Minutes of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Committee Chairs

October 4, 1995

Chairman Arvin Vos called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. Present were Arvin Vos, Carl Kell, Rose Davis, Fred Murphy, Zubair Mohamed, Randy Swift, Joe Glaser, Bart White, Marion Lucas, Mark Robinson.

A letter from Jerry Post concerned about administrative review of WKUNET World Wide Web page information was discussed. It was referred to the Professional Responsibilities and Concerns Committee to be reviewed and reported back to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will meet with the President November 7, 2:00 p.m., Regent's Room, Wetherby.

The New Level item, changing the class schedule to keep students on campus, was discussed. Is it addressing student needs? Can the Senate suggest an attendance policy? Carl Kell described the attendance policy he uses. He will bring copies to the next meeting.

By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections: Ray Mendel is the only declared candidate for Faculty Regent. An open forum will be held the week of October 9. Faculty need to vote to show support for the Faculty Regent.

The structure of Senate committees was discussed: college representation on each committee; balancing of membership; the need for a new equation for membership; from time to time committees are unbalanced; Senators particularly interested in a certain area should be able to assist or be on a committee; when someone becomes Chair, should there be someone else from their College on the committee (this is difficult for small Colleges with less Senators than the number of committees); at-large Senators could file interests with the Senate Chair and be permitted to "sit-in" as a non-voting member. By-Laws should address this issue after the Faculty Regent election.

Professional Responsibilities and Concerns: No report.

Faculty Status and Welfare: Randy Swift just received the salary data. He hopes to have the report in November.

Arvin shared an article from Glenn Lohr about early retirement benefits at Eastern Kentucky University. It appears the benefits are better than Western's. The Committee will investigate this.

Fiscal Affairs: Issues being studied: Part-time Faculty, WKU Foundation, recruitment of minorities budget.

Do we need a resolution about raises? Does Fiscal Affairs need to revisit the Salary Study? Where do we stand at the end of the three year program?

Senate Communications: Bart White has been working with Margaret Cline to get a Web page setup for committee reports, agendas, minutes, and the newsletter. The first newsletter will be on-line with one hard copy per Senator to post/circulate. Deadline for articles is October 18-20. Articles so far: Chair Vos, Ray Mendel, a budget article on trends. Usually have two (2) per semester.

Academic Affairs: Mark Robinson discussed reactions to the New Level document.

No New Business agenda items were discussed for presentation at the October 12 meeting.

Rose Davis, Secretary