Dr. Fred Murphy, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:20 P.M.

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum with the following members being absent without a substitute:

- Kern Alexander
- Chuck Crume
- Kent Kluever
- Carl Kreisler
- Gene Meyers
- Bob Tinsley
- Michael Trapasso
- Brent Tuthill

The minutes were accepted and approved as presented.

Next on the agenda were committee reports:

A. Executive Committee:

Dr. Murphy clarified a misunderstanding about President Alexander's intention in calling for faculty to attend the Nobel Lectures. The call made from his office to the various departments was an "urge" to attend rather than a "mandate". He hoped by this gesture to avoid the embarrassment of having an invited guest speak in an empty room.

The chair also reported on a letter he drafted to Dr. Alexander concerning Academic scholarships.

Earlier, the President wrote a letter addressing the Senate's concern over academic scholarships offered at WKU. Dr. Murphy responded to this letter with one of appreciation for the President's interest and he further
enumerated the Faculty Senate's concern that all aspects of the academic scholarship recipient's needs receive the same consideration as do athletic scholarship recipients.

In an effort to improve communication between the Faculty and Administration, Dr. Alexander plans to attend Faculty Senate meetings whenever possible. Other ideas include:

1) Utilizing the Faculty Senate as a liaison
2) The possibility of holding a Press Conference

B. By-Laws, Amendments and Elections

Sen. Brian Sullivan announced that during October, his committee will review some pertinent sections of the Faculty Senate's Constitution.

Also, elections will be held to fill vacant positions.

C. Committee on Committees.

Senator Weigle reported that the Committee on Committees has nominated faculty members for service on the Vice President's Advisory Committee, the University Publications Committee on Programs for Outstanding Students and the Unrestricted Development Funds Committee.

The Committee on Committees questionnaire will be distributed this month to departmental senators along with the Newsletter. I am asking departmental senators to give them to each faculty member and to collect and
return the forms to me.

D. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee.

Senator Brunson distributed copies of the salary study for Academic year 86-87. A letter accompanying the study indicates two parts to the report: The first section deals with all full-time ranked personnel by high to low salary within rank.

To Senator Hessley's inquiry about the study for the current Academic year, Dr. Brunson indicated that it was in process, and would be ready within this semester.

The earlier study, according to Senator Brunson, shows WKU as 2A using the AAUP ranking, and places us on the twentieth and fourtieth percentiles wherein the majority of other institutions rank higher than WKU.

II. Other Reports

A. Faculty Report

Dr. Gene Evans was not present, so no report was given.

B. Faculty Exchange Program

Livingston Alexander distributed brochures explaining the program's benefits as presenting opportunities to learn what others are doing and for faculty development. The disadvantage is that there are a limited number of university profiles from which to choose.

October 15th is the deadline date for faculty to apply, and November 11th is the date for the university
to reply.

For further information contact Livingston Alexander.

III. Unfinished Business
A. Barry Brunson reported that Jim Tomes will attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee to clarify some points of the sick leave policy.

IV. New Business
A. Senator Rose Davis asked all Senators to read, circulate, and get faculty responses to the Report of the Task Force on Faculty Recognition.

Senator Davis made a motion to approve the report; Nathan Love seconded the motion. Discussion of the report will take place during the October meeting of Faculty Senate. September is recorded as the first reading of the motion.

B. Senator Paul Campbell informed the Faculty Senate assembly that the Tom Jones Symposium is scheduled to take place during the current term. A November or December date is to be scheduled.

The planning committee will consist of one member from each of the Faculty Senate Committees; these persons names should be given to Senator Campbell by September 17th at the latest.

Symposium ideas include:
1) Looking at Faculty Senate from other State institutions.
2) University response and the Senate's Role
3) Look back ten years and look forward to the Senate's future

V. Announcements

A. The Senate Chair asked the Fiscal Affairs Committee to remain to choose a chair.

B. Chairs for each committee were pointed out.
   (See enclosed).

   Dorsey Grise motioned the meeting's adjournment, Joyce Rasdall seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10.