

Minutes
Western Kentucky University Faculty Senate XX
Thursday, November 14, 1996

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Arvin Vos at 3:35 p.m. President Thomas Meredith, Vice President Barbara Burch and Faculty Regent Ray Mendel were present. Clarence Wolff substituted for Ed Dorman, S R Ahsan for David Keeling, Tim Miller for Deborah Lively. John Barnum, Steve Boilard, Charles Daniel, Joe Glaser, Dorsey Grice, Douglas Harper, Matthew Kubasic, Glenn Lohr, Herman Manakyan, Ronald Milliman, Zack Murrell, J.A.K. Njoku, Tony Norman, Earl Pearson, and Jack Rudolph were absent without substitution.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 10 meeting were approved with the following correction:

Report of the Academic Affairs Committee - change second sentence to read:

Handouts on retention of academic scholarship students and of incentive grant students this decade were distributed.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY REGENT - RAY MENDEL

Regent Mendel discussed the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education and the six positions papers prepared by the faculty group on the issue of governance, funding, distance learning, libraries, and athletic funding. These will be reviewed and included in the final report from the Governor's Task Force.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Academic Affairs - Marv Leavy

Phase I of the scholarship analysis project which included the gathering of data on average ACT scores and average dollar awards received by Western students since 1992 is completed. During phase II the committee would like to follow the outcomes/retention of three freshman scholarship recipients from 1992 to graduation.

By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections - Nancy Baird

An amendment recommendation received by the Committee will be presented in January.

Faculty Status and Welfare - Carl Kell

Interim report on summer stipends by Senators Philhours and Pruitt was reviewed. Senators Kubasic and Wang will be preparing a report on the faculty development fund and Senators Kell, Davis, Askins, and Dettman will work on the faculty salary study. The topic of the "tenure clock" will also be studied. The instrument used for the Faculty Opinion Survey for Evaluation of the President will be reviewed by Dr. John Bruni and others.

Fiscal Affairs - Claus Ernst

The final report will be put up on the home page and the committee will continue to analyze the budgets of the major athletic areas.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns - Larry Snyder

No report.

Senate Communications Committee - Bart White

Several articles are written or in progress and the Newsletter will be up soon.

Executive Committee - Arvin Vos

Executive committee met with the President November 4, most issues have already been discussed.

Chair Vos encouraged all to be aware of and concerned about University scholarship spending, the studies being done by Academic Affairs and Fiscal Affairs, Higher Education costs and enrollment. The published CHE cost to attend Western was discussed. President Meredith indicated this figure is an estimation of what people might spend on food, personal expenses, etc. When compared to other institutions Western looks more expensive. President Meredith has asked campus personnel to review the figure.

COSFL position papers will be put on the web.

Senator Rasdall asked for discussion on a recent news item related to University of Kentucky and the Community College issue. President Meredith discussed the Governor's Task Force and the consultant's report on this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Rasdall inquired about distance learning classes being offered by UK and being broadcast here. President Meredith explained this program is supervised by Dr. Addington and that the distance learning classes do not duplicate our offerings. We have the option not to offer these courses. Dr. Burch explained that the Deans and Department Heads are given a list of offerings to review.

December Commencement, December 14, 10:00 am

No regularly scheduled December meeting.

The January meeting is the 3rd Thursday, January 16, 1997, Regent's Room, Wetherby.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rose Davis, Secretary