

Minutes
Western Kentucky University Faculty Senate XIX
Thursday September 14, 1995

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Arvin Vos at 3:40 pm. President Thomas Meredith and Faculty Regent Ray Mendel were present. Dr. Jacqueline Addington sat in for Vice President Robert Haynes. Lyn Miller substituted for John Crenshaw, Ed Dorman for Douglas Harper. John Barnum, Catherine Carey, Patricia Daniel, Charles Daniel, Matthew Dettman, Blaine Ferrell, Delbert Hayden, Wayne Mason, Pat Moore, Brent Oglesbee, Karen Schneider, Jianliang Wang, and Ed Yager were absent without substitution.

Chair Vos welcomed everyone to the second meeting of Senate XIX. The Senators introduced themselves and gave their department.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 25 meeting were corrected to show that Mary Ann Miller nominated Joe Glaser for Senate Secretary, not Mary Ann White. Minutes were approved as corrected.

ELECTION OF SENATE SECRETARY

Joe Glaser resigned from the office of Senate Secretary. Bart White moved to accept Joe Glaser's resignation, Nancy Baird seconded. Motion carried.

Carl Kell brought a recommendation from the Executive Committee to nominate Rose Davis for Senate Secretary. No second was needed and there were no other nominations. The recommendation was accepted.

REPORT OF FACULTY REGENT

Ray Mendel reported on the Board retreat. Academic excellence as an institution was the one and only theme of the Board with everyone in complete agreement. Mendel discussed the Herald article concerning a "closed" meeting. There was no intent on the part of the Board to have a closed meeting for discussion of the proposed ethics code. The Subcommittee had an open meeting with open discussion. There was disagreement among Committee members and Board members on the issue of supporting the "President". Wording will be changed to "supporting the Presidency". Mendel is comfortable with this change and with the rest of the code.

The extent of the public's skeptical view of faculty and how they work was also discussed at the retreat. We need to do a better job of educating the Board and the public as to what it means to be a college professor. We need to police ourselves and bring internal pressure to those who are giving a negative impression.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Each committee chair identified members of their committee, announced vacancies, and gave a brief report of the topics to be studied this year. Colleges were asked to caucus after the meeting to fill vacancies.

A. Academic Affairs - Mark Robinson

Consider the adoption of a University-wide attendance policy. Advising Center Director Kyle Wallace does not see a change in the current policy at this time. Contact him if you have questions. Also, study the policy on summer school hours/courses taken elsewhere.

B. By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections - Nancy Baird

Letters have been sent informing faculty of the October 11 election for Faculty Regent. Nominations are due to Nancy by September 19. Voting will be in the Deans' offices.

C. Faculty Status and Welfare - Randall Swift

Obtain the salary study documentation earlier this year.

D. Fiscal Affairs - David Keeling

Examine funding and recruitment of minorities, revisit the WKU Foundation, and revisit the survey of part-time faculty.

E. Professional Responsibilities and Concerns - Marion Lucas

Put into operation the faculty response to the faculty ethics report.

F. Senate Communications - Bart White

Place more emphasis on news, more news oriented with an editorial flavor; pursue on-line distribution with fewer hard copies.

G. Executive Committee - Arvin Vos

No major issues have come to the Executive Committee. Fall Senate dates are October 12, November 9, and December 7, 3:30 pm. in Garrett Ballroom. President Meredith requested four names to fill two vacancies on the University Athletic Committee. John Barnum, Dept. of Journalism, and Linda Johnson, Dept. of Finance and Computer Information Systems, were appointed.

Chair Vos discussed his philosophy for Senate XIX. We will build on the traditions of the past and be recognized as an active Faculty Senate presenting the voice of the faculty, which is a sign of a mature University. The Senate power is advisory. We must back-up our reports with valid data and encourage committee members to work hard. The Senate has a unique perspective and a responsibility to the community not to be blind. The success of Senate XIX depends on the Senators.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate will be hosting a forum on the New Level Task Force Review report, Tuesday, September 26, 3-4:30 pm. John Bruni questioned the availability of Task Force reports, announcement of dates and locations of all the forums, and a condensed summary of the report. President Meredith explained the Task Force Review is complete. Full reports will be available campus-wide and possibly on-line. Jim Craig is chairing the review committee. Task Force members will also be at the forums.

Carl Kell read a list of Committee vacancies: **Academic Affairs:** Business; **By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections:** Education and Behavioral Science; **Faculty Status and Welfare:** Education and Behavioral Science; **Fiscal Affairs:** none; **Professional Responsibilities and Concerns:** Potter; **Senate Communications:** Business; **Executive Committee:** none. Colleges are to caucus and notify the Committee Chairs of these elections.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rose Davis, Secretary