The meeting was called to order by Chair White at 3:30 p.m. The minutes of the April 24 meeting were approved with one correction. The chair announced that the Senate Office has been moved to 155 FAC, and the hours are Tuesday through Friday from 1-4 p.m. The phone number will remain the same at 5325. Senators absent without representation were: Whitney Combs, Wade Ferguson, John Jones, Michael Lasater, Thomas Roberts, Jo Ann Verner.

The University President's Report

The president was asked to address the Senate at the first meeting of the fall. The president reported that the WKU Institute for Economic Development through funding from the Tennessee Valley Authority will develop a pilot project for leadership development training of rural area leaders. The Western XXI Committee report will be shared in open hearings beginning in early October with announcements made to faculty for feedback. The Board of Regents will then finalize the report which will become the governing document for the direction of the university. Each budget unit on campus will then need to address the report with action plans by December. A budget review process of each unit will occur this fall. The 1991-92 budget will be based upon the priorities of the Western XXI report which involved wide-based input. A question was asked about health insurance and a solution for the increasing costs does not exist. A report from the Solid Waste Task Force has not yet been made but will be forthcoming. The Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 is the most encompassing reform of any state. We will provide support as necessary. A doctoral program for school administrators is being proposed for assistance in the school reform movement. The number one priority will continue to be faculty salaries by the president. He has worked hard this past legislative session and continues to emphasize the future shortage of faculty and below benchmark salaries to legislators. Five percent new monies is projected for the next budget year.

Executive Committee Report: Chair White stated that the Senate is an open forum for diverse views of its members and welcomes varied discussions on the issues during the year. The revised Senate Constitution is available for members who have not received one by calling the Senate Office. A charge was made by the chair to communicate Senate proceedings to departmental faculty and receive their feedback on issues. As a byline, the chair mentioned that the Floyd County teachers have settled their strike. If you have a master's degree and ten years experience, you can earn $33,000 which is almost the average salary of WKU faculty during 1989-90.

By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections Committee: This committee will need to meet following Senate adjournment today to elect a chair and complete the necessary remaining elections.
Faculty Status and Welfare Committee: Senator Rasdall listed the concerns thus far on the committee's agenda and welcomed ideas from senators and faculty. Topics of study for this year are: a fringe benefits survey of faculty, TIAA retirement option would have to be done by legislative act only, streamline faculty registration, passive smoking areas, recycling policy, the effect of the extra payroll payments on our taxes, and the committee needs to meet and elect a chair.

Faculty Regent Report: Regent Evans reported that at a recent Regents' retreat the doctorate in school administration was discussed. Athletic scholarships will not appear in the current budget as athletic expenditures but as institutional scholarships. That sum is $941,310 which is now found in the general part of the budget and is not broken down by sports. This is in response to questions asked by faculty. The present budget document is probably as thick as the Chicago residential portion of the phone directory. Regent Evans advocates a policy that in the budget the library should receive the least cuts if reductions have to be made in the budget. In fact, $48,000 was increased in the library budget through his efforts when $2,000 only appeared originally. Environmental support does exist by the board for waste management efforts. He is encouraged by the initial reports of the Western XXI Committee as a sound document.

Old Business

Amended Resolution to the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee Report on "The Budget and Expenditures of Western Kentucky University".

A motion was made by Senator Bruni to make the resolutions of the report stronger and to refer it back to the committee for revisions a second time. Seconded. Motion was defeated.

A motion by Senator Glaser to amend resolution #2 to delete the words "much more closely" and to read: The expenditures for the academic, administrative, athletic, and other units of Western Kentucky University shall comply with the adopted budgets. Seconded. Motion passed.

A motion by Senator Glaser to amend resolution #4 to delete the words, "reducing, and finally" and to read: Emphasis shall be placed also on eliminating overspending in the executive management budgets. Seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the amended resolution was made and seconded. Motion passed.

The Senate adjourned at 5:05 p.m.