

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Monday, May 6, 1985

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Faculty Senate, the 1985-1986 Senate met at 11:00 PM, Monday 6, 1985, to elect officers. George Goedel, President of the 1984-1985 Senate, called the meeting to order.

Ed Goggin and Lynn Langmeyer were nominated for President. By ballot vote, Lynn Langmeyer was elected.

Lynn Langmeyer assumed the chair following her election.

Ted Weiss was nominated for Vice-President. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast. The motion carried and he was elected.

Lynn Jones was nominated Secretary. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast. The motion carried and she was elected.

Fred Schneider was nominated for Parliamentarian. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast. The motion carried and he was elected.

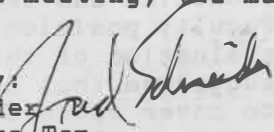
Tom Rambo was nominated to chair the Faculty Benefits Committee. It was moved and seconded to close nominations and that a unanimous ballot be cast. The motion carried and he was elected.

Andrea Gauthier and Frank Steely were nominated to chair the Budget and Commonwealth Affairs Committee. By ballot vote, Andrea Gauthier was elected.

Nancy Martin was nominated to chair the University Curriculum Committee. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast. The motion carried and she was elected.

Linda Olasov was nominated to chair the Professional Concerns Committee. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast. The motion carried and she was elected.

There being no further business for this meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: 
Fred Schneider
Secretary Pro Tem

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Scotty Barty, Carol Bredemeyer, Kathy Brinker, Nancy Campbell, Janice Cantrall, Lonnie Davis, Frank Dietrich, Pat Dolan, Lynn Ebersole, Andrea Gautier, Ed Goggin, George Goedel, Betty Jo Haas, David Hogan, Don Kelm, Lynn Langmeyer, David Lavery, Nancy Martin, William McKim, Art Miller, Frances Mosser, Linda Olasov, Jim Ramage, Tom Rambo, Fred Schneider, Dennis Sies, Lois Sutherland, Bill Wagner, Dick Ward, Jerry Warner, Threasa Wesley.

ALTERNATES: Sharlotte Neely for Glen Mazis, Robert Vitz for Ted Weiss.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Hunter, Jim Kinne, Janet Miller, Barbara O'Brien, Dennis O'Keefe, Joe Price.

GUESTS: Lyle Gray, Provost; Louis Thomas, History; Becky Sturm, Steely Library; Charles Apple, Communication; Ralph Petersen, Social Sciences; James L. Alford, TOE Curriculum Committee; Chris Christensen, Barbara Thiel and Kathleen Verderber, General Studies Subcommittee; Terry Pence Social Sciences.

I. The May 6, 1985 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order by George Goedel at 12:15 P.M. in BEP 140.

II. Minutes of the April 15, 1985 meeting were approved as presented.

III. There were no additions to or deletions from the agenda.

IV. Senate President George Goedel reported the following:

- 1) He recently attended the Ky Conference of Faculties in Frankfort. He believes that our Faculty Senate and that of WKU are probably the strongest in the state. Much discussion centered around the legislative committee that is studying higher education in the Commonwealth. Harry Schneider, President of the Council on Higher Education, addressed the Conference and advised Faculty to contact their Legislators to support funding for higher education. President Goedel urged the Senate to invite Mr. Schneider to address the 1985-1986 Senate early in the academic year and to become more active in COSFL so that Faculty can speak with one voice to the Legislature.
- 2) He reported that several issues were discussed at the April 22, 1985 meeting of the Executive committee with President Boothe, Provost Gray and Dolive, and University Counsel Bell. Following extensive discussion of the 1984 Senate recommendation for written feedback on decisions for reappointment, promotion and tenure, President Boothe indicated that the Faculty position and report would be considered in further evaluation of this issue. President Goedel indicated he had suggested that tuition waivers for Faculty/Staff be extended to cover spouses and children. President Boothe said this matter would be discussed further. Provost Gray asked for the Senate's reason for passage of the attendance requirement that would require revision of the Student Handbook. President Goedel reported that the Administration wished for the

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the Senate to reconsider its' decision because it would put faculty in the position of judging excuses and acting in the place of parents. Since many students are nontraditional, the present policy offers sufficient latitude.

- 4) President Goedel recommended that the Senate support the proposal to withdraw the recommendation for revision of the Student Handbook to permit the instructor to specify the attendance policy. Senator Sies stated that most of the students are traditional and many are lost by the end of the year under the present policy. Provost Gray stated that 40% of the students are nontraditional, and that the present policy does indicate the relationship between attendance and grading and between the goals of the course and attendance. The recommendation to withdraw the proposal passed 16 to 12.
- 5) President Goedel proposed rewording the proposal for retirement benefits which was approved by the Senate at the April 15, 1985 meeting of the Senate (attached). The revision carried.
- 6) No recommendation has been received for representative to the Cable TV Steering Committee. Anyone interested should advise the Executive Committee.

