MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 26, 1978

Present: Tom Jones, Chair
Phil Constans
Marion Lucas
Joan Krenzin
Capt. Greg Lowe

Don Bailey, Fiscal Affairs Committee Chair
Linda Pulsinelli, By-Laws, Amendments & Elections Chair

Comments on the last meeting.

Sending packets of the two reports to those absent and brief summary of the meeting.

Old business:

Dr. Lucas received a note and call from Curtis Logsdon--asking each department Senator to look at each department (exclude persons paid for by grants) larger in the last few years. The interest in accountability will clarify the administrator's listing--cost accountability will make the issue more defined.

Fiscal Affairs Committee is defining itself--ask the committee for interests to be given to that committee.

The Communications Committee: Ann Fields, Doris Broach, Pauline Jones--needs two more Senators.

Chuck Henrickson asked how to get an item discussed--answer: bring it up under new business. The item can be on the agenda if the chair is notified.

Don will have a report. Responses to Lucas' report. Corrections. Must count all student help in administrative offices; what part of year of expenditures for students were in administrative offices, what in labs; need final figures from department. Graduate assistants teaching is separate category; full-time teaching, lab, or administrative--$1 administration to $1 faculty.

Throw out "coffee house" conversation.

What time Executive Committee will meet next semester--12:50 Tuesday (first and third of each month)
Vice President Davis suggested that he and Tom meet several times a month--the vice-president's candor and interest in the Senate actions.

Met with Board of Regent President Cole--learned his attitudes about WKU and the evaluation--seemed to be very interested in the evaluations of the administrators, etc. "The President is the hirer and firer"--Cole aware of attitudes of the faculty--fortunate to have someone interested in what he is doing as Board of Regents Head.

Jim's committee--reactivate his committee.

Senate office moved to Room 268 of Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center.
Phone is same--745-5325. Secretary is in the office from 3-5 each weekday.

Senate voted on Joan's Report on promotion and tenure to be distributed to faculty and "interested" administrators--on request, Faculty Senators could decide how many to pick up.

Send to Dept. Faculty Senator via mail to distribute reports in those departments. With Senator on sabbatical, send to Dept. secretaries to distribute. Need to distribute red notebooks to Dept. Senators.

Tom is to officially witness the copying of the comments on the evaluation. Means of reading the comments: Dept. head reads his own, may compare with other Dept. heads; Deans also may compare with others. Plan to have it distributed by Friday to the President, Board of Regents. Buckman will ask for them at the Board meeting. Packet for the Board is only the Presidents. Is it our duty to see that a packet of a complete set of everything for the Board? If the Board wants, they request it of the President. Is there any way that the votes of confidence can be made public? Board of Regent can tell it. How can we evaluate administrators as the faculty Senate and then go back to the Departments and say "we can't tell you"--valid question, but on the evaluation the Senate voted not to disclose. 73% response into computer; 1% came in too late. Tom will go to Board of Regents meeting. Report on evaluation; will the complete copy be on file? "YES--entire comments and print out. Lucas suggested that the dept. heads would like to see the forms before the evaluation was held--perhaps they should be informed of Senate business and happenings. Should put into operation a second evaluation of the graduate faculty evaluating their own administrators. Before the next evaluation, be sure to include the entire administration.

Can the faculty make a statement about their students rather than just a grade? Beyond scores--what they don't know--students are knowing less and less--or are getting more and more and know less and less?

"Periodic review" evaluation was a motion by Constans--the committee moved full speed ahead to our own evaluation without working with the administration.
Dates of Regents meeting—the President sets the date. Could they be done at an earlier date—way past time to get another job if you don’t like your salary.

Summer school calendar—-to the Senate? as well as the academic council.

Obligation to let the truth out to set the rumors straight—-ask each faculty to release their confidentiality if the evaluation seemed to have no effect—-make them public—-still feel that the confidentiality should be kept.