FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
February 14, 1991

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Glaser following the completion of the January extended meeting. Minutes for the January and February meeting will be submitted at the March meeting for approval. Senators absent without representation were: John Bruni, John Crenshaw, Wade Ferfuson, Norman Hunter, Gordon Jones, John Jones, Michael Lasater, Gary McKercher, Raul Padilla, Carolyn Stringer, Thomas Syre, Jo Ann Verner, Bart White.

Executive Committee Report: Vice Chair Glaser reported that departmental elections for senators will occur in February with at-large college elections following in March. Chair White will be conducting the elections. The issue of the WKU Credit Union and the Senate newsletter was misinterpreted by Regent Chambless. The newsletter exists as a forum for faculty opinion and was used as such. The Credit Union had no association with the printing of the article in the newsletter.

Academic Affairs Committee: Senator Janice Masannat reported that the committee did receive 175 survey responses. A copy of the survey results were distributed. The committee will proceed with study of the topics. Comments relative to the issues will be welcomed by the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution on Athletics- Second Reading:

Be It Resolved: The Faculty Senate, in reference to the final Western XXI report approved by the Board of Regents, recommends that the university place athletics in the desirable category not essential and

Be It Resolved: That the funding, which is a drain on university resources, be curtailed through a reduction in expenditures and/or an increase in revenues, as stated in the Western XXI report. Passed.

Resolution Concerning Classroom Instruction/Comprehensive Exams- Second Reading:

Senator Flynn distributed a handout showing the recent change in wording regarding comprehensive exams adopted at the January 31, 1991, Board of Regents meeting which read:

Encourage the development of interrelationships among the content and insights of courses and disciplines and encourage the use of comprehensive final examinations where feasible.

This reflects a change in wording from the December 12, 1990 version. A motion was made and seconded to table indefinitely
the resolution. A tie vote occurred, therefore, motion was defeated. A vote on the resolution then passed.

A motion was made to postpone definitely the Resolution on a Tobacco-Free Workplace until the next meeting. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Survey of Faculty Opinion: A motion was made and seconded to conduct the survey again this year. The chair declared that the motion would have one reading. President Meredith addressed the item which assesses his job performance be given the same courtesy given to faculty, namely, more than one item being related to performance and confidentiality. Senator Hackney suggested that the Executive Committee study this matter and report back at the next meeting. Also, a lack of quorum exists to vote today on this issue. A motion for adjournment was made, seconded, and passed at 5:05 p.m.