

## Minutes of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

5/8/95

Present: Arvin Vos, Fred Murphy, Carl Kell, Joe Glaser

Arvin vos convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. with a request for old business left over from the previous senate or issues to be considered in the new one. Issues raised and appropriate committees to work with them follow.

Carl Kell questioned the logic of **summer school scheduling** at Western. Summer school often doesn't give students what they need or faculty what they want because offerings are restricted in spite of the fact--as Fred Murphy pointed out--that summer school is a major money-maker for Western. The topic will be referred to the **Academic Affairs Committee**.

The **ethics resolution** is still before the senate. The resolution was printed in the last Senate Newsletter of the spring semester.

The group will ask the senate to approve some **officer juggling**, with Rose Davis taking over the secretary position and Joe Glaser becoming the Potter representative on the Executive Committee.

✓ New senators must be reminded to review the senate's **constitution and by-laws** before the first fall meeting. Because both documents are printed in the Faculty Handbook, a reminder letter from the chair will suffice.

Carl Kell will reserve rooms for **senate meetings** the second Thursday of each month and **Executive Committee meetings** on Tuesdays a week and a half before each senate meeting. Both groups will meet at 3:30, the senate in Garrett and the Executive Committee in Cravens. Arvin will get these meetings on the University Calendar.

**Meetings with the president** should occur the Tuesday or Wednesday directly before each senate meeting.

Fred Murphy pointed out that the senate will be quite busy next year reacting to **Moving to a New Level** initiatives.

Carl Kell wants the senate to offer **Faculty Senate Town Meetings** to show appreciation of the faculty and promote good feelings between the faculty, the senate, and the administration. Carl will work on this idea.

Arvin Vos discussed making greater use of our new **computer network capabilities** to put a faculty directory online and possibly to make the Senate Newsletter available in electronic form. The Newsletter might even come to include an electronic bulletin board on which people could post items from the academic press.

→ Kyle Wallace - Attendance policy,  
Academic affairs

→ Librarian House

Fred Murphy said that the Finance Committee should continue its work on **part-time faculty stipends**.

Fred also indicated that **faculty gender equity** is still an issue and should be addressed by Faculty Status and Welfare.

There was general agreement that **gender equity in athletics** is another problem that will beset the university in coming years.

✓ Fred Murphy wants the Academic Affairs Committee to look into policies governing **library hours on weekends**. Carl Kell agreed, pointing out that current hours may be insufficient for working and non-traditional students and also undercut institutional concern about improving the campus culture in Western XXI and Moving to a New Level.

✓ Carl Kell wants Academic Affairs to look at **attendance policies** and practice as well. He suggested that at the least Kyle Wallace or someone from Academic Advising needed to address the senate on the current "state of the art."

Fred Murphy mentioned a report prepared last year by Roy Cabaniss on **faculty evaluations**. According to Fred, the senate never acted on this report so it remains unfinished business.

Fred Murphy recalled that last year's **senate meetings dragged** because of long reports given at the beginning of each meeting. By the time new business arrived many senators would already have left. Arvin Vos agreed to think about ways of improving this situation.

Submitted by Joe Glaser.