

AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATE
GARRETT BALLROOM
SEPTEMBER 21, 2000
3:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Report from the Chair**
- 111. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**
 - 1. Athletic Committee
 - 2. Academic Review
 - 3. Executive Committee Appointments
 - B. ATHLETIC PROGRAM**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. ELECTIONS**
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 - D. FACULTY SALARY STUDY**
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**MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE**

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Chair Patricia Minter called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The following members were absent without alternate representation: Karen Adams, Jim Becker, Michael Binder, David Coffey, Thomas Green, Richard Hackney, Dan Jackson, Robert Jefferson, Carl Kell, David Lee, Gary Ransdell. Alternates in attendance were: Laura McGee for Darlene Applegate, Sherry Reid for Frank Conley, B.R. Brindley for Rich Patterson, Walker Ruthledge for Karen Schneider, Doug McElroy for Michael Stokes, Blaine Ferrell for Martin Houston.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Patricia Minter, opened the second meeting of the University Senate with an update on the health care issue at Western Kentucky University, which impacts every employee on the campus. Chair Minter expressed her thanks to the faculty and staff who came out to the informational hearing and to the open forum.

Chair Minter attended her first Health Care Advisory Committee meeting two week ago. The committee was presented with a draft plan of the funding schedule. Chair Minter said the faculty that serve on the Health Care Advisory Committee have grave concerns about the financial implications of these plans for employees of every salary level.

At the request of the President, the Health Care Advisory Committee was called back into session, at 7:30 a.m., September 21, 2000. He appointed three new committee members to serve on this committee. They are Dr. Ed Wolfe, Dr. Linda Parry, and Ms. Pat Jordan. This committee was empowered to make a decision on how to solve the health care crisis at Western. The committee is sincerely committed to try to find a solution, but has a difficult task because without new money, is not clear how this will happen. The University Senate's own Claus Ernst will chair this committee. Chair Minter asks for any suggestion or ideas from the Senate to present to the Health Care Advisory Committee. She will keep the Senate posted.

Tony Glisson and Brenda Keith will be guests at the University Senate meeting next month to answer questions from the floor or the members may submit questions to Chair Minter in advance.

Vice Chair Ernst reported that the Health Care Advisory Committee has the difficult task to make decisions with very a limited amount of money. He would anticipate that in two or three weeks, most decisions will be made. He asked the Senator for any ideas, he would welcome them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Athletic Committee

Chair Minter submitted six names to the President to represent the University Senate on the Athletic Committee. President Ransdell selected Dr. Karen Schneider from the English Department to represent Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and Dr. Mark Ross from the Accounting Department to represent Gordon Ford College of Business.

2. **Academic Review**

Dr. Larry Schneider from the Philosophy and Religion Department will represent Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences on the Academic Review Committee.

3. **Standing Committee Appointments****Executive Committee**

Patricia Minter	History	President
Claus Ernst	Mathematics	Vice-President
Sharon Mutter	Psychology	Secretary
Cathy Carey	Economics	Gordon Ford Representative
Michelle Jackson	Community College	BGCC Representative
Ruth Kinnersley	Library	Library Representative
Katrina Phelps	Psychology	College of Education Representative
Larry Snyder	Phil. & Rel.	Potter College Representative
John White	Public Health	Ogden College Representative
Barbara Burch	Provost & VP for Academic Affairs	Ex-officio Representative
Mary Ellen Miller	Faculty Regent	Ex-officio Representative

University Curriculum Committee

Linda Allen	Library	Library Representative
Saundra Ardrey	Government	Potter College Curriculum Committee Rep.
Erika Brady	Folk Studies	Potter College Representative
Linda Johnson	CIS	Gordon Ford Representative
Michelle Jackson	Community College	BGCC Representative
Tony Norman	Psychology	College of Education Representative
Lester Pesterfield	Chemistry	At-large Representative
Retta Poe	Psychology	College of Education Curriculum Committee Rep.
Linda Pulsinelli	Mathematics	At-large Representative
Scott Richter	Mathematics	Ogden College Representative
Mark Ross	Accounting	Gordon Ford Representative
Joseph Trafton	Phil. & Rel.	At-large Representative
TBA		Ogden College Curriculum Committee Rep.
TBA		BGCC Curriculum Committee Rep.
TBA		Graduate Council Representative
Freida Eggleton	Registrar	Student Representative
John Petersen	Assoc. Vice Pres.	Ex-officio Representative
		Ex-officio Representative Academic Affairs

