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# Faculty Senate

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## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

March 19, 2001

3 P.M.-U.C. Ballroom

### AGENDA

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2001 Meeting

#### Guests

Dr. James C. Votruba

#### Officer Reports

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| ▪ President       | Carol Bredemeyer |
| ▪ Vice-President  | Jeff Smith       |
| ▪ Secretary       | Ted Weiss        |
| ▪ Parliamentarian | Steve Weiss      |

#### Committee Reports

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| ▪ Professional Concerns                                   | Ray McNeil                |
| <u>Discussion:</u> Location of Faculty Development Center |                           |
| ▪ Benefits  | Clinton Hewan             |
| ▪ Budget  | Chenliang Sheng           |
| ▪ Curriculum  | Michele Roszmann-Millican |

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn



# Faculty Senate

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## **Faculty Senate Meeting March 19, 2001**

**Senators Present:** (as per sign-up sheet), C. Bredemeyer, L. Ebersole P. Fairbanks, S. Finke, P. Goddard, D. Kasel for D. Gronefeld, C. Hewan, R. Jenisch, R. Kempton, V. Kumar, J. Martin, C. McKenzie, R. McNeil, C. Ryan, C. Sheng, J. Smith, M. Stavsky, K. Vogler, S. Weiss, T. Weiss, W. Wood, S. Zachary, C. Zaher

**Senators Absent:** D. Agard, S. Barty, R. Brautigan, G. Clayton, G. Grout, B. Mittal, L. Noyd, M. Roszmann-Millican, W. Recker, B. Thiel.

**Visitors:** (who signed in, legibly) Rebecca Kelm R. Redding, J. Votruba, G. Stewart, Patty Connelly, Mary Huening, R. Doerr, A. Dollins, L. Schultz, A. Ellis, T. Comte, M. Ryan, L. Albert, P. Yanarella, E. Werrel, A. Whittle, N. Campbell.

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Bredemeyer at 3:04 PM.

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted with the following correction to the report of the Budget Committee: Four committee members have volunteered to serve on a committee considering equity salary issues. The faculty representatives on this equity committee will be selected by the Provost.

### **President Votruba made a few comments:**

- 1) A convocation discussing budgetary priorities will be held on March.
- 2) Efforts will be made to preserve the natural areas on campus as NKU expands.
- 3) The institution will not allow increasing space problems to compromise of the library's role or function
- 4) A major commitment in the upcoming budget will be on faculty development

The President then noted that the Regents will meet this Wednesday and inquired about the progress of Gen Ed. Russ Jenisch, speaking as a member of the UCC opined that the revised proposal probably wouldn't be in shape for the UCC until the end of the academic year. President Votruba stressed the importance of the issue and asked to be kept informed as to its progress.

In response to a question reflecting concerns that the Faculty Development Center will simply add to the campus bureaucracy, the President stated that this would not happen and the at the Faculty Development Center wouldn't have a "life of its own."

The President also indicated that further on campus space won't be taken for corporate functions and that the goal is to erect a corporate/university structure, perhaps near the present Thriftway property.

Carol noted that that community groups find the NKU "experts guide" useful and urged faculty to fill the forms relating to this effort.

### **Committee Reports:**

PCC (Ray McNeil): Ray presented an overview of the issues relating to the proposed locating of the Faculty Development Center in Steely Library; this overview followed the written document he provided at the beginning of the meeting. Wendy Wood of the Library made a brief statement, and Rogers Redding then spoke explaining the process that had been followed in examining the FDC location issue. Members of the library faculty expressed the concern that the taking of library space would impair the library's ability to expand its collection and services.

After about 20 minutes of discussion, the motion was made (by C. Hewan) and seconded that: Resolved, that the administration take under advisement the present discussion in the Senate regarding the location of the Faculty Development Center so as to avoid making a hasty, unwise decision in the matter.

The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Further discussion stressed the importance of keeping the Senate apprised of significant space utilization decisions in the university. President Votruba suggested that receiving a "sense of the Senate" on such matters would be appropriate.

Benefits (Clint Hewan): The committee is putting together a listing of possible Cafeteria benefits suggested by faculty. This list will then be circulated to the entire faculty.

A rep. from TIAA/CREF will have a workshop on March 26, 10-12 in 108 UC.

Budget (C. Sheng): The committee is considering the complexity of the equity issue. There is still a gap between/ among departments and colleges. The committee urges the Provost to allocate 2% to equity adjustment rather than 1%.

No old or new business.

Senators and visitors disbanded at 4:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Ted Weiss, Secretary