

Nov. 8, 1984

AGENDA

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE VIII

November 8, 1984 - 3:20 p.m.

REGENTS ROOM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Minutes
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. COSFL - Harry Robe
 - B. Committee on University Committees - Joan Krenzin
 - C. Faculty Status and Welfare - Barry Brunson
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Letter to the Governor - Larry Elliott
 - B. Affirmative Action - Margaret Howe
- VI. New Business

Theme - Faculty Assignment Time - Research and Creative Activity
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment

Unfinished Business

Draft of a letter to be sent to Governor Collins was presented. Larry Elliott asked for any suggested changes from faculty members.

Margaret Howe, Professional Responsibilities and Concerns Committee, proposed the following resolution on affirmative action:

Whereas members of the faculty are concerned about Affirmative Action, it is resolved that an ad hoc committee be appointed, consisting of members of the Senate, to investigate Affirmative Action practices at Western Kentucky University, and that this committee organize a forum to present and discuss its findings.

Margaret Howe also pointed out that there would be an article on the subject in the November Newsletter. She stated two problems concerning affirmative action at W.K.U. 1) Women already here are not getting promotions. 2) No progress in recruiting of women.

The following resolution concerning the recent phonothon was unanimously passed:

The Faculty Senate applauds the Student Phonothon Committee and volunteers sponsored by the Development Office who gathered pledges for \$32,210 to benefit Western Kentucky University. This exemplary act of contacting the alumni has demonstrated your love and concern for your University and we are appreciative of your effort.

New Business

Edmund Hegen, Academic Affairs Committee Chairman, discussed assignment time for research and creative activity. Chair Coohill introduced a draft of a ten percent plan for research and creative activity. This draft was introduced as a basis for discussion only, not a proposed plan. (Copy attached)

Several questions were raised concerning the necessary financial and staff support needed for increased research. Faculty were concerned as to how the time would be allocated to ensure fairness, and how departments would handle teaching schedules.

Announcements

Board of Regents will meet on Saturday.

The theme of the next Faculty Senate meeting will be an optional retirement policy.

Adjournment