

Minutes
Western Kentucky University Faculty Senate XXI
Thursday, October 2, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The faculty senate was called to order by Vice-Chair Carl Kell at 3:35. Interim President Barbara Burch and Faculty Regent Ray Mendel were present. Steve Boilard, Fred Corl, Dorsey Grice, Martha Jenkins, Matt Kubasik, Suzanne Norword, Donna Parker, Jack Rudolph, and Clarence Wolff were absent without substitution. Nezam Iraniparast substituted for Claus Ernst. Jan Garret substituted for Arvin Vos.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 4, 1997 meeting were accepted with the correction that Walter Stomps was present at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs - Lyn Miller

The AA committee will be focusing on faculty issues surrounding the tenure clock and the proposed "dead week" preceding finals.

Bylaws, Amendments, and Elections

No Report

Faculty Status and Welfare - Joel Philhours

FSW will examine lapsed salary funds and how the university disburses those monies, off-campus teaching stipends and mileage reimbursement, as well as the annual faculty salary survey.

Fiscal Affairs - David Keeling

No report. Awaiting any items the senate directs them to review.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns - Zack Murrell

PRC will examine the current use of student evaluations, particularly the written comments, and will also address the ongoing issue of faculty evaluations.

Senate Communications - Rose Davis

No Report.

Executive Committee - Carl Kell

Explained that ChairVos was testifying before a committee of the General Assembly and was unable to attend the meeting. Senator Kell also reminded the senate of the reception to be held at the President's Home, scheduled for Monday, October 6th, at 5:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Burch addressed the Senate and noted that she looks forward to addressing lapsed

salary monies. Dr. Burch also suggested that the Senate consider inviting Mr. Hensley (Vice President for Institutional Advancement) to our meetings in the future. Lastly, Dr. Burch noted that the fund balance was lower this year than in past years.

Motion to adjourn was made by Senator David Keeling and seconded by Senator Chuck Smith. Vice-Chair Kell adjourned the senate at 4:10.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. White
Secretary/Treasurer