Faculty Senate Minutes
December 1, 1992

Call to Order

The special, called meeting of the Senate was called to order by Chair
Sally Kuhlenschmidt at 3:38. A quorum was present.

William Traugott substituted for Dwight Cline, William Meador for Mary
Cobb, Frank Pittman for Terry Leeper, Barb Kacer for Robert A. Otto, and
Blaine Ferrell for Rudy Frins. Those absent without representation were
Randall Deere, Ed Dorman, Robert Haynes, David Kelsey, Thomas Meredith, David
Neal, Norma Schira, and James Worthington.

Special Business

The special meeting was called for the purpose of holding a discussion
concerning a vote of confidence.

Senator Newhart moved and Senator Bingham seconded the following:
That the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University
conduct a vote of confidence on the President.

Senator Caillouet moved (Senator Pulliam seconded) to amend the motion by
adding the words:
not later than one month prior to a contract renewal or
extension of a contract.
The amendment failed by a voice vote.

Senator Murphy moved (Senator Bruni seconded) to amend by inserting the
words:
among the faculty
before the words "on the President." The amendment passed on a voice vote.

During the course of discussion Senator Dietle showed to the Senate a
petition, presented to him by a non-senator. He said that two-hundred-thirty-
four people had signed the petition stating:
In view of the renegotiation of President Thomas C.
Meredith's contract by the Board of Regents, we, the
undersigned, request that the Faculty Senate consult the
faculty by holding a vote of confidence on President
Meredith. This vote should be held before the contract is
finalized in January 1993, thus allowing the WKU faculty to
voice its opinion.

Chair Kuhlenschmidt declared that the first reading had been completed.

Announcements

Chair Kuhlenschmidt has received a copy of the action taken by the Board
of Regents with regard to the Special Procedures Report, and a copy has been
placed in the library.

In regard to a discussion relating to the question of to whom the internal
auditor shall report, Chair Kuhlenschmidt received a call from Board Chair
Burns Mercer. He asked her to report that the audit will be simultaneously
sent to him, as Chair of the Board, the Chair of the Finance Committee of the
Board, and the President.

Senator Glaser requested the Senate to find out the status of the
President's contract. We have heard the terms extension, reappointment, and
clarification. Chair Kuhlenschmidt said she would do her best to get the
information.

Chair Kuhlenschmidt had received a call for papers for the National
Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20.

Respectfully Submitted by Joan Krenzin