MINUTES

FACULTY SENATE, WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

October 11, 1979

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, October 11, 1979 in the Ballroom of the Garrett Conference Center at 3:11 p.m. by the Chair, Tom Jones. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Absent:
1. Don Bailey
2. Bob Melville
3. Raul Padilla
4. James Parks
5. David Rivers
6. Don Rowe
7. Phil Constans
8. Dale Wicklander
9. J. Caskey*
10. R. Greer*

*sent observer

Minutes

The minutes were accepted as they appeared in the packets.

Dr. Earl Wassom

Dr. Wassom, Director of Library Services, appeared before the Senate to explain his action of September 1, viz. the cancellation of more than 30,000 dollars worth of library journals without consulting academic departments affected. He spoke for twenty minutes before standing for another twenty minutes of questions and comments by the Senate. At the end of the question period Senator Lucas presented a resolution (seconded by Senator Henrickson):

That the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University deplores the recently announced reduction in library journal subscriptions, and the arbitrary high-handed manner in which that action was carried out.

The Hanser/Shadowen amendment motion to strike the word "high-handed" passed. The Little/J. Jones motion to vote by secret ballot passed 24-22. The amended Lucas resolution passed by secret ballot 25-23.
Standing Committees

Executive Committee

Senator Krenzin reported from the September 17 meeting that a report was given by Senator Jones on the activities of the COFSL. Senator Tom Jones and Senator Veenker were elected Chair and secretary, respectively, of the organization. Senator Jones interrupted Senator Krenzin's report to proceed with the election of representatives and alternates to the COFSL. Senators Veenker, Krenzin, and William Davis were elected.

Senator Krenzin then continued: Tom Jones reported that President Zacharias had worked most of the day September 17 to lobby for the parity funding legislation (KTRS).

On October 5, the expanded executive committee met with Jim Davis to discuss procedures for setting up faculty evaluations.

In addition, new committee assignments and the standing committee activities were discussed.

Senator Jones then put a resolution before the Senate (seconded by Senator Little):

That the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University supports the efforts of the Council on Higher Education to obtain parity in funding for retirement systems between the KTRS institutions and the other three, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the leadership of the legislative committees on education.

Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Senator Krenzin made the following motion:

That the Senate commend Tom Jones and Ron Veenker on their election as Chair and Secretary of COFSL.

Senator Miller moved the motion. Seconded by Senator Long.
Academic Affairs

Senator Petrie moved that report AA 002.1 be accepted for first reading (seconded by Senator Bingham). Passed.

AA 003.1 moved by Senator Petrie (seconded by Senator Powell). Failed.

Faculty Status and Welfare

Senator Veenker, reporting for the hospitalized Senator Parks, said that a new salary study was underway. Senator James Davis met with the FSW committee to discuss the preliminary Promotion Document. He states that the Benefits sub-committee work on hospitalization plans is being held up by Mr. Tomes' refusal to release letters of experience filed by our current carrier.

Then, Senator Veenker put the following resolution before the Senate:

That the Faculty Senate support the non-teaching faculty in its request for an equitable load reduction commensurate with that given the teaching faculty for Fall 1979.

Seconded by Senator Bowen.

After brief discussion, the Chair ruled the item substantial and debate was postponed until the November meeting.

By-laws, Amendments and Elections

Senator Pulsinelli announced the election of Senators R. Smith, P. Constans, C. Collins, and C. Foster. Constitutional requirements pertaining to elections and the "floating departments" was presented.

BAE 004.1 was moved by Senator Pulsinelli, seconded by Senator Veenker, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Fiscal Affairs

Senator Cantrell reported for Senator Bailey that the fiscal affairs committee is busy looking into travel funds, the lab school, athletic program cost, and the College Heights Foundation.

Senator M. Miller moved that the Senate recess until 3:10 p.m. Thursday, October 18. Recess at 4:57 p.m. Passed.
When the October 11 meeting was called back into session on October 18 at 3:10 in the Garrett Ballroom, the following were absent:

1. Marvin Albin*
2. G. Bluhm
3. E. Bohlander
4. D. Broach*
5. R. Smith
6. F. Clark
7. L. Fernandez
8. M. Crisp*
9. R. Eversoll
10. R. Greer*
11. R. Johnson
12. R. Melville
13. R. Miller
14. W. Neel
15. J. Parks
16. R. Padilla
17. D. Rivers*
18. G. Roberts
19. D. Rowe
20. N. J. Schira
21. B. Strande*
22. J. Thacker

Senator M. Miller reported that a member of her committee, Bryce Combs, has produced through the facilities of ETV several public service announcements about Western. Senator J. Davis made the following motion: "Let's have a look at them!" (2nd by Senator Hunter). Passed by unanimous voice vote. Written responses to the committees' report on enrollment patterns is still coming in; Senator Miller is forwarding those responses to those at the University who would most benefit from them.

Senator Petersen presented his committee's report labeled PRC 001.1 and moved its adoption. (2nd by Senator M. Miller). After some discussion, the Chair ruled the proposal substantive; it will be voted on at the November meeting.
Communications Committee

Senator Martin discussed his ideas for changing the format and mission of the Newsletter. In addition to bringing issues before the faculty, he intends to add an informal question and answer column.

Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty-Student Relations

Senator Long reported that he has met with the faculty on the committee and that the students will also meet separately before both groups get together to decide what the areas of concern are for the committee.

New Business

Evaluations

Senator James Davis spoke to the Senate on the topic of faculty evaluations. He has instructed Senator Tom Jones to appoint a faculty committee of 6-8 persons who will meet with student and administrative representatives to forge out the evaluation forms and procedures. He envisions at this time a "dry run" of the instrument during the spring semester 1980 on a voluntary basis. Once the official procedure is established it will not be on a voluntary basis. The results will be made known only to the faculty member and his/her department head who will use them to 1) inform faculty of students' perceptions of him/her 2) help the department head evaluate faculty and improve teaching in the department.

Administrative evaluations

Senator Veenker made the following motion "That an ad hoc committee be appointed to study the apropos of administrative evaluations and make recommendations to the Senate." (2nd by Senator M. Miller). Passed by unanimous voice vote.

KTRS Parity Funding Legislation

Senator Buckman informed the Senate that he has had talks with persons reported to be opposed to the legislation, and the prospects for passage of the bill seem good at this time.
Senator Bailey distributed a resolution and moved that it be sent to the By-laws, Amendments, and Elections Committee for consideration. The resolution suggests that departments be given more than one senator and that the office of at-large senator be abolished.

After two brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned: 4:06 p.m.