MINUTES
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

December 10, 1981

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, December 10, 1981, in the Ballroom of Garrett Conference Center at 3:11 p.m. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Absent were:
1. James Ausenbaugh
2. James Bingham
3. Cam Collins*
4. Ed Counts
5. William Davis
6. Larry Elliot
7. John Graham
8. Dorsey Grice*
9. Eugene Harryman
10. Charles Henrickson
11. Frank Kersting
12. Michael Klein
13. Carl Kreisler
14. Joel Philhours
15. Imogene Simpson
16. Joann Verner

*sent observer

A correction to the minutes of Nov. 12: The IGP Committee report, p.1, line 8, should read, "the President asked how we can challenge the faculty..."

The minutes were then approved.

Senator Weigel announced the membership of the Political Action Committee to be Senators Harry Robe (chair), Pauline Jones, Robert Hoyt, Charles Henrickson, Ed Counts, and also Emmett Burkeen, Harold Fletcher, Barry Griffin and Jack Neel.

By-Laws, Amendments and Elections Committee

Senator Pauline Jones stated that the committee decided not to replace a Senate vacancy in the College of Education, left open due to scheduling problems. She reported that there exists no viable procedure for emergency votes without having a Senate meeting.

Chairman Ruff presented the committee membership for the Joint Academic Programs (WKU/Murray) as:
Senator James Davis (chair), Senator Thomas Coohill, Carl Chelf, William Traugott, and Christy Sisk.

Special Committees

Political Action Committee

Senator Harry Robe reported that 8,000 copies of a three-page packet were distributed to students before Thanksgiving. He expressed concern that a more positive message be formulated for alumni and community groups and that liaisons be established with new legislators.

Senator Bowen reported that $383.65 was collected for printing the packet and $366.33 was disbursed, leaving a balance of $17.32. Special contributions were made by the Women's Alliance of WKU and the Women's Political Caucus of Warren County.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A Pearson/Seeger motion to adopt PRC 001.3 concerning University Consulting Policies carried.

A Murphy/Smith motion to approve the Rank and Promotion Requirements passed after a Long/Bluhm amendment to substitute "drafting" for "developing" specific criteria in I.A.2. carried. President Zacharias then commented that the promotion policy would not affect the 1981/82 term.

NEW BUSINESS

A Murphy/Melville motion to accept the Faculty Grievance Procedure for first reading passed.

Chair Krenzin explained the purpose for an ASG/Senate reception. A Taylor/Pearson motion carried "to cooperate with the ASG Committee in planning this event and to appoint a senator to participate in the planning." Senator Wells moved to appoint P. Bowen. After a second by Senator Foster the motion carried.

COSFL Report

Tom Jones has asked The Courier-Journal to write a series on higher education in Kentucky. He has urged all university senates to form political action groups like that at WKU. An ad hoc committee has been formed to address the question, "Does Kentucky have the best form of governance for universities?" Steve West attended the pre-legislative conference where alternatives to CHE were discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Senators Hoyt/Wells moved "that the Chair write a letter to President Zacharias requesting that:
(1) a joint faculty-administrator committee be appointed to determine procedures to be used to terminate faculty in case of financial exigency and
(2) that the faculty members be nominated by the Senate Committee on Committees." The motion carried.

A Robe/Smith amendment to add "and program change," passed.

President Zacharias will give a "State-of-the-University" report Tuesday, December 15, at 1:15 in Van Meter.

Faculty Regent's Report

Senator Buckman expressed appreciation for the rally efforts and petitions which were delivered by J. Krenzin, J. Baker, H. Robe, M. Bush, D. Payne, T. Jones, and himself. Steve Smith was elected chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee to CHE. The budget formula received only one negative vote so a major concern remains that undergraduate institutions in Kentucky should be funded at the same level. Senator Buckman concluded by observing that Mr. Jim Walker of Bowling Green has begun a campaign through the Kiwanis Club, in support of public education in Kentucky.
President Zacharias commented that the Department of Finance will examine carefully the budget recommendation before it goes to the Governor, who presents it to the legislature the first week in January.

Adjournment

A Howe/Bowen motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 4:43 p.m.