

Minutes
Western Kentucky University Faculty Senate XIX
Thursday, November 9, 1995

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate was called to order by Vice-Chair Carl Kell at 3:35 p.m. President Thomas Meredith, Faculty Regent Ray Mendel, and Vice President Robert Haynes were present. Matt Pruitt substituted for Ed Bohlander, Alice Mikovich for Patricia Daniel, Joe Millichap for Joe Glaser, Patricia Minter for Marion Lucas, Patty Silfies for Richard Patterson, M. K. for Earl Pearson, Nevil Speer for Jack Rudolph, Robert Dietle for Arvin Vos, E. Williams for Jianliang Wang. Catherine Carey, Linda Clark, Charles Daniel, Matthew Dettman, Blaine Ferrell, Douglas Harper, Bill Howard, Daniel Jackson, Tony Norman, and Karen Schneider were absent without substitution.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 12 meeting were corrected to show that J.A.K. Njoku was present. Minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Senate Communications - Bart White

The first issue has been distributed and should be on-line. On WKUNET choose: on-line, what's new and look for the Senate Newsletter and minutes. Call Bart and let him know if it is on-line.

B. Academic Affairs - Mark Robinson

The Committee's response to the Steering Committee's report on Moving to a New Level was not received in time for the Steering Committee to incorporate it into the final report. The University Libraries Oversight Committee is being formed. Potter College has met and others are convening.

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

No report.

D. Faculty Status and Welfare - Randall Swift

The annual faculty salary review will be ready next month.

E. Fiscal Affairs - David Keeling

Representatives are needed from University Libraries and Ogden. The survey of part-time faculty is close in format to the 1991 survey and will go out this month. Part-time faculty and Dept. Heads will receive questionnaires. Funding and recruitment of minorities and the WKU Foundation will also be studied.

F. Professional Responsibilities and Concerns - Larry Snyder for Chair, Marion Lucas

A subcommittee will be studying academic freedom and computers at WKU. Members are Patty Minter, Jerry Post, Brian Sullivan, and M.B. Lucas. Plans are underway to establish an "in house" listserv on WKUNET for faculty to view and respond to the statement on faculty ethics.

G. Executive Committee - Carl Kell

The President asked for two (2) faculty nominations, one (1) to be chosen for each search committee: Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Vice President for Institutional Advancement. It was decided to take nominations from the floor and conduct a voice vote. Results: V.P. for Academic Affairs: Arvin Vos and Wayne Mason; V.P. for Institutional Advancement: David Keeling and Tabitha Daniel.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORT OF FACULTY REGENT - Ray Mendel

The Board deferred action on Moving to a New Level until November 11, 9:00 a.m., to give time for review of the document. Board action was taken to allocate \$2 million left over in the budget. Mendel corrected his previous statement about the budget proposal increase of 1/100th of 1% of E&G that it was calculated before relabeling, not afterward.

Mendel asked for faculty input concerning Moving to a New Level to assist him with discussion of the document at the Board

meeting November 11. Task Force Chairs reported on their respective topics with questions/open discussion. Reports were given by Kyle Wallace, Student Access Subcommittee; Carl Kell for Judith Hoover, Program Development; Joe Millichap, Faculty Evaluation; Sharon Mutter and Cassandra Pinnick, Faculty Enhancement. Comments were also made by Fred Murphy, membero of the Steering Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Kell announced some new topics to be considered by Committees: WKUNET technology law and practices that faculty need to look at and ask for assistance, i.e. charges per month at home as well as at the office; and faculty reimbursements and travel assistance agreements with rental agencies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Davis, Secretary