MINUTES
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
March 4, 1982

Call to Order
The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Thursday, March 4, 1982, in the Ballroom of Garrett Conference Center at 3:15 p.m.

Roll Call
Absent were:
1. James Ausenbaugh
2. William Beard
3. James Bingham
4. Cam Collins
5. Jeff Crisp
6. William Davis
7. Glenn Duffey
8. Joe Glaser
9. John Graham
10. Eugene Harryman
11. Charles Henrickson
12. Juanita Hire
13. Margaret Howe*
14. Robert Hoyt
15. Frank Kersting
16. Jackson Kesler
17. Carl Kreisler
18. Ruby Meador*
19. Raul Padilla
20. Ed Pease
21. Joel Philhours
22. Larry Ruff
23. Imogene Simpson
24. Norman Tomazic
25. Joann Verner
26. Martha Watson
27. Donald Zacharias

*sent observer

Minutes
The minutes of February 11, 1982, were corrected as follows: 1) Academic Affairs Committee report should read: "...and then decided not to act on the ASG proposal to establish "reading days" prior to final exams. The committee researched but did not act on changing night class..."

2) Under "Unfinished Business" Chair Krenzin has requested President Zacharias to establish a committee to study how to deal with cases of financial exigency should it occur, with procedures for handling faculty dismissals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee
Senator Weigel announced that the April 19th Senate meeting will be in the Regents' Room, WAB.

Chair Krenzin announced that Jim Tomes will be scheduling workshops for supervisory personnel to discuss sexual harassment. The impetus for this comes from a discussion at the Women's Alliance meeting in February where the issue was identified as a problem at WKU.

Academic Affairs
Senator Schneider encouraged each senator to identify at least three areas of study for Academic Affairs and return the lists to him at the close of the meeting.

By-Laws, Amendments and Elections Committee
Senator Pauline Jones announced the results of departmental elections as follows:
Chair Krenzin reported that this committee submitted a list of names from which Vice-President Davis could make selections in forming a committee to study the administrator evaluation form. The committee attached a note to the list, expressing concern that Academic Services be represented. Vice-President Davis then chose the following persons: Ed Dorman, Jim Flynn, Elmer Gray, Wayne Hoffman, Archie Laman, Larry Lowe, John O’Conner, Pat Taylor, James Rice, Virgina Neel, Reg Laswell, and William Lloyd.

Senator Smith reported on the final outcome and dispensation of the insurance questionnaire that he and Senator Monroe worked on. The results were presented to Dr. Stroube, Chair of the University Insurance Committee, in a meeting on January 28, 1982. Major areas of concern were dental/optical coverage, more information about current life insurance, coverage after retirement for medical and life, and the best carrier for coverage offered. Progress in answering some of these concerns is being made through the "Personne File."

Senator Seeger commented that the committee would have a report in the future on ways to challenge faculty creativity. He also commented on responses from 3 of 4 college deans and 1 faculty member, Don Carter, who acknowledged the need for or cited ways of cooperating with other universities.

Senator Bowen announced that the ASG/Faculty Reception will be April 7, 1982.

Senator Robe cited the issue of additional revenue as a hot topic in the legislature and urged persons to write as citizens of the Commonwealth rather than as special interest groups. The Governor's race is shaping up, with the names of Collins and Sloan being mentioned "early on" as ones to whom we should voice concern.

Committee on Committees
Faculty Status and Welfare
Institutional Goals and Planning Committee
Special Committee
Political Action Committee
NEW BUSINESS

A Seeger/Taylor motion opened the floor for first reading and discussion of IGP 002.1 which states:

The Faculty Senate asks the Board of Regents to reconsider the waiver of out-of-state tuition for nearby counties in Tennessee and Indiana. We note reports of a large decrease in the applications for admission from out-of-state.

We favor the granting of out-of-state tuition waivers to students from the above noted areas, as was the policy in the past. Furthermore, we believe that Davidson and Macon counties, Tennessee, should be included in the regions considered.

Faculty Regent Report

Senator Buckman called attention to HB 95 concerning the retirement system benefits should a person retire prior to 30 years service. There is a yet-to-be-numbered house bill, introduced by Jody Richards to change the composition of the CHE. Legislators are also looking at the benchmark funding levels for Councils on Higher Education because Kentucky's CHE is funded higher than most states (Only Texas is higher).

Senator James Davis then responded to and elaborated on the actions to eliminate unnecessary duplicate programs. With arbitrariness and a lack of methodology the CHE plans on sending a list of programs at universities that will have to be justified in order to stay alive. The time frame given is such that key personnel will not be here for necessary input and a computed defense by August 1.

COSFL

Tom Jones reported that COSFL did not meet Sunday, February 28 and that the 15% parity bills have 3 sponsors and are numbered HB 736, SB 355.

Adjournment

A Bluhm/Bowen motion to adjourn passed at 4:20 p.m.