

MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sept. 2, 1986

Call to Order

The Executive Committee of The Faculty Senate met on September 2, 1986, in the Graduate College Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. by Chairman Eugene Evans who distributed the agenda for the meeting and copies of the Senate Constitution relevant to Senate Executive Committee composition and functions (i.e., sections regarding meetings, rules of procedure, and committees). He indicated his perception that the current administration is generally positive toward the Senate and his belief that much can be accomplished by the Senate during 1986-87.

Address from  
the Chair

Chairman Evans reported that he has asked President Alexander to clarify at the September 11 meeting of the Faculty Senate his remarks in regard to academic quality. Chairman Evans mentioned Senate success in regard to the stand taken on faculty evaluation and reported that President Alexander has approved the symposium on faculty governance. He reminded the Executive Committee of the important issue of departmental governance which is to be faced during 1986-87.

Business

The Executive Committee discussed briefly the role of the community college at WKU and expressed concern regarding the need for maintaining academic quality in community college offerings.

The need for revision of the Senate Constitution was discussed, and Chairman Evans mentioned the importance of Senate input in the development of programs for the improvement of academic quality at WKU.

Senator Joan Krenzin introduced the subject of faculty benefits which are not of equal value to all faculty (e.g., the reduced tuition for faculty spouses) and mentioned her interest in reduced tuition for faculty children to encourage their enrollment at Western. Senator Krenzin also expressed concern in regard to the practice on the part of some faculty of selling complimentary copies of textbooks. The Executive Committee discussed the possibility of the Senate's taking a stand against the practice. No formal action was taken.

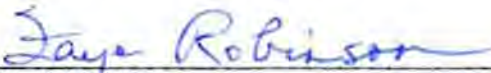
Chairman Evans introduced the topic of non-members who wish to address the Senate. He expressed his opinion that the Senate Constitution does not give the Senate Chair the authority to grant non-members permission to address the Senate, and he indicated that he would refer such requests to the Senate.

Chairman Evans read to the Committee a request by Vice President Haynes that he and one other Senator attend a September 11-12 workshop provided by the Task Force on Minority Student Recruitment, Retention, and Mobility. In response to the chair's request for a volunteer, Senator Krenzlin indicated her interest in attending the workshop.

Chairman Evans indicated that the Executive Committee will attend breakfast meetings with President Alexander on a regular basis during this (1986-87) year; the hour and dates have not been firmly established.

Adjournment

In response to a motion by Senator Robinson which was seconded by Senator Allan and approved, the Executive Committee adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

  
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FAYE ROBINSON