

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JAN. 12, 1988

Senator Murphy called the meeting to order at 3:20 in the Graduate Center Conference Room. Absent were: Carolyn Houk, Ron Veenker, Brian Sullivan, Joe Fulmer, Rose Davis, Dorsey Grise, and Joan Krenzin.

The minutes were approved as presented.

By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections Committee:

Senator Sullivan will report on upcoming elections.

Committee on Committees:

Senator Weigel reported that the President has not yet decided on those persons who will serve on three committees: The President's Advisory, Scheduling, and Athletic Committees. If the Executive Committee meets with the President, they ought to ask him about the status of them.

Communications Committee:

Senator Vanderheyden reported that the newsletter was ready. Senator Brunson had something to add to it. Senator Dorman suggested that the vote on the Chair versus Department Head issue should be included in the newsletter, indicating that there were only two dissenting votes.

The newsletter should be ready for mailing on Monday, it was suggested that a notice be placed in the newsletter announcing the Symposium for Feb. 11th. Individual faculty invitations may be sent later.

Faculty Status and Welfare Committee:

Senator Brunson will give a progress report. Four parts of the salary survey are completed, one or two things remain to be added. This is the comparison with secondary school teachers.

We're still waiting for word from Frankfort about the sick-leave policy and from Jim Tomes about flexible fringe benefits.

One thing remaining is the survey of salaries of award recipients.

The administration needs to know about faculty discontent, about delayed grades, and salaries for summer classes. A motion concerning this will be presented at the January Senate by Senator Brunson.

Fiscal Affairs Committee:

Senator Gabeheart stated that Senator Fulmer investigated and found little difference between commercial catering prices and WKU food services prices. His committee is still investigating the loss of monies to the university resulting from the manner in which the university collects student fees. The Senator has a meeting with Paul Cosh concerning the athletic budget. A report on this should be

ready for the March meeting.

Senators Brunson and Vanderheyden reported on a study conducted at Indiana University which concluded that there was no direct correlation between national winning teams and support for alumni, grants or endowments.

Institutional Goals and Planning:

Senator Ball stated that she had spoken to Harry Lergen and Larry Howard concerning the payment of conference fees, and debt payments in general. She had received input from others who have difficulty in dealing with businesses from whom the university orders supplies and services. Because WKU payments are so late in coming, some businesses refuse to honor WKU's credit.

Also, faculty lose discounts for early registration because of our current system. Many of these rules cost the university unnecessary expenses.

This committee will continue to investigate the problem.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns:

There was no report, but Senator Murphy remarked that the committee will look into the student-faculty evaluations.

Old Business:

Paul Campbell spoke about the T. J. Symposium and will investigate the possibility of holding it in the auditorium of Garrett. He is also investigating the possibility of having a meal to follow the meeting.

The legislative agenda was not finalized by the 12th, but it will possibly be ready by the Senate Jan. 21st. The legislative outlook is not promising.

Senator Murphy read a letter from V. P. Haynes concerning the need to build a strong faculty.

The Chair asked if the Senate needed to make a statement about the Glasgow campus. It was thought unnecessary.

Senator Murphy offered several ideas for future forums. From those, the committee thought that the next forum should consider Early Retirement.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20.