

**MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY SENATE  
APRIL 19, 2001  
GARRETT AUDITORIUM**

Chair Patricia Minter called the meeting to order 3:35 p.m. The following members were absent without alternate representation: Karen Adams, Linda Allan, Darlene Applegate, Jeff Baynham, Jim Becker, Michael Binder, Frank Conley, John Crenshaw, Dan Jackson, David Keeling, David Lee, Jim Martin, Joel Philhours, Gary Ransdell, Loren Ruff, Thomas Schandling, Sandy Staebell, Brian Sullivan. Alternates in attendance were: Kacy Harris for Linda Clark, Stacy Wilson for Kenneth Crawford, Cynthia Mason for Bill Greenwalt, Linda Brown for Martin Huston, Dan Myers for Robert Jefferson, Jeff Hackett for James Skrabacz

The minutes of March 15, 2001 were approved as presented.

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Chair Minter welcomed the newly elected Senators to the meeting. She said that at the conclusion of today's meeting, there will be an election for the new officers which will be followed by colleges caucuses to elect members to the four standing committees (i.e., the Executive Committee, the General Education Committee, the University Curriculum Committee, and the Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NOMINATIONS**

The Chair asked for nominations to a committee to review performance indicators that will be headed by Dr. Jim Flynn from the Office of Strategic Planning. Dr. John Bruni agreed to serve on this committee.

**B. REPORTS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE**

**1. REPORT FROM THE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Robert Dietle reported that, at the committee's request, John Bruni and Ed Wolfe drafted a set of requirements for two Faculty Research Fellowships to collect and analyze data concerning Freshman Seminar (UC101). The committee approved the draft. The chair of the General Education Committee is scheduled to meet with the Provost on Friday, April 20 to review the requirements and set the deadlines for submission of proposals for the research fellowships.

Dr. Dietle moved approval of the following proposal from the Department of Allied Health and Human Services:

Change of Course Description for SWRK 101: Foundations of Human Services (Gen. Ed. Category C).

The change was approved.

**2. REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Dr. Scott Richter presented the report of the University Curriculum Committee. The first item of business was approval of the consent agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

The University Curriculum Committee presents the following motions from our March 29, 2001 meeting for approval by the University Senate. (\* denotes action items of the UCC)

### I. CREATION OF NEW COURSES \*

BIO 275C	Human Pathophysiology
CFS 276	Lodging Operations
CFS 373	Tourism and Destination Marketing
CFS 375	Meeting and Convention Management
EXED 517	Transition Services and Programs for Individuals with Disabilities
EXED 590	Advanced Internship in Exceptional Education
MIL 209	Introduction to Military Life
MIL 490	Military Leadership Seminar
PE 521	Critical Analysis of Professional Literature in Physical Education
PE 522	Advanced Exercise Prescription
PE 523	Seminar in Exercise Science
PE 596	Practicum in Exercise Science

### II. CREATION OF NEW PROGRAMS \*

Program #xxx Minor in Tourism [reference number has not yet been assigned]

### III. REVISION OF PROGRAMS \*

Program #067	Master of Arts in English
Program #083	Master of Science in Library Media Education
Program #113	Master of Science in Physical Education
Program #395	Minor in Industrial Technology
Program #728	Major in Mathematics

### IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL POLICY \*

Program #147 Ed.S. in School Psychology, Establish Policy for Counting Masters Degree Credits Toward the Educational Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in School Psychology

### V. REVISION OF COURSES

MIL 102	Developmental Skills
MIL 202	Team Building and Military Doctrine

### VI. DELETION OF COURSES

AVN 110C	Private Pilot Ground Training
AVN 111C	Private Pilot Flight Training

## VII. OFFERING OF COURSES ON ONE-TIME ONLY BASIS

CE 217	Construction Management, Laboratory
CE 331	Transportation Engineering
PHYS 275	Special Topics in Physics
PHYS 316	Computational Physics
SOCL 470G	Environmental Sociology

Next Dr. Richter presented the proposed bylaws of the University Curriculum Committee and moved approval of the following procedure for debate on the bylaws:

The University Senate shall debate the Curriculum Committee Bylaws as a whole, discussing it section by section as long as the assembly desires but no amendments to the report shall be accepted from the floor. At the end of the discussion, the Senate shall vote on the report as a whole a yes vote will be an approval of the report, a no vote will send it back to the University Curriculum Committee for further revisions.

The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

There was a motion to reconsider the motion to debate the Bylaws as a whole. The motion was seconded. The motion failed.

The Chair then called for a vote on the proposed bylaws as presented. After considerable discussion the motion failed, and the proposal was sent back to the Committee for further review and edits consistent with the Executive Committee's recommendations.

