

Minutes
Western Kentucky University Faculty Senate XX
Thursday, September 12, 1996

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Arvin Vos at 3:40 p.m. President Thomas Meredith and Vice President Barbara Burch were present. Faculty Regent Ray Mendel, John Barnum, Tabitha Daniel, Charles Daniel, Ed Dorman, Dorsey Grice, Douglas Harper, Glenn Lohr, Ronald Milliman, Earl Pearson, Joel Philhours, and Uta Ziegler were absent without substitution.

Chair Vos welcomed everyone and asked each Senator to identify them self and their Department representation..

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 23 meeting were approved as distributed.

ADDRESS BY VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS - DR. BARBARA BURCH

The new Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Barbara Burch, shared her vision and plans for Western Kentucky Univeristy. She stressed the need to work collaboratively as a faculty and that student learning is our primary mission.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Academic Affairs - Marv Leavy

Student awards and scholarships will be studied. Senators are asked to contact college representatives to this committee with concerns.

By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections - Nancy Baird

Election of Senators and the Faculty Regent and reviewing Faculty Senate By-laws are responsibilities of this committee.

Faculty Status and Welfare

This committee needs a Chair. The annual faculty salary study is the main task of the committee.

Fiscal Affairs - David Keeling

The committee will be looking at relationships of dollars assigned to different things, cost/expense ratios, and the issue of the white counties. Senator Keeling discussed a preliminary handout relating the cost of WKU tuition and income of surrounding counties.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns - Larry Snyder

Committee descriptions are in the Faculty Handbook. This committee worked last year on the Faculty Senate Statement on Professional Responsibilities which is now printed on p. 104-106 of the new Faculty Handbook.

Senate Communications Committee - Bart White

Newsletter will be on-line with frequent updates and news items as brief as possible. Once a month outlines of what is available online will be distributed in hard copy.

Executive Committee - Arvin Vos

Chair Vos reminded Senators that the Constitution is in the Faculty Handbook and encouraged everyone to review it. We have purchased a computer for the Senate office, Cravens 600. Two names were submitted for the Athletic Committee, Connie Foster, University Libraries, was chosen. Senator John Barnum is also on this committee.

Chair Vos reported on the Senate resolution requesting the Board to defer action on the student athletic fee. A Board Task force was appointed to study the issue and the Board accepted the student fee. Chair Vos expressed the need for the Board to study the matter of athletic funding as a whole. The President asked for and was given the opportunity to speak to the issue and affirmed that the Task Force took two hours to consider other options and voted unanimously to affirm the \$25 fee. Chair Vos indicated that he disagreed, but that the meeting was not the time to discuss the matter.

Chair Vos discussed a previous Board initiative to increase the academic portion of the budget. The Board established a new policy for units to set priorities which will be used in development of the budget. Dr. Burch discussed the Board plan for Cecile Garmon to take the various University goals, plans, Western XXI, etc. and combine them into one single planning tool. It is hoped that under the leadership of the new Vice President, progress will be made in this area.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Burch announced the administrative move of the Office of Admissions, Recruitment, and Scholarship to Academic Affairs. She has asked Dr. Luther Hughes to join her office to assist with this added responsibility. In the Spring a campus only search will be done to fill the position.

Senator Patterson, Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management Program, announced the luncheons in the Academic Complex, Rm. 213 will begin September 23. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rose Davis, Secretary