Faculty Senate Minutes
April 8, 1993

Call to Order
Chair Kuhlenschmidt called the meeting to order at 3:33. Edward Yager substituted for Christopher Hamilton and Carolyn McRoy for Susan James. Absent without representation were James Bingham, Randall Deere, Ed Dorman, Corban Goble, Kaveh Khatir, Rudy Prins, Norma Schira, Larry Scott, and Steve White.

Minutes of March Meeting
The minutes for the March meeting were approved as written.

Report from the Executive Committee
Chair Kuhlenschmidt welcomed newly elected members of Senate XVII who were attending as visitors. Caucuses will soon be held in each college to determine committee membership. This is an opportunity to serve in the area of individual interest.

At the last COSFL meeting three broad issues were discussed. First, Senate Bill #1 requires non-native instructors to undergo a periodic language exam. If one fails the test, he/she has one semester to improve in language or be fired. Second, universities were initially exempted from the law on smoke-free state institutions, but the Governor has subsequently asked universities to comply with it. Third, Chair Kuhlenschmidt has a chart comparing health insurance at the state universities.

Economic situations reported at COSFL included: U of L - salary pool about 2%; 40% jump in AAUP membership; Northern - salary pool of 5%; UK - restructuring of departments, salary pool of 3%; Morehead - restructuring of university, searching for football conference with fewer grants-in-aid; Murray - reinstatement of 2% lost in the salary reduction last year, expectation of sharing in health care costs for the first time, seeking arrangement for fewer football grants-in-aid.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee with the President the new academic dishonesty policy was discussed. We need to encourage instructors to state their policies in their syllabi.

President Meredith had reported that the Daily News was in error when it said that the commitment would be funded for three years. The commitment has been made for one year. A longer-term commitment cannot be made when the state’s commitment to the universities is unknown. Ways of dealing with Frankfort's commitment to higher education were discussed. If you want to write letters to Frankfort, Kevin Able seems to be a key figure in our budget cuts.

The Board meeting has been moved to May 3rd and 4th. Because this is finals week, it might be a little easier for some to attend.

Coach Willard’s salary increase will be coming from outside sources. Those sources are making a five-year commitment.

Report from By-Laws, Amendments, and Election Committee
Chair Jensen reported that the at-large elections have been completed, but he has yet to contact two electees to assure their acceptance. Caucuses will be called by Jeff Jensen in Potter, Rudy Prins in Ogden, Larry Scott in the library, and Sally Kuhlenschmidt in Education. Someone to caucus the Business College has yet to be found.

Old Business
In the second reading of the Constitutional amendment:

The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University resolves that the following addition be made to section III. B. of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate:

The vice-chairperson shall have the responsibility of monitoring accepted Senate resolutions and making periodic reports on the resolutions' progress to the Executive Committee and to the faculty in the Newsletter.
it passed on a voice vote.

The second Constitutional amendment:

The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University resolves that the following addition be made to section III. D. of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate:

Business conducted up to the point in time that an absence of quorum is established by the chair is assumed to be conducted with a quorum present.

was brought to the floor for second reading. A Murphy/Vos amendment to eliminate the words "in time" passed. A Shannon/Murphy amendment to insert the words "and announced" after the word "established" passed on a voice vote. The amended resolution:

Business conducted up to the point that an absence of quorum is established and announced by the chair is assumed to be conducted with a quorum present.

passed on a voice vote.

The third Constitutional amendment:

The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University resolves that the following be added to Section III. F. of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate:

Senate Statistician:
The Senate Executive Committee shall solicit nominees and select from among them a faculty member, not necessarily a Senator, with expertise in statistical analysis to serve as the Senate Statistician. The Statistician will serve for a 4 year period and will train a replacement, selected by the Executive Committee, in the last year of the term. The Statistician will be ultimately responsible to the Executive Committee which has the authority to replace the Statistician as appropriate need dictates. The Statistician will have primary responsibility for collecting and analyzing data for reports regularly produced by Senate committees. The Statistician will be able to call upon the appropriate committee for help with the gathering of information and will be obligated to conform to the general patterns of information presentation used in the past, unless the appropriate committee accepts a change. The Executive Committee, after consultation with the Statistician, will decide which routine reports are appropriate for the Statistician to provide for committees.

was brought to the floor for second reading. Senator Murphy (seconded by R. A. Otto) moved to change the words "to section III. F." to "as subsection III. F." The amendment passed. Senator Worthington (seconded by Shannon) moved to amend by replacing the word "select," in the first line, with the words "the Senate shall elect." The amendment passed. The original motion failed.

New Business
Senator Evans moved (and R. A. Otto seconded) that:

the By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections Committee be directed to review the Faculty Senate Constitution for consistency in language and present a resolution to the Senate during the fall of 1993.
Krenzin/Murphy offered a substitute amendment:

That the Constitution be made to be consistent and to use "chair" and "vice-chair" wherever those offices are mentioned.

Senators Evans and Otto accepted this as their motion. The motion passed.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Krenzin