Athletic spending report
Keith Gabehart presented the 1986-87 report on financing of intercollegiate athletics. Each senator has a copy. Sen. Gabehart said the Fiscal Affairs committee would not be making a recommendation, but instead would present 17 concluding points. (See attached.) He thanked Dr. Paul Cook for help in locating the necessary information.

Senate officer elections coming up
Election of Senate XII officers will be at the April 26 meeting. Names for nomination may be sent to Brian Sullivan. Committees should already have caucused, and chairpersons will be named after the next Senate meeting.

Sick leave policy
Barry Brunson, working on the sick leave policy that has been before the Senate for one and a half years, said he is still trying to get accurate information from the state. He suggested the Senate conduct a poll of the faculty to find out their opinions.

Research questionnaires returned
Karlene Ball will give a report at the next Senate meeting regarding the questionnaires returned to her concerning faculty opinions on research facilities and support at WKU.

Report from Faculty Regent Eugene Evans
Gene Evans said he feels the choice of a new president for WKU requires "careful investigation and considerable thought before the selection is made." He said he will support a national search. "We're looking at all new people. I have no pre-conceived notion about any particular candidate," he said.

Regarding athletic spending, Regent Evans said that at WKU we are using academic money to finance athletics, whereas at UK they are using athletic money to finance academics. "We can't find enough money to do what we really need to do to educate students," he said. Regent Evans came back to the podium at the end of the meeting to say he did not want to give an unfair impression that at WKU athletes do not go to school.

Publications resolution passed
James Wesolowski, after criticizing a column in The College Heights Herald, moved to amend the publications resolution so that it would read as follows, with proposed deletions in parentheses:

Especially in a time of critically tight budgets, all components of a university should be financially well-managed and accountable.

Academic freedom is a standard which must be upheld in poverty as well as prosperity. No actions should be taken which have the effect of abridging (or curtailing) the editorial independence of the press, including the College Heights Herald and the Talisman. Student editors, reporters and staff, (once selected, should be under no faculty or administrative editorial constraints, but under only) must operate under the constraints of responsible journalism.

Ed Dorman seconded the motion. Terry Vander Heyden asked Sen. Wesolowski why he wanted to delete those words, since at the time the resolution was introduced, President Alexander was asking for "faculty editors." Sen. Wesolowski said it was because the words were not necessary, and made it sound like President Alexander wanted to curtail the first amendment.

The amendment was defeated, and the original resolution passed.
Two of three evaluation motions passed

The Senate passed the motion endorsing the report of the Task Force for Evaluation of Teaching.

The Senate defeated the motion recommending a validation study to see if a survey of student opinion is correlated with student academic gain. Sen. Dorman questioned Robert Reber about how such a study would be validated.

Tom Noser moved to amend the third motion regarding the transcribing of student comments so that comments would be transcribed only if students agreed. The amendment was seconded by Robert Reber, and defeated. Cam Collins asked what the cost of transcribing the comments would be, but that information was not available. The motion then passed.

Motion of faculty involvement in presidential selection passed

Jim Flynn moved, and Rich Weigel seconded, that the following motion be voted on after one reading. It was passed as follows:

Faculty members should be involved to a significant degree in selecting Western's next president. In addition to the obvious benefits of drawing on faculty expertise and insights, such involvement will contribute to the faculty's confidence in the selection process and, ultimately, in the person selected.

Therefore, the Faculty Senate urges the Board of Regents to incorporate the following provisions for faculty involvement in the selection process for the next president of the University:

1. Several faculty should be members of the search committee. At least some of the faculty members should be elected by the faculty to membership.

2. There should be open sessions where faculty can ask questions of and discuss issues with each finalist for the position during on-campus interviews.

3. There should be ample opportunity for faculty to relay their assessments of candidates interviewed to the appropriate body (search committee or Board of Regents) before the selection decision is made.

New parking lot proposed

Barry Brunson moved, and Tom Noser seconded, to approve a proposed parking lot by Snell Hall. Brunson will submit a more detailed plan at the next Senate meeting, but said the new lot would provide space for 35 more cars and would involve cutting down three trees of varied states of health.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 26

The first meeting of Senate XII will be on Tuesday, April 26, in the Garrett Ballroom. At that time, Phil Constans, the first chair of WKU's Faculty Senate, will be honored upon his retirement. All members of Senate I have been invited.
From the Report on Financing of Intercollegiate Athletics, 1986-87

HISTORICAL NOTES

In October 1984, the Faculty Senate adopted a resolution expressing its concern about the increasing costs of intercollegiate athletics. The Senate then charged the Fiscal Affairs Committee to bring forward a report on spending for intercollegiate athletics. This extensive study, which was presented at the February 1985 meeting showed that:

1. Athletics has only a marginal impact on non-athletic contributions.
2. Intercollegiate athletics does very little to influence a student's decision to attend Western.
3. The athletic budget grew by 10% from 1980-81 to 1982-83, and from 1982-83 to 1984-85 it grew by 48%.
4. The deficit between expenditures and revenue in 1980-81 was $653,244 while in 1984-84 expenditures exceeded revenue by $1,139,280.
5. The football program played a central role in a "deteriorating" situation.