### 3. REPORT FROM THE FACULTY WELFARE AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE

Dr. Minter presented the report of the FWPRC for Dr. Katrina Phelps, who was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Minter said there were two items of business on today's agenda. First, Dr. Douglas Smith of the Sociology Department was asked by the Senate to conduct the annual evaluation of the President's performance. Dr. Smith then showed visuals and handouts of the results of the survey that was sent to each faculty member. A copy of this survey with the results and comments will be placed in the University Archives; there will also be a copy of the survey filed with the minutes of this meeting. After the presentation, there was lengthy conversation relating to the survey and the comments that accompanied the responses. The Chair stated that the written comments have been given to the President and will be made available to the Board of Regents. There was strong opinion that the comments should be made available to each Senator. These comments and discussions lead to the following motion: Dr. John White moved that the comments not be distributed to Senators. The motion was seconded. After lengthy discussion, Dr. Robert Dietle moved to close debate. The motion was seconded and approved. The chair then called for a vote on the main motion made by Dr. White. The motion carried 33 to 9.

Dr. Smith then noted that there had been concern about junior faculty job satisfaction. Dr. Smith said future surveys would address this issue.

The Chair then asked Dr. John White to comment on the second agenda item from the Committee, the "Salary Study". Dr. White distributed the recently completed survey. A copy of this survey will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

### C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER

The Chair called for the first reading of proposed amendments to the University Senate Charter. The Chair said the University Senate would meet on May 3, 2001 at 3:30 in Garret Ballroom for the second reading on these amendments. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. A friendly amendment was made to remove the wording "3 years" from the term of office for Faculty Regent. After further discussion, the Chair declared that the proposed amendments had had their first reading.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### A. RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Mary Wolinski read the following resolution:

Whereas

- (1) Western Kentucky University Strategic Goals 1, 2 and 3 are to "Increase Student Learning," "Develop Student Excellence and Diversity," and "Assure High Quality Faculty and Staff;"
- (2) Without a good library, research and student learning are difficult or impossible;
- (3) Students depend on serials, such as journals, encyclopedias, and complete-works editions, to carry out their assignments, and faculty depend on the same for teaching and research;
- (4) Instead of having its budget increased in accordance with inflation, the Library is being forced to cut its serials by 10% next year, after already having cut them 4% in 1999-2000;

Be it hereby resolved that the University Senate strongly opposes the cut in the Library serials and urges that there be an inflationary factor built into the budget to cover the rising cost of serials;

Furthermore, the Senate deplors the repeated Library shortfalls, which undermine the academic mission of the University.

The Chair declared the resolution had been read into the record, and opened the floor for discussion.

After discussion, the Chair called for a vote on the Resolution. The motion carried.

Senators who would not be continuing on the AY 2001-2002 Senate were excused and the regular meeting of the AY 2000-2001 Senate adjourned at 5:35 P.M

The members of the AY 2001-2002 Senate then held a special meeting to elect officers and caucus for standing committee members.

### **Election of Officers**

The following individuals were elected as the AY 2002-2002 officers of the University Senate:

**Chair:** Robert Dietle was nominated and elected by acclamation  
**Vice Chair:** Ed Wolfe was nominated and elected by acclamation  
**Secretary:** Patricia Minors was nominated and elected by acclamation

The colleges then caucused and nominated the following senators to serve on the Senate standing committees:

#### **Executive Committee**

College of Education - Sharon Mutter  
 BG Community College - J.J. Hall  
 Ogden College - Mike May  
 Gordon Ford College of Business - Ray Blankenship  
 Potter College - Fred Murphy  
 University Libraries - Nelda Sims

**General Education Committee**

College of Education - John Bruni  
G Community College - Michelle Jackson  
Ogden College - Sherrie Serros  
Potter College - Patricia Minter  
Gordon Ford - Roy Howsen  
University Libraries – Sean Kinder

**University Curriculum Committee**

College of Education - Kathleen Matthews  
BG Community Coll. - Kacy Harris  
Ogden College - Bryon Sleugh  
Potter College - Darlene Applegate  
Gordon Ford - Catherine Carey  
University Libraries - Nelda Sims

**Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee**

College of Education - Frank Kersting, Katrina Phelps  
BG Community Coll. - J.J. Hall  
Ogden College - Carrie Morgan, Claus Ernst  
Potter College - Jane Olmsted, Matt Pruitt  
Gordon Ford - Steven White  
University Libraries - Jonathan Jeffrey

The special meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Mutter, Secretary



Lou Stahl, Recorder