

**Minutes**  
**Western Kentucky University Faculty Senate XX**  
**Thursday, March 13, 1997**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Arvin Vos at 3:35 p.m. Faculty Regent Ray Mendel, President Thomas Meredith, and Vice President Barbara Burch were present. Nezam Iraniparast substituted for Claus Ernst, P. Silfies for Richard Patterson, and Ed Bohlander for Matthew Pruitt. Nancy Baird, Steve Boilard, Jim Brown, Fred Corl, Charles Daniel, Matthew Dettman, Ed Dorman, Dorsey Grice, Delbert Hayden, Matthew Kubasik, Deborah Lively, Glenn Lohr, Herman Manakyan, Lyn Miller, Brent Oglesbee, Earl Pearson, Joyce Rasdall, Jack Rudolph, Karen Scheinder, Rick Shannon were absent without substitution.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 13 meeting were approved as distributed.

**REPORT OF THE FACULTY REGENT - RAY MENDEL**

Regent Mendel asked Senators to post memos related to the Presidential search process. The search firm has been selected. The committee will meet with them March 24 to develop the search process. Regent Mendel re-emphasized this is a serious, open search and asked Senators to assist him in convincing others.

Regent Mendel highlighted some points listed in the Ames McGinnis Report to the Governor's Task Force on Higher education. The report is on the Web. Secretary Davis will communicate the web address to Senators.

Concern was voiced that the Faculty Senate was not involved in the Presidential search committee. The faculty representative to the committee was appointed by Board Chairman, Peggy Loafman. Regent Mendel did suggest some faculty names to her.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Academic Affairs - Marv Leavy**

Committee is proceeding to analyze scholarship data and will prepare a brief overview of activity and some recommendations to be presented at the next meeting.

**By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections - Marion Lucas**

All elections are completed.

**Faculty Status and Welfare - Matthew Pruitt**

The subcommittees on the faculty development fund and faculty salary review will report in April. The summer stipend report was discussed at the last two meeting and a resolution regarding this issue will be presented under new business.

**Fiscal Affairs - David Keeling**

Senator Keeling discussed graphs comparing average scholarship awards (grants-in-aid & WKU) and graphs comparing 1991-92 and 1996-97 scholarship dollars and recipients. A report will be presented at the next meeting.

**Professional Responsibilities and Concerns - Larry Snyder**

The committee is reviewing the implementation of the new policy regarding the use of student evaluations of faculty, the committee appointed by Dr. Burch to oversee this procedure, training being prepared by Dr. Sally Kuhlenschmidt, a campus committee looking at record keeping & storage, the controversial issue in the "New Level" process and its evolution, and a concern for the confusion of faculty evaluation with customer satisfaction when using student evaluation comments.

**Senate Communications Committee - Bart White**

The next newsletter is coming in April.

**Executive Committee - Arvin Vos**

The faculty opinion survey will be redone and mailed after spring break.

Joel Philhours has been appointed to the Budget committee. Chair Vos thanked Charles Hays for serving on this committee as the Senate representative. Names have been submitted for the search committee for the enrollment management position and the committee to study the faculty evaluation process.

Chair Vos reminded Senators about the President's memo regarding the budget process.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Senator Lucas presented the following resolution for the By-laws, Amendments and Elections committee:

Proposed amendment:

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the chair of the Faculty Senate and one senator from each college. The vice chair, the secretary, the parliamentarian and the faculty regent shall sit ex officio and non-voting. The chair of the Senate shall preside and have voting privileges.

Senator Lucas moved the adoption of the amendment. The change adds "the faculty regent" to the ex officio and non-voting members of the Executive Committee. Chair Vos ruled two readings were required.

Vice-Chair Kell presented the following resolution from the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee:

Resolution:

Be it resolved that the current summer teaching stipend policy (15% of the nine month salary for six-hour teaching load, with a maximum stipend of \$5,000) be abolished.

In its place, we recommend that Western Kentucky University adopt a summer stipend policy to increase the salary for a six-hour teaching load to the benchmark institutional median of 18.36% with no cap.

Vice-Chair Kell moved the resolution on summer stipend be accepted by the Faculty Senate. Chair Vos ruled a single reading. Discussion was held, motion carried.

Chair Vos presented the following COSFL resolution:

Faculty at Kentucky's public Universities should have a formally established ongoing voice in deliberations of change and governance. To establish a permanent channel of faculty input in statewide discussions of higher education policy, we recommend that a faculty member be added to the Council of Higher Education.

Chair Vos moved for adoption, Senator Pulliam seconded. Vice-Chair Kell ruled a single reading. Motion carried.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Vos announced the first meeting of the new Senate, Senate XXI, will be Tuesday, April 22.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rose Davis, Secretary