

Minutes
Western Kentucky University Faculty Senate XXII
Thursday, September 17, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

The faculty senate was called to order by Chair Arvin Vos at 3:35 p.m. Chair Vos announced a change in the order of the agenda. Senators were asked to introduced themselves. Absent without representation were: Kathryn Abbott, John Bruni, David Lenoir, Rick Shannon, Murat Tiryakioglu, and Moosa Valinezhad. Lee Spears substituted for Joel Lenoir, Karen Westbrook for Don Nims, Tom Dillon for Gerald Post, Tom Tutino for Loren Ruff, Sylvia Pulliam for Carol Wilson. President Gary Ransdell, University Provost Dr. Burch and Faculty Regent Ray Mendel were in attendance.

ELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Parliamentarian Chuck Smith is not able to fill the office. Senator John Barnum was nominated and elected to replace Senator Smith.

Chair Vos changed the order of the agenda to move to the beginning of the meeting the special presentation on health insurance by Tony Glisson, Director, Human Resources, and Brenda Keith, Human Resources. Glisson discussed the benefits of self-insurance, proposed plans, proposed premium rates, and stop loss insurance. A major concern about premium rates and an excess reserve account to be established to cover maximum expected needs was discussed. President Ransdell has made a commitment that excess health insurance funds will be used to benefit health insurance. Senators and visiting faculty asked many questions and expressed other concerns related to self-insurance and health insurance benefits.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 30th meeting were accepted as distributed.

FACULTY REGENT

Regent Mendel encouraged Senators to read and review the post-tenure review draft which is in its formative stages. The Intellectual Property Rights preliminary document is in process of being written. Mendel requested feedback on both of these documents.

REPORT FROM DR. BARBARA BURCH

Dr. Burch deferred her comments on Part-time faculty salaries, post-tenure review, and summer salaries until the next meeting.

Vice-Chair Kell moved, Senator Pruitt seconded, to suspend the rules and move to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

The meeting was followed by a "Back-to-School" reception at the President's home hosted by Gary and Julie Ransdell.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer