



# Faculty Senate

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**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY MAY 12, 1999**  
**MEETING 1:00 P.M.**  
**(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING NOON LUNCHEON)**  
**UC BALLROOM**

## **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes from the April 19, 1999 meeting
- IV. NKU President's Comments – President Votruba
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. Professional Concerns Committee
    - ♦ Post-tenure review
  - B. Budget and Commonwealth Affairs Committee
  - C. Curriculum Committee
    - ♦ PSY 100H general studies course (**Attachment – voting item**)
    - ♦ Art Education (**Attachment – information item**)
  - D. Faculty Benefits Committee
    - ♦ Faculty Handbook Amendment – Tuition Waiver (**Attachment – voting item**)
- VI. Faculty Regent's Report – Barry Andersen
- VII. Adjournment



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The Northern Kentucky University Faculty Senate was called to order at approximately 1:05 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 1999, by President Chuck Frank.

Present for the meeting (*based on sign-in sheet*): {**Senators**} D. Agard, C. Bredemeyer, J. Churchill; G. Clayton, S. Cortez, Y. Datta, L. Ebersole; C. Frank, P. Goddard, C. Hewan, R. Holt, R. Kelm, B. Lorenzi, P. McCartney, R. McNeil, B. Mital, L. Noyd, L. Olasov, R. Pennington, G. Ragsdale, J. Roeder, G. Scott, A. Seed, J. Smith, B. Thiel, J. Thomas, T. Weiss, and S. Zachary.

{**Guest**} J. Votruba, P. Gaston, R. Brautigan, P. Reichardt, and R. Appleson

Absent (*based on sign-in sheet*): {**Senators**} K. Booher, R. Gams, M. Huelsmann, B. Kempton, J. Niewahner, F. Schneider, and C. Sheng

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Approved as distributed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes for the April 19, 1999, Faculty Senate meetings were approved as distributed.

**GUEST:** President James Votruba discussed several issues relevant to campus operations – regional universities are now empowered to set their own tuition policy – NKU will be doing so next academic year (2000-2001) for the first time ever; the community college mission of NKU is under review; a potential growth area for NKU is Masters and/or Professional degrees, but not doctorate. At this point, President Votruba entertained questions from the floor and discussed issues. Selected areas included: Faculty/staff dependent tuition remission; parking; community college; Reform '98 Task forces; and future of Covington campus. It was also noted that \$125,000 is available for equity pay and a committee will be appointed in May to begin work in August.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

C. Bredemeyer, Chair of *Professional Concerns*, presented a proposed post-tenure review process for action in the Fall. The proposal will be reviewed by Legal Council and Provost's office. A few questions were fielded.

D. Agard, Chair of *Budget and Commonwealth Affairs*, had no voting items for the Senate today.

L. Olasov, Chair of *Curriculum*, presented 1 voting item (PSY 100H as a general studies course – approved) and 1 informational item related to art education program adjustments.



J. Smith, Chair of ***Faculty Benefits***, presented a Handbook amendment: "All full-time faculty members, including all tenure track and nontenure track faculty, may take up to six (6) semester hours of NKU course work each semester without being required to pay tuition. Part-time faculty members are eligible for a 3 credit hour tuition waiver for every 12 semesters hours taught at NKU, including summer sessions. No more than 3 credit hours of tuition waiver can be used in any given semester. The faculty member must be employed as a teacher at NKU during the semester in which the tuition waiver issued." Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff provided feedback from provost Gaston on changes in Sabbatical policies approved last meeting. He noted that Provost Gaston could not support 1/2 time Sabbaticals. Jeff Smith moved that 1/2 time Sabbaticals be removed from provisions previously approved. The motion was seconded and after some discussion, approved unanimously.

**Additional**

Barry Andersen, Faculty Regent, apprised the Senate of related items:

Senate meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Gary D. Scott, 1998-99 Secretary

**Faculty Senate Agenda Items  
For  
May 12, 1999**

**UCC  
<http://www.nku.edu/~ucc/>**

On March 25, 1999 the UCC took the following action: approved PSY 100H as a new course. PSY 100H is an Honors version of PSY 100, Introduction to Psychology. As an Honors course, PSY 100H will allow psychology students enrolled in the Honors program to begin their major with the level and style of work characteristic of other honors courses. Students not enrolled in the Honors program may take this course if they meet designated ACT of 24 or have consent of the instructor.

PSY 100H will emphasize learning to *think* about psychology. In addition to a general text, students will read a number of primary research articles in which research methodology is described in detail. Students will also design and carry out a number of class research projects, as well as an independent project.

Unlike PSY 100H, which is typically conducted as a lecture course, PSY 100H will be a seminar. Various instructional delivery modalities will include discussion, designing research or presenting research results, guest speakers, videos, demonstrations, and a field trip.

On April 22, 1999 the UCC approved PSY 100H as a general studies course – **voting item**

Informational item

On April 22, 1999 the UCC approved a program in Art Education with the following changes:

- ◆ 15 hours of studio concentration reduced to 12
- ◆ 9 hours of studio exploration increased to 12
- ◆ ART 480 deleted
- ◆ An increase of 3 hours of an upper-division art history course.

Rationale: Art education students need more than 9 hours of art history and a broader studio base than they currently receive. The changes **do not alter** the total number of hours required for graduation.



#### H. TUITION WAVIER

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