Before convening the regular session of the Senate, the Chair, Tom Jones, read some written remarks which he characterized "my farewell address to the troops."

The meeting of the Senate was called to order at 3:20 PM by the Chair, Tom Jones, in the Ballroom of the Garrett Conference Center. A quorum was present.

Absent:
1. Bryce Combs
2. Mohaninder Gill
3. Norm Hunter
4. John Jones
5. Wm. Moore
6. Neil Peterie*
7. Al Petersen
8. Barbara Strande*
9. Brian Sullivan
10. Jack Thacker*

*Sent observer

It was called to the Secretary's attention that Wm. Leonard was late to but not absent from the March 13 meeting. With that correction the minutes were accepted.

Senator Krenzin reported that more than once, during the four meetings last month, members of the committee had expressed concern that no one had as yet expressed interest in chairing the Senate. (She then made a brief appeal to the floor, urging those interested in running to make themselves known.) Senator Bowen reported that the money owed the Red Carpet has been taken care of. Senator Pulsinelli suggested that standing committee chairs make a year-end report
in the Newsletter. The Chair urged chairs to follow this suggestion.

Concern over low attendance at the insurance hearings was balanced by the good news that as a result of the hearings Blue Cross has cancelled a substantial rate hike. Dr. Randy Capps has informed the Chair that in the future all retiring faculty will receive a letter from the President's office apprising them of their privileges as emeritus faculty. Functioning in lieu of a Committee on Committees, the Executive Committee nominated Blaine Ferrell, Harold Fletcher and Mary Ellen Miller to serve on the selection committee in search of a Director of Development for the university.

Tom Jones then reported on recent COSFL activities. After calling attention to the COSFL minutes in the Senator's packets, he remarked that COSFL's hope to put pressure on UK to raise its tuition commensurate with that of its benchmark institutions failed when a re-written report appeared showing UK's tuition in line with the benchmark rate. Members of COSFL are urging all faculty to write letters of appreciation to legislators for their responsiveness to our earlier letters. With regard to the seven questions COSFL wanted answered by the CHE (see packet material), the Chair noted that they were answered to everyone's satisfaction. He also asked the senators to read COSFL's position paper on increased hours for teacher certification.

Senator Bailey presented his committee's report (FAC 118.1) dealing with university budget increases for academic and administrative programs. After previewing the report with the Senate, Senator Bailey made the following motion: "That FAC 008.1 be accepted and that copies be sent to all faculty and administration." Senator Rich Miller seconded the motion. The chair ruled that because of the substantive nature and length of the report it could not be voted on until the May meeting.
Senator Pulsinelli gave a detailed explanation of her committee's deliberation on Senator Bailey's proposal to alter the structure of the Executive Committee.

Senator Pulsinelli then presented BAE 007.1 (Rule 2: Committee Continuity) and moved its adoption (2nd Veenker). The motion passed by a voice vote.

Then the Senator read the following resolution:

Whereas Tom Jones has served with extreme competence and dedication as chairperson of Faculty Senates II and III, and

Whereas Tom Jones has been instrumental in the founding of the state-wide Congress of Senate Faculty Leaders, serving as that body's chairperson during 1979-80, and

Whereas Tom Jones has spent many long hours at his own expense in the State Capital as a spokesman for faculty concerns,

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University express its appreciation with a reception in his honor in the Faculty House at 3:00 PM on April 15.

The resolution was seconded by M. E. Miller and passed by a unanimous voice vote. Senator Pulsinelli then called Senator Foster to the podium; she made several remarks regarding the Senate's appreciation for the Chair's leadership over the past two years. Senator Foster presented him with an as yet uninscribed plaque and read to the Senate the contents of the inscription:

To Tom Jones

In Appreciation for the Outstanding Leadership of WKU Faculty Senate

and the Congress of Senate Faculty Leaders

The presentation was followed by a standing ovation.

Faculty Status and Welfare

Senator Parks presented and commented upon an addendum to his recent salary study (FSW 005.1 3/13/80).

Senator Veenker made a few remarks regarding the New Promotion Document (FSW 001.3 4/10/80) which was not discussed. It will be voted on in the May meeting.

Senator Rivers spoke about the history of the insurance hearings. At the end of his remarks, he presented a resolution (FSW 007.1) containing recommendations to the insurance committee. The resolution was seconded by Senator Bowen. The chair informed the Senate that due to the substantive nature of the resolution, its passage will be delayed until the May meeting.

Senator Wicklander then presented a questionnaire dealing with experience credit (FSW 006.1). Senator Wicklander made the following motion: "That the questionnaire (FSW 006.1) be sent to all faculty." Second by Senator Bingham; passed by unanimous voice vote.

Nomination Confirmation

Realizing that the Senate had been informed of the nomination by the Executive Committee of three persons to the search committee for a Director of Development (see above) and that the Senate had not voted to confirm the appointments, Senator Krenzin asked that she be allowed to make the following motion: "I move that the Senate confirm the appointment of Blaine Ferrell, Mary Ellen Miller, and Harold Fletcher to the university search committee for Director of Development." Senator Melville seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous voice vote.
Senator Blann talked about a blue ribbon committee Robert Sexton will appoint to study the role of instruction, service, and research at universities. There will be a series of reports published based upon the study. He is concerned with measuring the quality of teaching in the state institutions of higher education.

Senator Constans reported that his committee has had some delays. The University has just changed optical scanners, rendering the forms we were to use useless. The evaluation will probably not take place until the latter part of April; the results should be ready in early summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM.