, and Lou Turley had been present. The minutes of Senate XVI for April 30th were corrected to show that Susan James, Joan Krenzin, and Robert A. Otto had been present and that Joan Krenzin had been elected secretary.

Report by Nancy Givens on Preston Center

Nancy Givens presented some information relating to the Preston Center. Anyone who is not a member of the Preston Center is still welcome to come for a tour. Health and Wellness Screening and Counseling on the first weekend in November will be available free to members and for a \$10.00 fee to non-members. The \$10.00 fee may be applied to membership if the person decides to join later. After the initial health screening and counseling, follow-up programs will be available in weight management, smoking cessation, back-care, and cholesterol reduction.

This semester, classes are offered during the 11:00 to 1:00 hours (overlapping lunch hours). It is hoped that in the future there will not be classes at these times so that faculty and staff will be able to use the facility during their noon breaks. Ms. Givens provided the following information in relation to questions asked by Senators. 1) Graduate students, who are teaching, are charged the same \$10 rate as are all other students. 2) Part-time faculty are charged an amount higher than the highest-paid faculty because the rates for full-time faculty members are a kind of benefit. 3) Spouses who are members of the Preston Center will not be eligible for the health screening, but they may take advantage of the various health services offered. 4) There may eventually be a fee structure developed that will open up the screening to family members. 5) There are not likely to be more lockers available to rent by the year, but one-third of the lockers are reserved for single-session rental. 6) Part-time students have the option to use the facility if they want to pay the \$10.00 fee. 7) She presumed, but didn't know for a fact, that faculty and staff could not participate in intramural sports without joining the Preston Center.

A couple of Senators spoke on behalf of our part-time faculty. They provide a great service to the University with very little compensation.

Report from the Executive Committee

Sally Kuhlenschmidt introduced the members of the Executive Committee: Susan Gore from Academic Services, Rick Shannon from Business, Robert Otto from Education, Chuck Henrickson from Ogden, and Fred Murphy from Potter. Summer activities of the chair and the Executive Committee are reported elsewhere in the Newsletter. She asked that if there were someone interested in membership on a particular committee for which the Executive Committee might make nominations, that that person should tell his/her Executive Committee representative. There is no guarantee that any particular individual will be nominated or subsequently appointed, but she is interested in knowing individuals who are interested. She has an appointment for a get-acquainted meeting with Regent Fisher. In an Executive Committee meeting with the President, Dr. Meredith urged faculty support for recruitment of minority faculty and students. He said there would be a report on football expenditures shortly.

Report from By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections Committee

Senator Jeff Jenson said that the election for Faculty Regent has been moved from October 8th to October 12th. He asked that departmental senators check the list of eligible candidates and voters. He hopes to have the new regent elected in time to be introduced at the October meeting, even though the electee will not assume office until next January.

Report from Faculty, Status, and Welfare Committee

Senator David Neal reported that his committee plans to prepare an annual salary report and look at benefits and institutional liability.

Report from Fiscal Affairs Committee

Senator Lou Fong asked for additional volunteers to serve on the committee. Senators should call her if interested.

Comments from President Meredith

President Meredith addressed three concerns relating to the audit: the President's compensation, a potential pay raise for the President, and the payments received by Mrs. Meredith. In relation to the President's compensation he pointed out that a certain package was offered to him when he came. That package was a determining factor in his coming here. The contract did not, in writing, spell out what he was told verbally. At this time he regrets not challenging that point. In regard to a pay raise he said:

Although my salary now ranks sixth among Kentucky's university presidents, I've asked the Board's Executive Committee to not consider an adjustment in my salary at this time. No question about it. Should I expect less than the compensation package that was offered to me in order to accept this job? I think not...However, this issue is totally in the hands of the Board and not in mine.

On the topic of payments to Mrs. Meredith he said:

Regarding the much-discussed annual allowance,...let me provide some clarification. This is not now, nor is it ever intended as any compensation for my wife. What she does, she does for free...The fact that the check was made out to her was the institution's long-term mechanism for providing additional funds to the President and his spouse to accomplish the myriad of functions and expectations that are not reimbursable by the University... My wife fulfills a role that many institutions pay someone to undertake, by overseeing most of the major functions at this institution.

He also addressed the three resolutions scheduled for Senate debate later in the meeting.

