

OCTOBER SENATE MEETING

FACULTY REGENT REPORT

Faculty Regent Ray Mendel advised the Senate of some of the items that are to come before the Board of Regents, including:

A request to approve a one-year waiver on the EEO requirements imposed by the CHE. Mendel said we have done fairly well in meeting the faculty/staff representation goals, but not so well with the student goals. We are barred from having any new programs until we meet these goals. He thinks the student goals that we have been given are somewhat unrealistic, considering the area from which we draw our students.

A proposal to eliminate the MA in Philosophy and Religious Studies (a program which has been inactive since the late seventies).

A recommendation to approve the suspension of the MBA program offered by the College of Business. This program has been inactive for several years, and the College has decided to concentrate on developing MA programs in Accountancy and in Economics.

Approval of the 1994-5 budget priorities. President Meredith has recommended three priorities:

- (1) Faculty and staff compensation. Although the increases we received for this year were the largest given to any state university, we did not make as much progress toward our three-year goal as we had hoped — partly because the budget committee assumed that our benchmark institutions (Eastern and Northern) would have 3% average salary increases, whereas, as it turned out, Eastern's increase was 4% and Northern's was 5%.
- (2) Minority recruitment and retention.
- (3) Continued funding of campus technology and networking.

Reinstating the position of Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs, which has been vacant for about two years. It is recommended that this be supported by funds taken from the indirect costs associated with "soft monies" brought into the University. Under the current policy, 50% of this money goes to the Colleges (and, ultimately, to the Departments, as a reward for obtaining these funds for Western), and 50% is retained by the University. Under the proposed policy, 20% will go to the Office of Sponsored Programs, 40% will go to the Colleges, and 40% will be retained by the University. It is hoped that this Office will bring in more new funds than it consumes.

PART-TIME FACULTY STATUS SURVEY

Marvin Leavy announced that the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee is investigating the status of part-time faculty at Kentucky state universities with regard to two points:

Whether their salaries are within particular ranges or schedules; i.e., the degree of structure governing their salaries;

Whether they are represented in the Faculty Senates of their universities.

This committee is also making plans for the annual faculty survey, with December as the target month for completion, or January at the latest.

The committee is eager that you communicate your concerns to it.

MENDEL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

The Bart White resolution encouraging the Chair of the Board of Regents to reconsider the committee assignment of Regent Mendel received its second reading. Mendel said he did not think it would serve a useful purpose for the Senate to pass this resolution. The resolution was defeated.

WESTERN XXI, PART II

A resolution proposing a Faculty Senate Committee to Review Western XXI was presented by Lynn Newhart! for its first and only reading:

*Whereas: Western Kentucky University is in the midst of a three-year salary plan which may require restructuring of the University;*

*Whereas: the Governor's Commission on Higher Education may make demands upon WKU which also require a restructuring of the University;*

*The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University resolves:*

1. *To create a committee of full-time faculty to begin a review of Western XXI.*
2. *Each College shall be represented by one assistant professor, one associate professor, and one full professor, none of whom have administrative responsibilities.*
3. *The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate will receive nominations for this committee until November 2. On that date the Executive Committee will review nominations and select the faculty to serve on the committee.*
4. *The Committee to Review Western XXI will hold its organizational meeting on Monday, November 8, 1993. The Chair of the Faculty Senate will preside at that organizational meeting.*

Glenn Lohr moved to amend the resolution so that the committee would contain one representative from each Department. The amendment was defeated.

Uta Ziegler moved to amend the resolution so as to add to part 2 the statement,  
*No Department can have more than one representative on the Committee.*

The amendment carried.

The amended resolution was passed by a show-of-hands vote.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

The following resolution was presented by Ed Dorman for its first reading:

*Whereas, the University libraries perform service functions that affect the academic role of the entire University, and*

*Whereas, the University-wide oversight committee for the libraries established during the Presidency of Dr. Donald Zacharias, which reported directly to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, no longer exists, and*

*Whereas, such a committee would be as beneficial in helping the libraries to fulfill their service functions now as it was in the past, therefore*

*Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate urges President Meredith to re-establish a University library oversight committee, reporting directly to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, to be composed of one faculty member from each of the four Colleges, elected by the Departmental library representatives of that College, one faculty member from the University Libraries, elected by the University Library Faculty Committee, one faculty member representing the Faculty Senate, elected by the Senate, with the College Deans and the Dean of Libraries as ex-officio members, this Committee serving the same function with respect to library decisions that the Academic Council serves with respect to curricular decisions.*

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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