

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 2, 1988
Cravens Board Room
3:20 P.M.

Senator Murphy called the meeting to order. Absent members were: Carolyn Houk, Ron Veenker, Brian Sullivan, Barry Brunson, Keith Gabeheart, Joe Fulmer, and Rose Davis. Minutes were approved as presented.

Senator Murphy outlined the several items which need to be discussed, beginning with;
The Tom Jones Symposium

Senator Campbell reported that the Symposium participants would be: Bob Campbell, from the School of Justice at the University of Louisville, Bob has been vice-chair of the Senate on four separate occasions and has been active in COSFL. John Taylor, from Murray's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, John is currently the Chair of the Senate and the President of COSFL. Klaus Heberle, from Eastern, Klaus has served eight years on the Senate and has been active in COSFL. He chaired the Senate two years ago.

They all plan to arrive by mid-afternoon.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- 3:20 - Meeting of Senate-Symposium
Garrett Room 103. Discussion will follow.
- 5:30 - Go through the food lines at D.U.C.
- 6:00 - Continue discussion in the Executive Dining Room. COSFL Legislative Agenda may be a good topic.

An Ad will appear in the Herald, to be paid for out of the Vice-President's office. Each faculty member will receive an agenda, each Senator will receive a flyer to post in the departments. All of those should go out in the early part of next week.

By-laws, Amendments, & Elections Committee:

Though no one was present from this committee, a report has to be made of the status of elections for new Senators. Senator Murphy will contact Senator Sullivan.

Committee on University Committees:

There will be a report at the February 11th meeting. The President appointed the member to the athletic committee. The Vice-President has appointed the committee to study class schedules. The President has decided to have the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate to serve as his Advisory Committee.

Institutional Goals and Planning:

Senator Ball may give a brief report on the questionnaire.

Senator Ball reported on the questionnaire sent to all

faculty regarding university services. Of all of the services listed, ninety-five percent of the respondents ranked the library highest. The library ranked the highest in personnel and in the way people are treated.

Senator Murphy suggested that the members of his department suggested a reduction in classes for faculty engaged in research, particularly the Graduate Faculty. Senator Ball indicated that about 75% of the respondents wrote similar comments on the questionnaires. These same respondents remarked that there was no incentive to do research at WKU.

The number of students in classes hinders research. Large classes seem to be the wave of the future. The F. S. needs to protest the trend before it becomes the norm.

Graduate assistantships need to be a part of our research considerations. The competition is great, because other universities offer their graduate assistants free room, free board, free tuition, and a stipend of 825 a month and free medical insurance. How can we compete? A reduction on tuition of professor's children and a reduction of graduate tuition would be helpful.

The University needs to address the problems of 1) our inability to make commitments until so late in the year. By that time, all of the outstanding students have been accepted elsewhere, and 2) our inability to help students finish because we can't commit ourselves beyond two semesters. 3) If the University plans to offer doctorates, the need exists to examine resources.

Dean Kupchella examined the Science Graduate program and concluded that the more graduate students the department has, the more money they bring in.

Academic Affairs could examine this as well as class size.

Enrollment indicates that WKU will have 15,000 students next Fall. With no cap, classes will be larger and be held at later hours.

Senate needs to explore options to all of this. A cap may have to be placed, and standards for a cap need to be examined/explored.

Eleven hundred students have inquired into majoring in Psychology. Advisement, alone, is impossible with current limited staffing.

A recent T.V. cast interviewed State Senators on the budget. These Senators indicated that if the state budget does not get turned around, UK's President Roselle may leave. Roselle came to Kentucky because it was his understanding that Kentucky was moving forward in education.

If Kentucky legislators do not receive phone calls/letters, etc. they will believe that no one is interested in higher education's budget. Therefore, the committee encourages all Senators to encourage those whom they represent 1) to phone and to write to their legislators 2) and to attend the rally.

The Rally:

Discussion about the effectiveness of the rally indicated that many thought it was a hoopla, and wielded little force. Others thought that faculty needs to support the Kentucky Advocates and Bob Bell's efforts. The President encourages attendance by allowing the cancellation of classes. He wants the Senate to build up attendances at the rally. If few attend, it gives the appearance that no one cares. Retired faculty are also welcome to attend, 7 or 8 plan to attend. Vans will be provided. Final plans are still being worked out. Smoking and non-smoking vans will be provided. Departure time is 8:00 a.m. The Rally will be at 3:30, our time.

The Senate may want to draw up a letter indicating support for higher education, but it should not take the place of individual letter writing. Senators should encourage the use the Hotline to legislators.

Senator Murphy indicated that there is a possibility of a tax increase wherein state tax codes would conform to federal taxes. This would relieve the current budget crunch.

The President will appear before the House Appropriations Committee along with the Presidents from the other state universities. Prior to this session, the Presidents will meet together to discuss higher education's needs and expectations. President Alexander will give the same presentation to the House Appropriations Committee as he gave to the CHE (all Senators will have a copy of this talk to share with their departments.)

It was suggested that if the President's office called the department heads to give them the schedule for the rally, more persons may be encouraged to attend.

Tach Cornelius from Kentucky advocates will be on campus to talk to the students about the rally. The rally will have more substance.

The opening of the Glasgow Campus will be on Sunday, Feb. 7th at 2:00 p.m. at the Liberty Street Gym. All are invited to attend.

It was decided that the Faculty Senate business would precede the Symposium.

A further suggestion was for the Senate Chair to call the Chair of the Graduate Council to change the time of the council meeting. This was in an effort to allow the council people to attend the rally on the 16th. The chair said he would call.

COSFL meeting dealt entirely with retirement systems, especially TIAA. We are much too late for this legislature concerning retirement systems. KTRS will fight the change every step of the way, because it will eat into their profits. This is the only state in the union where the university retirement programs are split.

AS yet, there is no response to COSFL legislation, and the amendments which the WKU attached to these.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.