CALL TO ORDER
The faculty senate was called to order by Chair Arvin Vos at 3:37 p.m. Absent without representation were: President Gary Ransdell, John Bruni, Donna Bussey, Thad Crews, II, J.D. Droddy, John Faine, Richard Hackney, Scott Kiefer, Joel Lenoir, Deborah Lively, Don Nims, Katrina Phelps, Joel Philhours, Gerald Post, Jack Rudolph, Rick Shannon, Murat Tirakiouslu, and Moosa Valinezhad. Darwin Dahl substituted for Charles Henrickson, Dale Smith for Dean May and Sylvia Pulliam for Carol Wilson. Provost Barbara Burch and Faculty Regent Ray Mendel were in attendance.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES
The minutes of the September 29, special meeting were accepted with the following correction:
Add the following summer stipend figures provided by Senator Philhours:

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Sources:
A = Actual amounts from WKU annual budgets
B = Budgeted amounts from WKU annual budgets
P = Preliminary actual amounts from current account balances

Remarks from the Faculty Regent
No report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Academic Affairs - Lyn Miller
No report.

By-laws, Amendments, and Elections - Donna Parker
Faculty Regent election is November 5, 8 am - 4 pm, in the Dean’s office of respective Departments. Candidates’ eligibility will be verified and names of candidates released after the Senate meeting. An open forum is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 3:30-5:00 pm, Garrett 103. Candidates are invited to submit a 300-500 word statement to be placed on the Faculty Senate webpage. Documents are to be submitted to Senate Communications Committee Chair, John White.
The question of eligibility to participate in the election was researched. The Statute regarding the Faculty Regent election states, “rank of assistant professor or above” are eligible to participate. No reference is made to tenure track. A ruling from Dr. John Peterson on this matter concurred that Community College faculty with Instructor rank, even though tenure track, are not eligible to participate in this election. A suggestion was offered that the Statute be included in the next issue of the Faculty Handbook.

Faculty Status and Welfare - Carl Kell
Follow-up has been initiated on a July letter to Provost Burch requesting accounting of lapsed salary dollars for the last two years. Senator Philhours' summer stipend report will be in hard copy and on the web soon. Senator Kell expressed despair that there is not a system in place to deal with faculty welfare concerns. He also concurred with Regent Mendel's recent email. Senator Kell expressed a need for a system overhaul to address issues and the need for some systemic changes to make faculty status where it should be.

Provost Burch made comments on last year's requests for a four-year plan on faculty salary allocations. A response to the lapsed salary request was sent to the Committee requesting the information. A meeting is scheduled to discuss the summer stipend concerns. (Chair Vos, Senator Philhours and Regent Mendel will be meeting with Provost Burch. A report will be given next meeting).

Fiscal Affairs - Claus Ernst
No issues at this time.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns - Charlie Smith
The Committee been asked to explore the question, "The university's legal counsel has the task of serving the university and with the self-insurance option, this means defending the university when questions come up with regard to the health insurance plan. The question is whether we as clients of such an insurance plan need to have our own counsel in order to make sure that we are adequately represented." A meeting will be schedule to explore this question and make a report to the Executive Committee.

Senate Communications - John White
Articles are desperately needed for the newsletter. An article on post-tenure review from the Association of University Professors will be reviewed.

Executive Committee - Arvin Vos
Tom Hiles, Vice-President for Development And Alumni Relations, has requested to address the Senate to bring us up-to-date on their activities. He will be at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
Resolution presented by Senator Otto, seconded by Senator Dietle:
    The Athletic Review Report by the Faculty Senate (Senators Vos and Keeling) be forwarded to the Board of Regents as part of the Academic Mission Subcommittee.
Chair Vos asked Vice Chair Kell to preside. The motion, as amended, carried:
The Athletic Review Report by Senators Vos and Keeling be forwarded to the Board of Regents as President Ransdell has indicated.

Resolution presented by Senator Otto:
Whereas, the Western xxi and Fisher report comment on the drain on academic resources by athletics and
Whereas, Western spends less on instruction as a percentage than its peer institutions,
Be it resolved, that the university not increase revenues from the university budget for athletics.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone to the next meeting.

Election of a COSFL representative from the Senate - Senator Katrina Phelps was elected by acclamation, with the stipulation that she accept the position. Next meeting will be October 24, 9:00 am.

Remarks from the Provost
Faculty are invited to nominate honorary Doctorate candidates. Provost Burch attended a statewide meeting to select programs for the Commonwealth Virtual University. WKU programs selected were speech pathology/speech language, counseling collaboration with doctorate program at UK, and a technology program at the Community College. Nine of forty presenters selected for the first meeting for faculty development were from Western.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Davis
Secretary/Treasurer