MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee of Senate XVIII Chairs, Standing Committees
FROM: Larry Snyder, Vice Chair
DATE: 25 August 1994
RE: Log of resolutions passed by Faculty Senate XVII

According to the revised Constitution of the Faculty Senate, it is the responsibility of the Vice Chair to track the progress of resolutions adopted by the Senate. I have therefore reviewed the minutes of Senate motions passed during the previous legislative session. Motions not adopted have been omitted.

Attached is a log listing resolutions adopted by Senate XVII and recorded in the minutes. Vote tallies and number of readings were carried through when listed. Apparently some resolutions have not been acted upon, or that action, such as letters written and/or delivered, was not recorded in the minutes. It is the duty of the Senate, and particularly its standing committees, to act upon adopted resolutions. A review of these resolutions may help to shape our agenda for the coming session.

Finally, as this is only the second such log prepared, I have taken the liberty to alter the process for numbering the resolutions from the first log. Instead of beginning with the calendar year, which does not correspond with our sessions, I have begun with the Senate number (eg. S17). Next, the month and year of the meeting is given, rather the number of the meeting itself (eg. S17:10/93). Finally, the adopted motions are numbered sequentially for the entire Senate session (eg. S17:4/94.13). It seems to me that a standardized process for numbering the resolutions be established in order to track their progress. I am certainly open to any suggestions as to how this can be simplified and/or clarified.
The following resolutions were adopted at the first meeting of Senate XVII on 4/29/93:

S17:4/93.1 (one reading: voice vote)

Whereas: The implementation of the three-year salary proposal recently passed by the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents will involve restructuring of the university, including the elimination of full-time faculty positions;

Whereas: University president Thomas Meredith has stated that any restructuring of the university will be guided by a revised Western XXI plan;

The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University resolves:

1. Any committee given the task of revising Western XXI must consist of a majority of full-time faculty not assigned administrative responsibilities.

2. The faculty who serve on the committee will be elected by the Faculty senate but do not have to be members of the Senate.

3. No other group or individual will have the power to change the finished report, before it goes to the Board of regents, without the consent of this committee.

ACTION: see S17.10-93.1 and S17.2-94.1

S17:4/93.2

Whereas Senator Kuhlenschmidt has served the Faculty, Senate with outstanding ability,

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate commends Senator Kuhlenschmidt for her excellent service to Senate XVI.

ACTION: Senator Otto presented a gavel to Senator Kuhlenschmidt in appreciation for her service.
The following resolution was adopted at the third meeting of Senate XVII on 10/14/93:

S17:10/93.3

Whereas: In April 1993 the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University approved a resolution calling for the participation of full-time faculty in any revision of Western XXI;

Whereas: Western Kentucky University is in the midst of a three-year salary plan which may require restructuring of the university;

The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University resolves:
1. To create a committee of full-time faculty to begin a review of Western XXI.
2. Each college shall be represented by one assistant professor, one associate professor, and one full professor, none of whom have administrative responsibilities. No department may have more than one representative on the committee.
3. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate will receive nominations for this committee until November 2. On that date the Executive Committee will review nominations and select the faculty to serve on the committee.
4. The committee to review Western XXI will hold its organizational meeting on Monday, November 8, 1993. The Chair of the faculty Senate will preside at the organizational meeting.

ACTION: President Meredith explained that Western XXI was not up for review until 1996. On 11/2/93, following the close of nominations, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate selected a twelve-member committee to review Western XXI. The committee's report was given to the Senate on 12/9/93 as is recorded in the minutes of that meeting. On 2/17/94 the following motion (S17.2-94.1) passed:

The faculty Senate accepts the report of the committee to review Western XXI for review.

No further action has been taken.
The following resolutions were adopted at the fourth meeting of Senate XVII on 11/11/93:

S17:11/93.4 (second reading)

Whereas, The University libraries perform service functions that affect the academic role of the entire University, and

Whereas, the university-wide oversight committee for the libraries established during the presidency of Dr. Donald Zacharias, which reported directly to the Vice president of Academic Affairs, no longer exists, and

Whereas, such a committee would be beneficial in helping the libraries to fulfill their service now as in the past, therefore

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate urges President Meredith to re-establish a University Library Oversight Committee, reporting directly to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, to be composed of one faculty member from each of the four colleges, elected by the departmental library representatives of that college, one faculty member from the University Libraries, elected by the University Library Faculty Committee, one faculty member representing the Faculty Senate, elected by the Senate, with the college deans and the Dean of Libraries as ex-officio members, this committee serving the same function with respect to library decisions that the Academic Council serves with respect to curricular decisions.

