Faculty Senate  
December 8, 1968  
Garrett Auditorium  
3:20 p.m.

Senator Murphy opened the meeting. Those absent without observers were: Terry Leeper, Edward T. Martin, James Martin, Thomas Meredith, Gene Myers, J. William Murphy, David Shull, and Ron Finsley.

The November 10th minutes were corrected as follows:  
p. 2: under Academic Council par. 1, line 3, change General Education to Graduate Faculty.  
p. 4, line 22. Their funding, to read as funds.

Executive Committee:  
Senator Murphy reported on the committee’s meeting with President Meredith where the following items were discussed:  
1. Part-time faculty.  
2. Graduate assistants.  
The President stated that he informed Dean Grey that the same number of graduate assistants for this year will be available to the departments for the next academic year.  
3. Recruitment of black faculty and students.  
In the future, the President wants neither faculty or student to leave the ranks of Western Kentucky University without his knowledge.  
4. Recruitment.  
The President wants to find the best students and recruit them.
5. Heads vs. Chair.  
Still in Progress.  
6. Tenure and promotion.  
under discussion.  
7. Merit pay.  
work hard, achieve more, and your pay will be greater.  
8. Meetings with President Meredith.  
The Executive Committee meets with the President each Tuesday following the Senate meeting. If anyone has any concerns or points of interest you want considered, please inform a member of the Executive Committee.

By-Laws and Amendments:  
Senator Davis reported on elections and vacant positions. She encouraged all senators to attend each meeting. This will avoid forcing an election to replace senators who have missed three meetings and have not provided an observer.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns:  
Senator Wekulsowky distributed a summary of the Part-
time Teaching Survey of Departmental Senators data compiled during the Fall Semester 1968.

Institutional Goals and Planning:
Senator BAIil distributed a report on Academic Computing and Research.

Academic Affairs:
Senator Veenker reported that the committee had received nine responses regarding the report on General Education. Five of the responses were departmental whereas the others were from individuals. Only six were received by the deadline.
Senator Veenker announced that the committee planned to have a recommendation on the floor of the Senate for first reading by the January meeting.

Committee on Committees:
Senator Kendall reported that his committee is continuing to gather information concerning the committees on which the faculty serve.

Faculty Status and Welfare:
Senator White introduced Mr. James Tomas who addressed the Senate on Health Insurance. The full text of the questions addressed to him, and his answers are as follows: (see attachment).

COSFL:
Senator Campbell reported on the November 19th meeting of COSFL in Saratoga. KTSH has promised to provide COSFL a report on the impact that leaving KTSH membership would have on KTSH.
Intercollegiate athletics is in trouble around the state. The COSFL membership drive will be in January. Dues are $10.00.

Faculty Regent:
No report.

Old Business:
The Senate had the second reading of the motion concerning graduate faculty.
The vote carried. The resolution was adopted.

New Business:
Senator Campbell presented the following concerning the university advisement program. Since immediate action was required, the second reading requirement was dismissed.
Background: During the last few years, the Academic Advising Center in a commendable effort to improve the advisement process has instituted procedures that have gradually extended the requirements for mandatory advising upward, starting with freshmen and as of this semester, now
including juniors. This process not only is intended to help to assure that students meet all university and department requirements, but also it is hoped, through such meetings with advisors to strengthen faculty-student relations.

The most recent addition to the mandatory advising process has involved a requirement that all students with junior standing must have a degree program on file in the office of their major department before they are allowed to register. For some departments, this has caused no real problems, but for others, in which faculty have unusually large numbers of advisees, there have been serious difficulties, not only in terms of the number of students to be advised but also in terms if the short time period in which the advising was to occur. In some instances, this has meant mass advising sessions which obviously have done nothing to enhance rapport between individual students and individual faculty advisors.

The following motion was presented and seconded.

In view of these problems, the Faculty Senate recommends that a faculty-staff advisement committee be established to work on resolving the difficulties associated with the program of mandatory advising, with particular attention to excessive faculty-advisee ratios, and to monitor other advisement issues as they occur. This committee should include faculty representing all the colleges, with special attention to representation of those departments most adversely affected. The Academic Advising Center and the office of the registrar should also be represented on this committee. The committee should be directed to present recommendations regarding mandatory advising in time to be put into place before the beginning of the spring advisement period for the fall, 1989 semester.

The motion carried.

Senator Kaczorowski presented his motion to refer the Part-time Teacher's report to the MSC Committee. It was moved and seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Campbell presented the following motion:

A Resolution Regarding the Faculty Senate Newsletter

whereas, the function of the Senate is to represent all the faculty, and whereas, in recent issues of the Senate Newsletter there have been articles offensive to many members of the faculty, and whereas, such publication tends to bring the entire Senate into disrepute, by causing readers of the Newsletter to think that these items have at least tacit approval of the Senate, Therefore, be it resolved; That the Senate absolutely disassociates itself from these offensive items and offers its apologies to all who have been unjustly, unnecessarily, and gratuitously affronted by the contents of the Newsletter, That the Senate authorizes the Chair and the members of the Executive Committee to draw up a set of guidelines which must be followed in all future edition of the Newsletter, and That the Senate directs that its apology
be the first item to appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

The Senate adjourned at 3:20 p.m.
Original Amendment:

An amendment to the Newsletter motion now on the floor, to substitute the last paragraph beginning with "Therefore...," to read:

"Therefore, be it resolved:

1) that the newsletter editor work with the newsletter committee in the production of the newsletter.

2) that each edition of the newsletter print a disclaimer which states that any article dealing with issues other than Senate business is the opinion of the writer, and does not necessarily represent the opinion of the Senate.

3) that any such articles (see §2) must be signed by the writer.

4) that the Senate not only pay for the Newsletter out of Senate funds, but also be responsible for its contents.

Approved Amendment:

An amendment to the Newsletter motion now on the floor, to substitute the last paragraph beginning with "Therefore...," to read:

"Therefore, be it resolved:

1) that the newsletter editor work with the Communications Committee in the production of the newsletter.

2) that each edition of the newsletter print a disclaimer which states that any article dealing with issues other than Senate business is the opinion of the writer, and does not necessarily represent the opinion of the Senate.

3) that any such article (see §2) must be signed by the writer.

4) that the Senate pay for the Newsletter out of Senate funds.