

Faculty Senate

Northern Kentucky University Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
September 24, 1990
Cafe A,B,C - 3 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of August 27, 1990 meeting
- III. Additions to or deletions from agenda
- IV.. Senate President's Report - Jim Thomas
 - A. Status of Senate Resolutions
 - B. Committee Appointments
 - C. Strategic Plan Articulation
- V. Presentation on capital construction - Dennis Taulbee
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Faculty Benefits - Gary Scott
 - B. Budget & Commonwealth Affairs - Ljubomir Nacev
 - C. Curriculum - Phil McCartney
 - 1. Proposal for the Master of Science in Nursing Program -
Voting item (15 minutes)
 - D. Professional Concerns - Ray McNeil
- VII. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF THE SEPT. 24, 1990 MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Avey, Diane D. Belland, Lawrence Borne, Carol Bredemeyer, Y. Datta, Frank Dietrich, Nancy Lee Firak, Randy Holt, Mike King, Vinay Kumar, Nan Littleton, Dennis Lye, Phil McCartney, Ray McNeill, Frances Mosser, Bob Mullen, Margaret Myers, Ljubomir Nacev, L. MacKenzie, Dennis O'Keefe, Terry Pence, Michael Prioleau, Bill Recker, Vince Schulte, Gary Scott, Jim Thomas, J. Michael Thomson, Bill Wagner, Stephen Walker, Bob Wallace, Emily Werrell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Clayton, Sudesh Duggal, Ron Hickey, Don Kelm, James Niewahner

GUESTS PRESENT: Barbara O'Brien, Mary Buckman, Robert Appleson, Virginia Stallings, Dennis Taulbee, Rose Stauss, Jerry Legere, Leon Boothe, Daryll Poole, Mary Paula Schuh, Ches Arthur

I. Meeting was called to order 3:07pm

II. Approval of minutes of August 27th meeting.
Minutes were approved as read.

III. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
Add to President's Report "D. Video Conference on Racial Harassment"

IV. President's Report

A. Status of Senate Proposals

Governance Document--has been approved. It is now NKU policy. It does not need Regents approval. The statement will be distributed to the faculty through the Provost's office.

Drug Testing Policy--has been approved. The Senate will attempt to incorporate it in the Drug-Free Workplace statement.

Sexual Harrassment Policy--has been approved.

Legal counsel is being consulted concerning the next step for the policy.

Tenure for LAP faculty--currently under consideration

B. Committee Appointments

Jim expressed his thanks for recommendations for people to serve on the committees

The following appointments have been made:

Elections Subcommittee

Kamilla Mazanec, Chair--Chase

Art Miller--Arts and Sciences

Gary Clayton--College of Business

Carrie McCoy--Professional Studies
Admissions and Academic Standards
Jim Luken--Arts and Sciences
Mike Prioleau--Professional Studies
Les Turner--Business
Search Committee

Vince Shulte--Arts and Sciences

C. Strategic Plan Articulation

Every department now has a copy of this document, as do members of the executive committee. The library has multiple copies.

This document details how the Strategic Plan will be implemented and it will guide the University for the next 5 years. The plan contains a process for revising the document annually. The executive committee is examining the best way to provide ongoing input to this revision process.

D. Video Conference

There will be a Video Conference on Racial Harassment Friday, Oct. 5th in the Albright Health Center Auditorium beginning at 1pm. Faculty is invited and encouraged to attend.

V. Presentation on Capital Construction--Dennis Taulbee

Dennis Taulbee reported on the status of current and future building projects:

1988 Budget

1) Fine Arts Expansion

Architect is finalizing plans. After their approval they will be put out for bids. Construction is expected to begin in January. If bids are low, the money saved will be used to buy equipment.

2) Residence Halls

A private developer will build the units. NKU will then lease it for 20 years, after which the university will obtain ownership. The hall will feature 600 beds in efficiency/apartment style rooms. Bids are being collected now.

1990 Budget

1) Campus Network for Computing

The basic structure for connecting departments and offices by fiber optics is now being put in place.

2) Library Automation

Bids have come in and the process is continuing to the next phase.

3) Miscellaneous:

New Signs have been put up around campus
360 new parking spaces have been added
Temporary repairs have been made on the plaza--
after the direction of the library expansion is
determined, more permanent repairs will be done

1992 Budget

1) Expansion of the Steely Library

2) \$475,000 to acquire new land--must be matched by
institutional funds

The Master Plan calls for the next 2 priorities to be the expansion of the University Center and a new classroom building.

Ljubomir asked why the first news of a possible hotel on NKU property was in the NORTHERNER. Dennis briefly outlined the possible plan to transfer ownership of the land to the NKU foundation for commercial development.. The process, however, has not progressed enough to bring it before the faculty. The NORTHERNER had simply heard some rumors and put together a story.

Mike Thomson asked what kind of development was being considered for the West Campus. Dennis reported that while the deed has some restrictions on the land's use, it is not as restrictive as some think. The plan is for NKU to maintain an academic presence, but that this would not preclude commercial development. A committee of administrators and faculty is considering this question.

Dennis also reported that there has been no further movement on the annexation issue.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Faculty Benefits--Gary Scott

The August 29th workshop on summer fellowships, project grants, and sabbaticals was well attended. Oct. 1st is the deadline for submissions. Subcommittees are in place to rank the proposals.

Other issues being looked at:

- 1) Income protection prior to a faculty member being put on disability
- 2) Phased retirement
- 3) Alternative retirement benefits systems
- 4) Mechanism for retaining some life and health insurance after retirement

B. Budget and Commonwealth Affairs--Ljubomir Nacev

The committee met Sept. 14th and will meet again on the 28th. It is currently reconstructing what happened with regard to salaries last year in order to have a historical framework to base their work upon.

C. Curriculum Committee--Phil McCartney

Voting item--the Curriculum Committee has recommended approval of a Master of Science in Nursing Program. A motion to approve the program was made.

Discussion:

The implementation date intended is Fall '91, but is dependent on the presentation to the Council on Higher Education and on the necessary preparation time for the classes.

The classes can be taught by existing faculty plus one new faculty member.

The new program will deemphasize the Bachelors of Nursing degree. This is reportedly part of a nationwide trend caused by the fact that the bachelors degree has no improved salary potential, while a masters does.

Emily Werrell pointed out that the Library is inadequate to the program requirements. Funding for library materials has been requested as part of the overall proposal.

The motion to approve carried with 2 abstentions.

D. Professional Concerns--Ray McNeil

The following subcommittees are at work:

- 1) Who's Who
- 2) Revision of the Faculty Handbook
- 3) Committee to look at the reserved sections of the revision to see if the PCC should develop policy in these areas
- 4) Tenure process for Upper Level Administrators
- 5) Long-Term Environment Issues on Campus

VII. Old Business--None

VIII. New Business--None

IX. Adjournment--3:53pm (!)

Submitted by
Michael King, Secretary