MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
May 10, 1979

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, May 10, 1979 in the Ballroom of the Garrett Conference Center at 3:13 P.M. by the Chair, Tom Jones. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Absent:
1. Marvin Albin
2. Bennie Beach
3. Don Butler
4. Jefferson Caskey
5. Bryce Combs
6. Ray Johnson
7. Richard Miller*
8. William Moore
9. Jim Parks
10. Neil Peterie
11. Joanne Powell*
12. George Roberts
13. Don Rowe
14. Jack Thacker
(*Sent observer.)

Corrections to the minutes of April 12:

P. 2 Paragraph 4: Larry Hauser...to read Larry Hanser.

P. 3 Paragraph 4: Senator Martin...to read: Senator Padilla.

P. 3 Paragraph 4 should contain the following addition:

Whereas, William (Bill) Walls was a charter member of the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University and

Whereas, he chaired the Communications Committee and was thus in large measure responsible for the Newsletter and

Whereas, his dedication, as exemplified by his personal vitality and professional commitment, contributed to the growth and development of the Faculty Senate,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky
University formally acknowledge Bill's contributions by making this resolution a permanent part of the Faculty Senate minutes and,

Be it also resolved that a copy of this resolution along with an expression of gratitude for his contributions and an expression of sympathy for their loss be sent to his widow, Judy Scarpella-Walls, and to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Walls, Sr.

Standing Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Senator Krenzin reported that the Executive Committee met on Monday, May 7, at 7:10 P.M. in the Garrett Conference Center Executive Room. She said that Tom Jones gave a brief report on Senate activities around the Commonwealth. The Academic Affairs Committee was asked to study the question of whether the ASG president should get academic credit for his/her service. The Chair announced the appointment of a Student Relations Committee to be chaired by Senator Long. Senator Bowen received congratulations on her handling of the reception for the Regents and Administration. The work of the standing committee was discussed. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Peterie said that his committee had held two meetings during which the topics of academic freedom and censorship, General Education, credit for the ASG president, and faculty accountability were discussed. Senator Bowen moved the passage of the proposal from the Academic Affairs Committee which would become a revision of the academic freedom statement in the current Faculty Handbook. Second by Senator Bohlander. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

By-Laws, Amendments and Elections

Senator Pulsinelli said that a simple procedure for absentee voting in Senate elections has been adopted. The procedure will be described in the Fall Newsletter.

Faculty Status and Welfare

Senator Veenker reported that the various sub-committees (Promotion, Benefits, Insurance, Experience Credit) will be working through the summer.
Fiscal Affairs

Senator Bailey introduced his report FAC: 003.1 and addendum. The conclusions which he presented were those found in the May Newsletter, p. 3.

Senator Bailey moved the adoption of the following resolution (amended slightly from the floor):

FAC: 004.1 May 10, 1979:

With the obvious loss of purchasing power of faculty salaries over the past several years, the Faculty Senate would propose that the preliminary 1980/82 budget include a request for a "catch-up" salary increase similar to that granted to the state's primary and secondary teachers in the prior biennium. Such compensation would bring faculty and staff salaries more closely in line with the rise in the cost-of-living during the past five years.

The resolution passed by a voice vote.

Institutional Goals and Planning

Senator Miller presented the "Miller Report" on enrollment trends with response attached. Senator Miller then moved the adoption of the "Lucas Resolution" on elected chairmanships. Senator Lucas seconded the motion. The motion was discussed for approximately 45 minutes. The Chair ruled that the motion had passed by a voice vote. On division of the house, the motion failed 22 to 19.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns

Senator Petersen requested that Senators turn in to him names of faculty who do not give their exams at scheduled times. He also reported that the grievance procedure on which his committee has worked has been given to the Executive Committee several times, but it was always found unacceptable and unworkable. Now the committee is hoping to secure an ombudsman. He would like the two ex-ombudsman from two universities to visit here and talk to the Senate.

The committee is also concerned with the recent probe by the Legislative Research Committee into the issue of off-campus employment by faculty. Any information
Social Functions Committee

New Business

be in their receipt by May 16, 1979.

Senator Bowen mentioned that $52.00 was needed to cover the printing of the invitations for the reception for the Regents and Administration. An envelope was passed about the floor for contributions.

Senator Pulsinelli introduced the following resolution:

Whereas Jim Browning has served as staff assistant to the Faculty Senate during the 1978/79 academic year in an unusual dependable and dedicated manner, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate express its sincere appreciation to Jim Browning and wish him well as he leaves Western Kentucky University.

Resolution seconded by Senator Krenzin. It passed unanimously.

Senator Buckman reported on the progress of the presidential search. He said that in his opinion the prospects for electing a president soon were still good. He informed the Senate that the trip the Regent's committee made to Nashville for the purpose of interviewing Kern Alexander was in large part due to the request of Norman Baxter that any "cloud" surrounding Dr. Alexander's candidacy be dispersed before electing a new president. Senator Buckman reported that he had received 37 written responses from faculty on the candidates (32 signatures, another eight). He asked each to fill out a "questionnaire" giving preference for either two candidates and indicating whether any candidate would be unacceptable. Senator Buckman opined that a president would be elected at the May 13 Regent's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.