CALL TO ORDER
The Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Arvin Vos at 3:35 p.m. Vice President Barbara Burch and Faculty Regent Ray Mendel were present. D. McElroy substituted for Zack Murrell, Nancy Rascoe for Suzanne Norwood, Nikki Feilner for Joyce Rasdall, and C. Pinnick for Larry Snyder. President Thomas Meredith, Jeannette Askins, John Barnum, Tabitha Daniel, Charles Daniel, Ed Dorman, Dorsey Grice, Delbert Hayden, Ronald Milliman, Brent Oglesbee, Richard Patterson, Earl Pearson, Jack Rudolph, and Uta Ziegler were absent without substitution.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES
The minutes of the September 12 meeting were approved with the following correction:
Executive Committee report, second paragraph, last sentence to read:
   Chair Vos indicated that he disagreed that other opinions were examined adequately, but that the meeting was not the time to discuss the matter.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY REGENT - RAY MENDEL
Regent Mendel discussed Governor Patton's concerns on higher education and the Task Force on Higher Education. The consultant's report indicates that WKU does less well in retention that others in the state. Governor Patton is planning a special session in April/May to deal with higher education.

COSFL is preparing position papers to present to the Governor. Issues include: faculty representation on the Council on Higher Education, technology is not the "silver bullet", technology and the library - need for the library to continue as we know it, and the education enterprise

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
Academic Affairs - John Petersen
University scholarships program is being studied. Handouts were discussed. The decline in incentive grants is a conscious effort by the University to cut back.

By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections - Nancy Baird
Janet Benton was elected to replace Patricia Daniel, Teacher Education.

Faculty Status and Welfare - Carl Kell
Vice-Chair Carl Kell will chair the committee. Issues to study include: summer stipends, faculty development fund, travel allotments, and faculty salary study.

Fiscal Affairs - David Keeling
On going overview of athletic component of the budget and issues related to tuition costs.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns
No report.

Senate Communications Committee - Bart White
Newsletter is on-line and hard copies were sent to Senators to post. Secretary Davis has joined the
committee and was thanked for getting the newsletter on-line.

Executive Committee - Arvin Vos
Chair Vos encouraged everyone to read the newsletter article on the Governor’s conference on Technology.

Names have been submitted to the President for various committees. Chair Vos encouraged faculty selected to accept appointments and be active members of the committees.

Executive committee met with the President and discussed the Commission on Efficiency. Copies of the report will be available and an open forum will be held to discuss it. The Task Force on Higher Education will report in March. The low level of education attainment in Western’s service area was also discussed.

Executive Committee invited Faculty Regent to meet with the Committee. Chair Vos asked Parliamentarian Murphy to move on amending the Faculty Senate Constitution and By-Laws to make the Faculty Regent an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
International Student Day, October 11, 1996.
Recital, South German Saxophone Ensemble, October 11, 1996.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Davis, Secretary