General Education Committee

John Bruni	Psychology	College of Education Curriculum Committee Rep.
Linda Clark	Community College	BGCC Representative
Bill Davis	Economics	Gordon Ford Curriculum Committee Rep.
Robert Dietle, Chair	History	Potter College Representative
Richard Hackney	Phys. & Astr.	Ogden College Representative
Roy Howsen	Economics	Gordon Ford Representative
Sharon Mutter	Psychology	College of Education Representative
Karen Schneider	English	At-large Representative
John Spraker	Mathematics	At-large Representative
Richard Weigel	History	Potter College Curriculum Committee Rep.
Edward Wolfe	Finance	At-large Representative
TBA		Ogden College Curriculum Committee Rep.
TBA		BGCC Curriculum Committee Rep.
TBA		Student Representative
John Petersen	Assoc. Vice Pres.	Ex-officio Representative Academic Affairs

Faculty Welfare Committee

Mary Cobb	PE & Recreation	At-large Representative
Stan Cooke	Teacher Education	College of Education Representative
Jennifer Hall	Community College	BGCC Representative
David Keeling	Geog. & Geol.	At-large Representative
Michael Klein	Art	Potter College Representative
Jan Olmsted	English/Woman's Studies	At-large Representative
Katrina Phelps	Psychology	College of Education Representative
Joel Philhours	Accounting	Gordon Ford Representative
Matt Pruitt	Sociology	Potter College Representative
Sandy Staebell	Library	Library Representative
John White	Public Health	Ogden College Representative
Uta Ziegler	Computer Science	Ogden College Representative
John Petersen	Assoc. Vice Pres.	Ex-officio Representative Academic Affairs

B. ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Dr. Wood Selig asked Freida Eggleton to provide graduation rates of students and student-athletes. The graduation rate of both groups is based upon graduation within six years of the first date of entry at Western. The cohort of student-athletes includes only those who receive athletic scholarships. The rates are as follows:

<u>Freshman Class</u>	<u>All Students</u>	<u>All Student-Athletes</u>	<u>Football Athletes</u>
1992-93	39%	52%	66%
1993-94	37%	54%	64%

The next cohort of data will be available in 2001.

Dr. Arvin Vos made the following motion: The University Senate of Western Kentucky University respectfully requests of the Council for Postsecondary Education that it undertake a study of the practice of the Comprehensive Universities (Western, Eastern, Murray, Morehead, Northern, and Kentucky State) of using a portion of the state appropriation to support intercollegiate athletics with a view to setting guidelines concerning the use of state funds for the support of intercollegiate athletics.

The motion was seconded.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

After discussion, the Chair called for a vote on the motion by a show of hands. The motion failed to carry 16 to 26.

Dr. Robert Dietle moved to make the motion that: The Western Kentucky University Senate supports the SGA opposition to the proposed \$90 per semester increase in the athletic fee.

The motion was seconded.

Dr. Dietle moved to amend his motion to: The Western Kentucky University Senate opposes the proposed \$90 per semester increase in the student athletic fee.

The Chair called for a vote on the amended motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTIONS

Dr. Robert Dietle reported that Ann Mead has asked various groups on campus to identify five areas of budget priority. She would like the University Senate to participate. Dr. Dietle asked the Senators to e-mail him with areas that should receive special concern in the budgetary process for the coming year. He needs this information before October 19, 2000. He will report back to the University Senate with the results.

B. UNIVERSITY SENATE WEB PAGE

Dr. John White reported that a temporary web page will be up and running by the next University Senate meeting. This web page will post the University Senate Minutes, links to standing committee reports and other information.

C. HEALTH CARE INSURANCE

Chair Minter reported that Tony Glisson and Brenda Keith have been invited to attend the next University Senate meeting and will be answering questions regarding Health Care Issues on campus. Chair Minter asked that Senators to submit any questions to her and she will compile a list. The cut off for submission of questions is 48 hours before the next meeting. This will be an open discussion and they will also take questions from the floor.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

After discussion, Dr. Larry Snyder made the motion that: The Western Kentucky University Senate calls for the President and Board of Regents immediately to raise the University's contribution to employee health care to the Benchmark average.

The motion was seconded.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

There was no discussion on for floor regarding this motion. Chair Minter called for a vote on the motion by a show of hands. The motion carried 35 to 1.

D. FACULTY SALARY STUDY

Chair Minter referred this item to the Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee to be carried out at the end of this academic year.

E. FACULTY MORALE SURVEY


Chair Minter referred this item to the Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee to be carried out at the end of this academic year.


OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Minter reported that at the next University Senate meeting nominations will be made to form an ad hoc committee to develop election procedures for the University Senate. Senators may send nominations to Chair Minter.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sharon Mutter, Secretary


LaDonna Harris, Recorder