ACTION: It was reported to the full Senate on 2/17/94 that the Council of Academic Deans had adopted a proposal for a Library Advisory Committee similar to that suggested by the Senate. The purpose of the committee is to "review library policies and make recommendations to the Dean of Libraries and to the Vice President for Academic Affairs." The committee will not scrutinize the work of individual librarians.

It should be noted that the plan adopted differs in the composition of the Committee. In particular, no faculty member represents the Senate and the faculty member elected by University Libraries to the Committee is ex officio without voting privileges.

S17:11/93.5

It is so moved that one representative from the libraries and one representative from the community college be added to the faculty committee to review Western XXI.

ACTION: the committee was increased by two.
Whereas, the faculty of Western Kentucky University has strived since 1906 to make the University a respected center of learning,

Whereas, Western Kentucky University faculty excels in both basic and applied research,

Whereas, Western Kentucky University faculty has earned reputations which enable them to provide service on a regional, national, and international level,

Whereas, the ninety-six academic majors and six master degrees attract students throughout Kentucky, the United States and foreign countries,

Whereas, the faculty of Western Kentucky University is expected to respond to regional, national and international issues relative to their teaching, research and service role,

Let it be resolved that the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University strongly supports the concept of Western Kentucky University as a comprehensive university and encourages President Meredith to champion this cause as deliberations continue on the subject of university mission statements.

ACTION:

The Faculty Senate requests that the Executive Committee of this body work out a statement to be sent to the board [of Regents] which emphasizes the concern of the Faculty Senate over the activities of the Higher Education Reform Commission and to encourage the board to take action.

ACTION: After consultation with the Executive Committee regarding content and form, Senate Chair Robert Dietle drafted a letter expressing the concerns of the Senate over recent actions of HERC. This letter was sent to the state-wide Congress of Faculty Senate Leaders (COSFUL) where it was then presented to HERC in the presence of the university presidents. It was reportedly well received.
The following resolution was adopted at the sixth meeting of Senate 17 on 2/17/94:

S17:2/94.8
The faculty Senate accepts the report of the committee to review *Western XXI* for review.

ACTION: No further action has been taken.

The following resolutions were passed at a special meeting of Senate 17 on 2/24/94:

S17:2/94.9 (passed 20:13)
The WKU Faculty Senate urges the WKU Board of Regents to adopt a non-grant-in-aid program in football as soon as possible.

S17:2/94.10 (passed 21:8)
The WKU Faculty Senate urges the WKU Board of Regents to hold off making decisions with a potentially long-term impact on the budget without the budget being worked out to a large extent.

ACTION: Faculty Senate Chair Robert Dietle presented the resolutions passed at the special session of the Senate to the Board of Regents on 2/25/94. At that meeting, the contract of Coach Harbaugh was extended and no immediate action was taken by the Board with regard to the status of football as a grant-in-aid sport at Western.
The following resolutions were adopted at the eighth meeting of Senate 17 on 3/10/94:

S17:3/94.11 (second reading)

Whereas information on the Highest Degree is missing for many faculty in the printout to the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee for use in preparing its annual salary survey for the faculty Senate;

Whereas the Nine Month Equivalent salary of faculty for the prior year in the printout is not systematically updated to reflect all changes in that year (thereby creating some incorrect $ and % change figures);

The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University requests that the Office of Institutional Research supplies the Computer and Informational Services Office with updated information on the highest degree and revised prior nine month salaries of faculty to be posted in the printout run off each fall for the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee of the Senate.

ACTION: Informed of this resolution, the President directed the Director of Human Resources to confer with the Chair of the Senate's Faculty Status and Welfare Committee to update the salary printout accordingly. An amended printout for 1993-4 was furnished to that committee on 6/16/94. The degree and salary data thus incorporated should be reflected in the 1994-5 printout.

S17:3/94.12 (first reading)

The faculty Senate requests that the Board of Regents undertake a study of other benchmark institutions to determine the percentage of budget spent on instruction.

ACTION: Faculty Regent Ray Mendel promised to present this request to the Board at its March meeting. It was brought out during the discussion of the motion that such a document may already exist, but is being protected as "confidential" by the President's Office for fear that it might prove embarrassing to the administration.