I. Call to Order

II. Disposition of Minutes from December 4 Meeting

III. Report from the Faculty Regent - Dr. Ray Mendel

IV. Reports of the Standing Committees:
   A. Academic Affairs - Lyn Miller
   B. By-laws, Amendments, and Elections - Fred Murphy
   C. Faculty Status and Welfare - Carl Kell
   D. Fiscal Affairs - David Keeling
   E. Professional Responsibilities and Concerns - Zach Murrell
      1) Report on Student Ratings
   F. Senate Communications - Rose Davis
   G. Executive Committee - Arvin Vos

V. Remarks from Dr. Barbara Burch

VI. Old Business
   A. Academic Affairs Proposed the following resolution (first reading):
      "We recommend that the WKU Faculty Handbook be revised to include the
      following as item 4 atop page 20 (where the length requirements for the
      probationary period are presented):

      Individuals with previous experience may negotiate the length of the
      probationary period at the time of hire.

VII. New Business
   A. Resolution from Professional Responsibilities and Concerns:
      "The Faculty Senate recognizes the reliability and validity of the core items of the
      SITE questionnaire as an effective assessment of teaching and we support the use
      of this method of evaluation of teaching.

      1) We recommend that the core items be made available to the individual
      faculty members, the individual's Department Head and Dean, and the
      Provost and President as part of the established review process of annual
review, promotion review, and tenure review.

2) In addition to the SITE core, the Faculty Senate strongly recommends that all departments utilize additional methods of evaluating teaching at the University.

3) The Faculty Senate recommends that the transcribed student comments be made available to the individual faculty members and the individual’s Department Head for the annual review.

4) Furthermore, we recommend that the transcribed student comments be made available to the individual’s Dean, the Provost, and the President only at the request of the individual faculty member or under extraordinary circumstances, in which case the individual faculty member must be notified in writing of that action.”

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjourn