

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

October 15, 1980

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee convened at 3:40 p.m. in the Executive Room of the Garrett Conference Center with the following members present: Ron Roberts, Carroll Wells, Joanne Powell, Pat Bowen, John Long, Connie Foster, Ron Veenker, and (later) Don Bailey.

The assembly discussed for some time the issue of the disposition of the results of the 1978 administrator evaluation. Don Bailey said that he favored getting a ruling on the legal liabilities from Bill Biven (perhaps even an attorney general's ruling?) and clear the situation with President Zacharias before presenting anything further to the Senate. Carroll Wells suggested that Bill Biven be consulted regarding the legality and liability of simply dividing up all the evaluation materials and sending them to the individual administrators so that they, in turn, would do with the information as they pleased. John Long suggested that the Executive Committee was intelligent and capable of reading and interpreting the KRS passages which are pertinent to the situation. The group reached a consensus that none of the suggestions excluded the other and that we might proceed with all three simultaneously.

The committee discussed at some length the mechanical details and costs of publishing the Newsletter. The suggestions regarding mailing labels and unfolded copy will be forwarded to the Communications Committee for their consideration.

Don Bailey has sent letters to all the Ad Hoc Committee on Honorary Degree Guidelines and to the Ad Hoc Committee Administrator Evaluation Committee with the appropriate charges. It is important to do the job of evaluating in a responsible way, Bailey said, suggesting that it may be very difficult to develop the instrument in time to evaluate during the spring semester of 1981.

In discussing the regent election, we were reminded that the possibility of an open forum for the candidates was discussed at the October 1 meeting. The committee put all of its time and effort into the special edition of the Newsletter providing very wide coverage of the candidates' views. This endeavor was viewed essential. The forum, was viewed as useful and a good idea, but clearly not of primary importance when weighed against the special Newsletter. Had there been more time available and more enthusiasm for the forum, it probably would have worked well. No committee or individual Senator was forthcoming to take on the responsibility for that task. The committee was aware of only one request for the forum and that from one of the candidates.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.