The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, September 11, 1980, at 3:10 p.m. in the Ballroom of Garrett Conference Center by the Chair, Don Bailey. A quorum was present.

Absent:
1. William Beard
2. Georg Bluhm
3. Gene Harryman
4. Ray Johnson
5. John Jones
6. Wilburn Jones
7. Robert Martin
8. Virginia Neel*
9. Raul Padilla
10. Neil Peterie*
11. Marizu Richardson
12. David Rivers
13. Norma Jean Schira
*sent observer

The minutes were approved as written.

The Chair announced that the Faculty Senate’s budget reduction would occur mainly in the areas of printing costs and refreshments at meetings. To reduce paper duplication, Senators are requested to bring to each meeting relevant materials received via campus mail; to submit in writing all motions, agenda items, problems for study, etc., with titles when appropriate; to submit agenda items no later than noon Wednesday prior to the week of the Senate meeting.

Other announcements by the Chair were:
1) PRC Committee needs a representative from the Business College.
2) Dale Wicklander is new chairperson of FSW.
3) As a representative on the University Committee on Honorary Degrees, the Chair requests guidelines for honorary degrees from a standing committee or ad hoc committee.
Standing Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Senator Bowen reported that the Executive Committee met three times this summer and called attention to the printed schedule of Senate, Executive Committee and Council of Committee Chairs meetings.

By-Laws, Amendments and Elections

Senator Leonard announced that the Faculty Regent's election is upon us and handed out an information sheet about the procedures. This year the election will be October 15-16 in order to give faculty twenty working days' notice.

Academic Affairs

Senator Glaser mentioned several studies to be undertaken in the areas of credit through correspondence deadlines established for university publications, and policies governing students on scholarships.

Faculty Status and Welfare

Senator Henrickson expressed the need to continue the study of health insurance benefits so that employees can get the most for their money. Senator Wicklander reported on his study of experience and earned credits for prior employment and the question of how entrance salaries are determined. The survey results will be assimilated in typed form.

Fiscal Affairs

Senator Cantrell stated that his committee would continue to monitor financial exigency at the university level. He plans to report on the various college responses to the budget cuts.

Institutional Goals and Planning

Senator Blann stated that suggested guidelines would be drawn up for awarding honorary degrees. He expressed a desire to study endowed chairs at the University.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns

Senator Powell explained that the committee will study forms and procedures now used by the colleges in the evaluation of faculty members, but they would not attempt to standardize these forms.
Senator Pauline Jones reported that the Newsletter will carry a column on committee work -- finished or continuing projects.

Senator Taylor expressed the desire to have increased participation from new faculty members on University Committees in an attempt to inject new blood, fresh ideas, and different perspectives. He also proposed a study of the relation between committee service and salary, promotion and tenure; to survey colleges to see what committees faculty members want to serve on.

Senator Davis informed the Senate that the budget for 1980-81 is $2816 to be disbursed for secretarial salary, office supplies, and miscellaneous items. Travel and refreshment items were cut to save $281.

Senator Bowen presented the following recommendations from the Executive Committee:

"The Executive Committee recommends that the 1978 Administrative Evaluation, which remains in the Senate's possession, be destroyed."

A Wells/Veenker motion was made to accept the recommendation. Discussion followed. A Murphy/Parks motion to postpone definitely until the next meeting carried.

Senator Bowen then recommended the following:

"The Executive Committee recommends that in order to preserve continuity on COSFL Ron Veenker be nominated as W.K.U Faculty Senate's second voting representative; that Bill Davis be nominated as W.K.U Faculty Senate's alternate; and the nominations be made from the floor for the second alternate position."

A Melville/Humphrey motion to accept the recommendation passed unanimously.
A Seeger/P. Jones motion that Senator Veenker be elected by acclamation as the second voting representative carried.

A Humphrey/Henrickson motion that Senator Davis be elected as first alternate carried unanimously.

A Humphrey/Parks motion that Senator M. Crisp be elected as second alternate was followed by a Powell/Taylor motion to elect her by acclamation. The latter motion carried.

Senator Seeger presented two resolutions for adoption. The first resolution stated:

"Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University commends the President and other involved administration officials for accomplishing the reductions in projected expenditures necessitated by the loss of state funds without reductions of faculty salaries."

A Seeger/Pearson motion to adopt this resolution carried unanimously.

The second resolution introduced by Senator Seeger read:

"Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University expresses great concern to the Governor and others involved with the state government over the great loss of funds to higher education recently suffered. We further ask for restoration of these funds if in any way possible."

A Seeger/Weigel motion that this be adopted and forwarded to proper persons carried unanimously.

Discussion followed with comments from President Zacharias. The president also reported on a meeting with representatives from the Department of Finance.

Senator Buckman reported on a meeting held August 18, in Frankfort, at which the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Council on Higher Education urged each university...
to develop policies on financial exigency. He also mentioned that Western receives the lowest funding for full-time equivalent students in Kentucky and stressed the obvious need for equity here.

Tom Jones reported that the Congress of Senate Faculty Leaders meets Saturday, September 13, at Kentucky State University. After sharing the resolutions of the July 12 meeting, he then read a 1200-word article on higher education which has been submitted to the Courier-Journal for publication, September 14.

A Parks/Humphrey motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 4:40 p.m.