

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Committee Chairs

October 31, 1995

Chairman Arvin Vos has had surgery. Vice Chairman Carl Kell called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Present were Carl Kell, Rose Davis, Fred Murphy, Zubair Mohamed, Joe Glaser, Bart White, Marion Lucas, David Keeling, Glen Lohr, Joyce Rasdall. Randy Swift and Mark Robinson were at meetings out of town.

Carl reported on Arvin's recovery. Rose will send him a card .

The Executive Committee will not meet with the President November 7. Rose will confirm the meeting date and time and notify Executive Committee members.

Academic Affairs: Carl reported for Mark Robinson. The committee is looking into the 1993 resolution for the establishment of the University-wide Library Advisory Committee. All drafts, revisions, etc. of New Level have gone to Jim Flynn. Mark will contact Jim about the final draft. Fred reported that the revision from the Steering Committee has gone to the Board.

By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections: No report. Rose was asked to make a complete list of committees to send with November 9 agendas. It was requested that Senate terms added to the list.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns: Marion Lucas reported three subcommittees are being formed to study the Web page issue in response to Jerry Post's letter, the faculty ethics report from last year, and the New Level issues suggested for review by this committee by Academic Affairs. Larry Snyder will present the committee report..

Faculty Status and Welfare: Carl reported for Randy Swift that the salary data has been given to committee members for review.

Fiscal Affairs: David Keeling reported Ed Yager and Herman Manakyan are trying to get the 1994-95 financial data for the WKU Foundation. It has been difficult because only the IRS report is available and it does not have much information in it. John Barnum and Tony Norman are organizing a subcommittee to study the minority budget.

Senate Communications: Bart White announced that the newsletter will be on-line November 6. 300 copies will be distributed since not everyone is online.

Old Business: Carl will ask new Senators to review the Senate By-Laws. He will also ask Academic Affairs to study the extension of library hours in general looking at the connection to Western XXI and New Level.

Concern for Interlibrary Loan response time, etc. was expressed. Since there is a new Interlibrary Loan Librarian, no action was suggested at this time.

Carl is preparing a report of all Senate resolutions passed since 1994-95 for the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs to review.

New Business: Faculty Status and Welfare needs to revisit the Regent's pledge to fund the salary plan.

Carl received a memo from President Meredith requesting two (2) names, 1-preferred & 1-alternate, for appointment to the Vice President for Academic Affairs search committee. It was decided to take nominations and ballot at the meeting.

The restructuring of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and elevation of the Dept. of Teacher Education to the School of Integrative Studies and Teacher Education was discussed. The Dept. Head is changed to a Director with areas of study called Divisions.

Concerns about the process of implementing Moving to a New Level were discussed. Admission standards is the only urgent item. Fred Murphy will draft a memo urging the Board of Regents to consider delaying implementation of all items except admission standards. The Board will meet November 11 to discuss

and take action on the New Level items.

Glenn Lohr discussed early retirement option at Eastern Kentucky University. They appear to have better benefits than Western. This issue will be referred to Faculty Status and Welfare.

Rose Davis, Secretary