Call to Order

Chair Evans called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

The following senators were absent without observers:

1. Cannon, David
2. Fulwood, Betty
3. Gabehart, Keith
4. Humm, Audrey
5. Koper, James
6. Martin, Edward
7. Miller, Mary Ellen

Unfinished Business

Mr. Paul Bunch, Director of Public Safety, continued his discussion of the campus parking situation begun during the December meeting. He clarified who could park in the Faculty/Staff lots, indicating that students in Diddle Dorm, Potter Hall, and in married student housing were entitled to park in those lots. In addition, members of the Warren County Bar Association, students with medical permits, and retired faculty members were all entitled to park in Faculty/Staff lots. Mr. Bunch indicated that within the next two years Western could go to a transferable tag system, but this would require a $5,000 capital outlay.

The Senate then turned to consider the Parking Resolution originally proposed during the November meeting:

Whereas, the problem of faculty parking is more acute than it has been for many years, and
Whereas, the Parking Committee has recommended, in response to requests from the Associated Student Government, that parking in the Grise Hall Lot be shifted from faculty to student, with faculty being given alternate parking, and
Whereas, the alternate lot would accommodate at least twenty fewer cars, and
Whereas, the proposed site for this lot would desecrate one of the most beautiful spots on campus,

Therefore, Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate strongly urges:
(1) that the administration reject the Parking Committee's recommendation, and
(2) that the administration direct the Office of Public Safety to monitor faculty parking more closely to assure that ineligible persons are not using spaces assigned for faculty.

Fred Murphy moved to amend the original resolution, seconded by Richard Weigel, that:

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate strongly urges that the administration direct the Office of Public Safety to monitor faculty parking more closely to assure that ineligible persons are not using spaces assigned for faculty and give some serious consideration to implementing the proposal for movable
permits or, failing that, at least to send a letter to all members of the faculty and staff informing them that allowing children of faculty and staff to use faculty/staff parking lots is a violation of university policy.

After a discussion that centered on the enforceability of such policies and the weight of this issue, the Amendment and the Original Motion both failed.

The Senate then considered the recommendation by the Academic Affairs Committee that Western join the National Faculty Exchange (N.F.E.) program. The motion was made by Janet Palmer, second by Richard Weigel, and the Senate approved the proposal.

Announcements

Nancy Baird announced that Faculty Senate Elections were upcoming. Department elections are to take place in February, while the At-Large elections are to take place during the first week of March. If anyone has any questions about these elections, please contact a member of the Senate By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections Committee.

It was announced that this was the last meeting the Gene Evans would chair. The Senate voiced its appreciation.

Adjournment

Chuck Crume moved to adjourn. Second by Nancy Baird.