

FACULTY SENATE
Executive Committee
June 10, 1987

Fred Murphy, Faculty Chair, opened the meeting of the Executive Committee at 2:40. Absent were Paul Campbell and Dorsey Grise.

The first item for consideration was the payment of summer faculty salaries. Several faculty mentioned to the chair, the hardship that this would cause them, as they relied on these funds for immediate needs. One reason given for the delay, was that Summer '87 salaries were to come out of the '87-'88 operating budget. It was decided that this be recommended to the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee.

Item number two was the concern over the fact that grades for each summer session would be held, and given to the students at the end of the summer. For some students this could be a burden, specially if they failed a course early in the summer. They would not have an opportunity for a retake within the same summer. It was suggested that Professional Responsibilities and Concerns would be the best committee to consider the issue.

Third on the agenda was the timing of administration position announcements. The description and requirements are sent out in the summer and are given an inadequate amount of time (2 weeks) for responses. Most of the faculty are away from campus during this time, and never see the notice. The same happened last summer and will become the pattern if not checked. It was decided that Chairman Murphy compose a letter from the Executive Committee to the President (cc to Dr. Haynes) recommending that the filling of this positions wait until the Fall.

The Golf course merited fourth place on the agenda. Several questions were asked concerning it:
Where will it go? Will farm land be sold to accomodate it? Will it require the moving of the dairy barn? Will it be placed where the people want it? Where will money for its construction be found? Will bond money be used?

These thoughts spawned further discussion of athletic funding. It was mentioned that West Virginia had a big athletic schedule, WKU played tham. Yet, in the spring, the institution went bankrupt: it could not afford Summer school, and the entire school closed a month early and had no exams. It behooves us to understand the ramifications of all this.

Number six on the agenda was the Symposium.

Topic: The University's Fiscal Responsibility and the Senate's Role.

Presenters: 1. Someone from West Virginia
2. Norm Hunter? update
3. Jerry Rust - WKU
a. State Fiscal Responsibility
b. State Trends
c. Kentucky Perspectives

Time: The Fall, sometime in November. Senate agenda is less full than in the spring.

Planners: Committee on Fiscal Affairs

Attendees: Invite all

Further business items included:

1. The need for a new chair for Academic Affairs. Janet Palmer is going to the City University of New York.
2. Music Department changes require a new Senator since the Hobbes family is leaving WKU.
3. The faculty governance questionnaire needs to be re-run so that it will more accurately reflect faculty thinking. Perhaps we could utilize Paul Wozniak's expertise.
4. Graduate faculty membership needs to be reviewed. Either Faculty Status and Welfare or Professional Responsibilities and Concerns should examine.
5. The Executive Committee ought to meet with the President on a monthly basis. Fred will look into this.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee:

Date: September 1st.

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Place: Graduate Center Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Wright, Secretary.