

Faculty Senate Minutes  
December 1, 1992

Call to Order

The special, called meeting of the Senate was called to order by Chair Sally Kuhlenschmidt at 3:38. A quorum was present.

William Traugott substituted for Dwight Cline, William Meador for Mary Cobb, Frank Pittman for Terry Leeper, Barb Kacer for Robert A. Otto, and Blaine Ferrell for Rudy Prins. Those absent without representation were Randall Deere, Ed Dorman, Robert Haynes, David Kelsey, Thomas Meredith, David Neal, Norma Schira, and James Worthington.

Special Business

The special meeting was called for the purpose of holding a discussion concerning a vote of confidence.

Senator Newhart moved and Senator Bingham seconded the following:

That the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University conduct a vote of confidence on the President.

Senator Caillouet moved (Senator Pulliam seconded) to amend the motion by adding the words:

not later than one month prior to a contract renewal or extension of a contract.

The amendment failed by a voice vote.

Senator Murphy moved (Senator Bruni seconded) to amend by inserting the words:

among the faculty

before the words "on the President." The amendment passed on a voice vote.

During the course of discussion Senator Dietle showed to the Senate a petition, presented to him by a non-senator. He said that two-hundred-thirty-four people had signed the petition stating:

In view of the renegotiation of President Thomas C. Meredith's contract by the Board of Regents, we, the undersigned, request that the Faculty Senate consult the faculty by holding a vote of confidence on President Meredith. This vote should be held before the contract is finalized in January 1993, thus allowing the WKU faculty to voice its opinion.

Chair Kuhlenschmidt declared that the first reading had been completed.

Announcements

Chair Kuhlenschmidt has received a copy of the action taken by the Board of Regents with regard to the Special Procedures Report, and a copy has been placed in the library.

In regard to a discussion relating to the question of to whom the internal auditor shall report, Chair Kuhlenschmidt received a call from Board Chair Burns Mercer. He asked her to report that the audit will be simultaneously sent to him, as Chair of the Board, the Chair of the Finance Committee of the Board, and the President.

Senator Glaser requested the Senate to find out the status of the President's contract. We have heard the terms extension, reappointment, and clarification. Chair Kuhlenschmidt said she would do her best to get the information.

Chair Kuhlenschmidt had received a call for papers for the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20.

Respectfully Submitted by Joan Krenzin