

SEPTEMBER SENATE MEETING

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT MEREDITH

President Meredith informed the Senate that the announcement that our budget for the coming year would not be cut further was made simultaneously with the announcement of the formation of a commission to study higher education in Kentucky. This commission is composed of the presidents and board chairs of the Kentucky state universities, as well as some legislators and the chair of the Council on Higher Education. Governor Jones has expressed a desire to be involved in the activities of the commission, particularly in its first meeting. The final report of the commission, which had not met as of September 9, is due November 1, 1993.

The President has called a meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate, as well as a number of other people, to seek counsel on the issues to be discussed by the commission. He invited comment from all members of the campus community.

In response to a question from Glenn Lohr, Dr. Meredith affirmed that Western is not in a state of financial exigency.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Representatives of the standing committees of the Senate made brief statements outlining the functions of their committees, as defined by the Senate constitution.

ELECTION OF COSFL REPRESENTATIVES

Charles Bussey and Bart White were elected COSFL representative and alternate, respectively. As Senate Chair Robert Dietle will not be able to attend COSFL meetings this year, he announced that he will ask the Vice Chair attend in his place.

RESOLUTION REGARDING FACULTY REGENT

Bart White said that, although Faculty Regent Ray Mendel had hoped to be appointed to the Financial Committee of the Board of Regents, he has actually been appointed to the Academic Committee. Senator White therefore moved the following resolution:

*Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate encourages the Chair of Western Kentucky University's Board of Regents to reconsider the committee assignment of Faculty Regent Ray Mendel by assigning Dr. Mendel to the Financial Committee of the Board of Regents.*

Regent Mendel was not present at this Senate meeting, and, according to Senator White, was not aware of this resolution. Glenn Lohr advised that it would be wise for the Senate to reserve whatever influence it might have with the Board for issues of considerably more importance than this one. President Meredith informed the Senate that all members of the Board receive all the information given to the Finance Committee, and that all members are invited to all committee meetings. Chair Dietle ruled that this motion requires two readings, and that the second reading will take place at the next Senate meeting.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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