

Minutes
Western Kentucky University Faculty Senate XIX
Thursday, April 11, 1996

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Arvin Vos at 3:37 p.m.. Vice President Robert Haynes and Faculty Regent Ray Mendel were present. Mary Cobb substituted for Jeanette Askins, Suzanne Norwood for Linda Clark, S. Reza Ahsan for David Keeling, Ed Dorman for Wieb Van der Meer. President Thomas Meredith, Ed Bohlander, John Bruni, Catherine Carey, Tabitha Daniel, Patricia Daniel, Charles Daniel, Blaine Ferrell, Glenn Lohr, Herman Manakyan, Pat Moore, and Jack Rudolph were absent without substitution.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 14 meeting were approved with the following corrections: correct the date "February 8" to "March 14"; Academic Affairs report: change "studies" to "studied"; Old Business: change "resend the motion that we adopted the first statement passed on it second reading." to "rescind the motion that we adopted on April 25, 1995."

Chair Vos announced a change in the order of business to allow Senator Barnum to report on activities of the University Athletic Committee and to move the Faculty Regent report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic Affairs - Mark Robinson

The University Libraries' Advisory Committee member list is on the home page. ULAC is not affiliated with the Faculty Senate. This was an issue brought to Academic Affairs in the fall. The Committee reviewed the World Wide Web publishing policy and forwarded its comments and observations to President Meredith: acceptable use as related to consulting, publication on the WWW of the final guidelines, including examples of acceptable use, and the need to review the current computing ethics policy.

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

All elections have been completed. Committee members will conduct College caucuses for Committee assignments.

C. Faculty Status and Welfare - Randy Swift

No report

D. Fiscal Affairs - Ed Yeager

Senator Yeager and Senator Keeling have reviewed the financial documentation obtained from the WKU Foundation and have found no irregularities or issues of concern.

F. Professional Responsibilities and Concerns - Marion Lucas

"Faculty Statement on Professional Responsibilities" will be discussed in Old Business.

G. Senate Communications - Bart White

No additional newsletter will be published. Relevant issues will be posted on the Senate home page.

H. Executive Committee - Arvin Vos

Senate surveys will go in the mail soon. Encourage faculty to participate. Results will be reported at the first meeting of the new Senate. In a meeting with President Meredith we discussed the University recycling plan and Title IX equity in men and women's sports in proportion to enrollment.

REPORT OF FACULTY REGENT - Ray Mendel

The Governor has called a meeting of COSFL and University Faculty Regents. The Attorney General has told Morehead to research the issue of employment of Regents' family members and report back to him. Ray sees two issues affecting the budget: the Coroon study of staff compensations and spending for intercollegiate athletics. Faculty attendance at the May 1 Board meeting is very important.

OLD BUSINESS

Senator Lucas opened discussion on the second reading of "Statement on Faculty Ethics and Professional Responsibilities".

Senator Tony Norman moved to change section II, sentence 3 to strike "counselors" and replace it with "advisor". Senator Lucas accepted the motion as a friendly amendment.

Senator Ed Dorman moved to change section II, sentence 3 to strike the first of the sentence up to the word "and" and replace it with "They behave with courtesy to all students whose behavior is itself courteous". Motion was seconded and failed.

Senator Dorman moved to amend the first sentence to "In the opinion of the Faculty Senate, the following principles represent the guidelines to which Western Kentucky University faculty should aspire:" Motion was seconded and passed with opposition.

The original motion to adopt the report of the Professional Responsibilities and Concerns Committee and that the report, "Faculty Senate Statement on Professional Responsibilities," (as amended) be added to the Faculty Senate Constitution and By-Laws in the Faculty Handbook as approved by the Faculty Senate, passed with opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Lucas moved that the Faculty Senate express its support and appreciation for Vice President Robert Haynes for his academic leadership and dedication to the academic quality during his tenure as Vice President. Motion was seconded and passed.

Senator Fred Murphy moved that Faculty Senate XIX recommends to Faculty Senate XX that the new executive committee call a special meeting of the Senate to meet as soon as possible after the Regents' Meeting on May 1 to discuss the decisions of the Board of Regents. Motion was seconded and passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Davis, Secretary