The 1985 report included the following conclusions:

1. The University's intercollegiate athletic budget is in a state of crisis.
2. Despite a slightly improved revenue picture, expenditures are rising more rapidly than revenue.
3. The University must reassess its expensive commitment to Division I-AA football.

In March, 1986, the Fiscal Affairs Committee presented to the Senate a follow-up report to the extensive 1985 study. The 1986 report included the following:

1. The athletic budget continues to be in a state of crisis.
2. Expenditures continue to exceed budget. Even though the athletic budget was increased by 13.8%, expenditures exceeded budget by 17.4%.
3. While revenues increased a modest amount, 9.9%, unrestrained spending kept pace by increasing 9.2%.
4. While football played a major role in an unhealthy situation, other areas also caught the fever of overspending.

In March, 1987, the report to the Senate stated that the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee in 1985 and 1986 were still appropriate:

1. The athletic budget continues to be in a state of crisis.
2. Expenditures continue to exceed budget (by 22.4%) and revenues even when athletic budgets are increased disproportionately to academic budgets (4.6% athletics to .5% colleges). 
3. Revenues have increased, but unrestricted spending still results in high deficits.
4. Football has played a major role in creating an unhealthy and worsening situation.
5. There is a lack of resolve by the appropriate University officials to put a stop to the overspending of athletic budgets—the "control" function of a budget continues to be ignored.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR THE 1988 REPORT

The committee has used the OPERATING BUDGET OF 1986-87 and the TRIAL BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1987 prepared by the Department of Accounts and Budgetary Control.

We would like to thank Dr. Paul Cook, Executive Vice-President for Administrative Affairs, for his cooperation in supplying the above documents and for his time in meeting with members of this committee to answer any questions about these documents.

Too, the Committee appreciates the much work of Ms. Teresa Speth and Ms. Phyllis Causey of the Office of the Dean, College of Business Administration, in getting this report to printed form.
Findings

1. In a memo of November 3, 1987, to Dr. Alexander on the subject of 1986-87 income and expenditures in athletics, Dr. Cook wrote: "Jim Feix and the coaches have worked together in carefully monitoring income and expenditures in athletics."

2. Athletics (according to information provided by the Office of Athletic Director) serves the following number of students: full scholarships 107; partial scholarships 142; equivalent full scholarships 158. Dr. Cook, in his memo to Dr. Alexander, says: "Mr. Feix and several of the coaches note that the expenditures by student-athletes exceed the amount of the partial grant-in-aid they receive." Ms. Pam Herriford, Assistant Director of Athletics noted: "A number of students are drawn to Western by sports (especially the non-revenue sports) where there are little or no grant-in-aid available."

3. The budget for athletics at Western comprises about 3% of the University's total budget.

4. Western Kentucky University ranks on the low-side in budgets in all sports, except Women Basketball, of the Sun Belt Conference universities.

5. Athletics received an increase in budget of 11.1% (page 3); the colleges received an increase of 5.6% (pages 6 and 7). Some of the increase in athletics budget is "artificial/locked-in"--the same number of scholarships (grants-in-aid) are offered, but food, registration fees, rent and books increase in cost.

6. Expenditures for intercollegiate athletics exceeded the budget by 17.7% (page 3); expenditures for the colleges were over by 3.5% (pages 6 and 7). Note: Expenditures for telephone and employee scholarships (a minor cost) are budgeted centrally by the university; all units at Western have virtually unlimited telephone spendings; in this report these costs are not included in "budget" columns but are included in "spending" columns for both athletics and colleges.

7. Revenue exceeded budgets more than expenditures exceeded budgets (page 3).

8. The budget for the Office of Director of Athletics (page 3) increased 24.4% over 1985-86. This increase was due to "Salaries--regular" which increased from $129,820 to $161,175 (24.2%). Telephone expenses of this office were $8,410.

9. The average of expenditures over budget for Trainer (page 3) resulted from an increase in the insurance premium, which was bid after the budget was prepared, and medical/dental services.

10. Most of the average for Football (page 3) was in the registration fees (page 5). There were more out-of-state students than were anticipated in the budget. The expenditure on food in the football program (page 5) was slightly over budget--this resulted from extra expenditures for food for those who try out in the fall. Telephone expense of the program was $24,052.

11. The expenditures over budget for Men Basketball (page 3) resulted from NIT and NCAA tournament performances--the University was reimbursed for these expenditures. The expenditure for food in this program was over by 62.9%--this item was partly caused by the tournament participation, so was reimbursed. Telephone expense was $14,672.

12. The expenditures over budget for Baseball and Men Track & Field (page 3) resulted mostly from the mix of in-state and out-of-state registration fees. Telephone expense of these programs were $1,595 and $2,507 respectively.

13. The expenditures over budget for Soccer (page 3) resulted mostly from team travel and residence hall rent. Telephone expense was $1,914.

14. Much of the average of expenditures over budget for Women Basketball (page 3) resulted from tournament participation--the University was reimbursed for some of the average. Telephone expense was $7,629.

15. The average of expenditures over budget for Women Golf (page 3) resulted from an unanticipated increase in charges for use of golf course and team travel.

16. The average of expenditures over budget for Volleyball (page 3) occurred in several areas--more significant were travel, supplies, game officials.

17. The average of expenditures over budget for Rifle Team (page 3)--this team no longer exists--resulted when one of the former team members remained in school for 1986-87, a move not anticipated.