Chair White called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm in the Regents Room. The minutes of the April 25 meeting were approved with corrections. The following senators were absent without observers: Saundra Ardrey, Brian Goff, Gordon Jones, John Jones, Raul Padilla, Earl Pearson, Eric Wayne Pennington.

Remarks by President Wayne Meredith

Unofficial enrollment this fall is at 14,694. The number of full-time students has increased by 600 and part-time students was down by 30. With the upcoming Faculty Regent's election, the President sees the role of the regent as a person who takes into account the best interests of Western when voting, not serving a special interest. This would be true of any regent. The health insurance study has shown the need to present options to employees in the choice of plans. Bids have been let this fall and new policies will be chosen and become effective January 1. Efforts have been made to streamline purchasing for grants and contracts. The department head/chair issue has been reviewed and a recommendation will be coming to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and deans for their reaction. The Faculty Senate Athletic Report will be studied and a group of people will be assembled to make recommendations. Graduate assistantships are a problem because tuition waivers are a double loss. A question period followed. Enrollment growth will not go unchecked and the president is concerned about limits and funding. The turnaround time for response to the department head/chair was discussed as about one week.

Old Business

The second reading of the By-Laws occurred. By-Law VI was amended to read: The chair of the Faculty Senate shall declare vacant the position of any elected senator who is absent without a substitute from three regularly scheduled senate meetings during a senate year. The vacancy will be filled in accordance with Article III C4 of the Constitution. By-Law VI as amended passed.

Committee Reports

By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections: Senator Youngbluth reported that replacement elections are being held and that Senator William Howard is the departmental representative for Allied Health. Elections are to be held in Library Services and the College of Business Administration. For the Regent's Election the Department of Military Science does not wish to run but wishes to vote in the election. Library Services faculty can run for office and can vote in the election.

Faculty Status and Welfare: Senator Shindhelm reported that the committee will be conducting the annual faculty salary survey and
compare it to administrative salaries. Open hearings will be conducted on insurance for faculty input. The retirement plan option of TIAA will be studied. The tenure, merit pay statements will be reviewed.

Fiscal Affairs: Senator Redman reported that athletic spending will be monitored to see if it stays within budget. Academic and administrative unit spending will also be studied this year.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns: Senator Wesolowski reported that the committee will study policies and procedures for faculty evaluation and grievances. The question of whether administrators above the departmental level are systematically evaluated will be studied. A concern was expressed about the short turnaround time for reaction to the President's department head/chair written response.

Committee on University Committees: Senator Pulliam reported the committee has been asked to make nominations for an advisory committee to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Faculty-Regent's Report: Regent Evans reported that the President has urged board members to look seriously at the Senate Report on Athletic Spending and believes that members will be open-minded about allocations. The last COSFL meeting discussed reallocation within university budgets as a reality since it is felt that additional funding by the legislature is questionable. Regent Evans has had faculty on campus expressing similar feelings.

COSFL Report: Paul Campbell reported that COSFL will be asking for faculty contributions for its legislative agenda which will be: full formula funding, a sound retirement fund, and the quality and terms of regent appointments. Other campuses are looking at our report on athletic spending and they are concerned about their campuses. TIAA options are being looked at. KEA met with them and lobbying efforts are very costly. With a suggested $10 contribution per faculty member, their efforts would be more limited. Senator Ed O'Daniel met with the group and the budget outlook will be short of funds without new money. The Council on Higher Education will be seeking full formula funding from the legislature. The Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education will meet with COSFL at their next meeting.

New Business

Senator Krenzin moved acceptance of the Institutional Goals and Planning Committee's Report on Purchasing. A motion was made to suspend the rules and consider the report on one reading. The motion was passed. An amendment was made to recommendation number 2 that the wording should read, "Update the Project Director's Handbook as changes and procedures require." The amendment passed. The motion to accept the recommendations passed.
Announcements

The first newsletter begins following this meeting under Senator Bluhm as editor. An expression of gratitude was made by the chair for the service of Senator Dana Boden who has resigned to take another position at a university.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.