MINUTES
Western Kentucky University Faculty Senate IX
February 13, 1986

CALL TO ORDER: Senate Chair Eugene Evans called the meeting to order in Garrett Conference Room at 3:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Absent were: Babcock, James
Ball, Karlene
Cannon, David
•Fulwood, Betty
Hunter, Norman
Jackson, Carole
Koper, James
•Kummer, William
•Layne, Lois
Lee, David
Long, John
Martin, Ed
Martin, James
•Dwight Pounds
Schiefelbecker, Ivan
Smothers, Alan
Stickle, Fred

*Sent an observer

MINUTES: The minutes were read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: John Parker, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Evaluation, reported that 424 faculty members returned evaluation questionnaires which are now being collated and distributed to department heads, deans, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the President. Other members of the committee were Tom Nosier, Larry Caillouet, John Crenshaw, Betty Fulwood, and Rose Davis. Chair Evans thanked the committee for a job well done.

Barry Brunson, chairman of the Faculty and Welfare Committee, discussed the Kentucky Attorney General’s legal response to the question, "Must state university faculty submit to student evaluations?" The Attorney General’s answer seemed to be "no," since the evaluation procedure is not listed as a requirement in faculty contracts. The point, Brunson stressed, is that we are not trying to avoid evaluation, but rather that we question how it should be done. He recalled that 73% of the faculty who responded to a questionnaire regarding the Purdue instrument were dissatisfied with it. (A motion concerning this issue follows under new business.)

Robert Otto reported on the COSFL meeting held at Kentucky State University on February 5, 1986. The Second Annual Kentucky Conference of Faculties will be held in Frankfort on March 7-8, jointly sponsored by the AAUP and COSFL. Reservations may be obtained from Harry Robb before noon on Tuesday, March 4.
Otto noted that the discussion at the COSFL meeting focused on how money earmarked for the various universities would be distributed. The following resolution was mailed to state legislators:

Be it resolved that the 1986 Kentucky General Assembly appropriate adequate funding for salary increases so that at least six percent salary increases for the first year of biennium and at least seven percent salary increases for the second year of the biennium be available.

Otto requested that faculty members write letters to legislators in support of the COSFL raise proposal. To date, COSFL has collected $4000, of which Western contributed only $380. Money is needed to fund the February 25, 1986, reception for legislators, the CHE, and the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Advocates.

Executive Vice President Paul Cook spoke briefly on the 1986-1988 Budget and the Recommended General Fund Support for 1986-1987. He will be happy to discuss the full report with interested faculty members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brunson moved, seconded by Otto, that the Senate pass a hat for COSFL, but the motion was defeated.

On behalf of the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee, Brunson then moved that the chair of the Senate communicate to COSFL and to the Kentucky AAUP the correspondence with Kentucky's Attorney General concerning mandatory submission by faculty to anonymous student evaluations. Otto seconded the motion and it was passed. Then Brunson, as chair of his committee, made another motion that the Faculty Senate endorse the concept of anonymous student evaluations, reported only to the individual faculty member, until the Senate and administration together develop additional ways of appraising teaching which are appropriate to the various disciplines. Edmund Hegen seconded the motion. Because the motion is substantive, discussion was postponed until the next meeting. Otto withdrew an earlier motion on faculty evaluations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cook announced that if anyone wants to obtain copies of legislative bills, Bill Biven has them.

ADJOURNMENT