Report from the Faculty Regent

Regent Evans reported on some of the Board's deliberations and actions relating to the audit. 1) From now on the Board of Regents will receive a quarterly statement on agency accounts; however, all but 21 have been closed. 2) Charges to the physical plant for the President's home and office should be handled in the same manner as all those for other departments on campus, which is to invoice the charge to the budget of the unit where the work was performed. 3) The University will continue to be responsible for all maintenance, repair, and improvements at the President's home, including those associated with air-conditioning units. (Regent Evans felt this item merits further discussion by the Board. According to the information he has, it would be unlawful for the state to pay for improvements on private property.) (President Meredith said he anticipates action by the Board to remove the word "improvements.") 4) In regard to Mrs. Meredith's travel, Regent Evans has been told by two sources that if the

Board were to designate Mrs. Meredith as an official representative of the University, it would be legal for the University to pay for her travel expenses. 5) A proposal regarding the President's contract will be sent out to all Board members, allowing ample opportunity for comment. The contract will be "hammered out," at the October 29th meeting of the Board.

Report from the Communications Committee

Mary Cobb requested that material be sent to her for the Newsletter.

New Business - Proposal of Resolutions from the Executive Committee

1. Proposed for first reading by Chuck Henrickson, at the request of the Chair of the Executive Committee, and seconded by Joan Krenzin:

The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University respectfully requests the Board of Regents to enact with all haste, the recommendations put forth by Arthur Andersen & Co. in the "Agreed-Upon Procedures Report," commonly known as the "audit."

Arvin Vos proposed and Robert Otto seconded, an amendment to the motion to substitute "commends" for "requests" and to substitute "for enacting" for "to enact with all haste." Joe Glaser asked for the removal of the word "respectfully." The maker and seconder of the motion agreed. The amendment failed by a vote of 10 to 16. At the end of the first reading the original motion stood as presented.

2. Proposed for first reading by Chuck Henrickson and seconded by Robert Otto:

Through this resolution the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University expresses its concern and utter dismay regarding the manner in which public funds have been administered and disbursed by the current University Administration as revealed in the "Agreed-Upon Procedures Report" prepared by Arthur Anderson & Co.

Joe Glaser moved (seconded by Robert Otto) to amend the motion to read:

Through this resolution the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University expresses its concern regarding the manner in which public and private funds have traditionally been administered and disbursed by the University as revealed in the "Agreed-Upon Procedures Report" prepared by Arthur Anderson & Co.

The ammendment passed by a voice vote. Immediately after the vote Robert Dietle questioned whether the Senate still had a quorum. A count was taken which showed that 24 of the needed 31 were still present. The lack of a quorum resulted in automatic adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Krenzin

Announcements

Faculty Senate Meetings will be held at 3:30 on the following dates. Please note that the Honors students and graduate students will be invited to attend a meeting as a means of introducing them to the profession of professoring. A reception will follow that meeting.

	<u>location</u>
Sept 10, 1992	WAB, Regent's Room
Oct 6	Garrett Ballroom
Nov 12	Garrett
Dec 10	Garrett
Feb 11, 1993	Garrett
March 11	Garrett
April 8	WAB, Regent's Room
April 29	Garrett

For those who are on the Executive Council (officers, one elected representative per college, and committee chairs) our meetings will be on the following dates in Cravens conference room from 3:30 to 5:30:

Sept 1, Sept 29, Nov 3, Dec 1, Feb 2, March 2, March 30, April 20. The Spring semester dates are not yet confirmed.

With Commonwealth budget cuts looming into the future, faculty need to be involved in seeing that higher education receives the resources it needs. We can demonstrate our commitment, our quality, and keep our needs in the public eye by being alert to opportunities to present our achievements. One way we can do this has been offered by the Herald. They are looking for written submissions for the Spotlight column which highlights those on campus who have won an award or been honored for something special. Please take responsibility as a Senator to submit the names of those you know who fit this category. Include the person's name, hometown, department, the honor, and any organization involved. Include your phone number so they can get more information if needed. If you need information contact John Martin or Christine Taylor at 745-2655. Thank you.

Key Senators to Lobby for relevant academic issues:

1. Senator N.Z. Kafoglis; 1008 Newman Dr.; Bowling Green, KY 42101
2. Billy Ray Smith (House); 2005 Barren River Rd; Bowling Green, KY 42101
3. Jody Richards (House); 817 Culpepper St.; Bowling Green, KY 42103

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