Lew Wallace is the new Faculty Regent.

Officers of the 1985-1986 Faculty Senate are:

Lynn Langmeyer, President
Ted Weiss, Vice President
Lynn Jones, Secretary
Fred Schneider, Parliamentarian
Tom Rambo, Faculty Benefits Chairperson
Nancy Martin, Curriculum Chairperson
Linda Olasov, Professional Concerns Chairperson
Andrea Gautier, Budget and Commonwealth Affairs
Chairperson

V. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum:

- 1) Minor in Accounting: Chairperson Martin reported that the new minor in accounting was unanimously approved by the University Curriculum Committee and it is placed before the Senate for approval. The recommendation carried unanimously for those voting. There were three abstentions.
- 2) Chairperson Martin deferred to James Alford who chaired the Subcommittee on Exemptions for a report on the committee recommendations for exemptions. The following programs have been recommended for exemption: Art (BFA only)
Graphic Design
Theatre (BFA only)
Elementary Education (Kindergarten &/or special ed incl.)
Nursing

Chairperson Martin asked that the report be voted on as a whole. Recommendation for program exemptions carried. There were three abstentions.

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3) Chairperson Martin deferred to Tony Mazzaro who presented a proposal that had been supported by UCC to revise Policy V of the Curriculum Manual to include the following: The new course application may be made only after the completion of at least one semester of the experimental course. Additionally, his committee proposed a revision of the experimental course form. Chairperson Martin recommended acceptance of the proposal. Motion carried, three abstentions.

4) The General Studies Provision Proposal was presented by Chairperson Martin for discussion and approval. She asked Senators to make the following changes in their copies: on page 1 add "written" before approval in paragraph 2; add Eng 202 at the appropriate site; delete the s from the word Communication; on page 2 the Sociology Department requests that Soc 101 become Soc 205 to reflect course evolution.

Senator Ward asked the committee's rationale for including 13 upper level philosophy courses. Professors Christensen and Verdeber provided background information that led to the decision to recommend inclusion of these courses. The number and level is similar to the benchmark institutions. Professor Neely spoke for inclusion of all the listed courses. Senator Warner voiced concern about the number of courses, the fact that many are 300 and 400 level, and the content of courses which may not be in the spirit of general studies. Professor Pence made an eloquent plea to include all of the philosophy courses proposed in the general studies listing. Senator Warner moved that all philosophy courses labeled 300 or above and Phi 265 and 270 be deleted from the approved list; Senator Ward seconded the motion. After further discussion, this motion carried 18 to 7.

Senator Wagner indicated his department was opposed to the whole proposal because of the philosophy courses, the inclusion of Swk 203, duplication of courses and the exception statements. Professor Neely, who was representing Senator Mazis, moved that Swk 203 be removed from the behavioral sciences category; seconded by Senator Wagner. Discussion about the motion centered on whether the the course was based on the methodology of the behavioral sciences, whether the content of the course was social work or social welfare theories and trends, and whether the course meets the general studies criteria. Senator Ward asked if a committee was looking at the general studies categories. Senator Martin responded that UCC had fulfilled their charge for this year to list general studies, and Chris Christensen had agreed to serve on a committee to evaluate the integrity of the categories during 1985-86. She asked that Senators consider the course itself and whether it was appropriate, not the category in which it was placed. Professor Neely asked for a secret ballot. There were 9 ayes, 15 nays and 3 abstentions. The motion was defeated.

Senator Wagner moved to table action on the General Studies proposal; seconded by Professor Neely. The vote was 8 ayes

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and 14 naves and the motion was defeated.

Senator Goggin moved to close discussion on the proposal; Senator Olasov seconded. Senator Sies asked if a two-thirds majority was needed; Parleментарian Schneider responded no. The motion to close discussion carried 18 to 6.

A roll call vote on the General Studies Proposal was taken. There were 14 ayes, 10 nays and 3 abstentions. The motion carried.

Senator Goggin proposed that the Senate commend the Subcommittee for its' work. Senator A. Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Professional Concerns Committee:

1) Senator Olasov asked Senators to review the report from the Subcommittee on Evaluation of Administrators. President Goedel stated that, if supported by the Senate, the process would be implemented in March 1986. Two friendly amendments were offered and accepted. Senator McKim suggested removal of the terms "ability" and "skills" from the evaluation; Senator Goggin suggested the removal of the request to identify gender on the evaluation form. The Evaluation Proposal was accepted unanimously.

2) The Senate accepted the report of the Committee on Student Evaluations. Ray McNeil was available for responding to questions about the report. Senators should make the report available to their departments.

C. Faculty Benefits Committee: No report.

D. Budget Committee: No report.

VI. Discussion from the floor:

A. Old Business: none

B. New Business: none

VII. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Faculty Senate

Northern Kentucky University Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076

The Faculty Senate recommends that the following be adopted as policy:

That a pre-enrollment period for a family dental plan option be provided annually to both faculty and staff. Should sufficient members enroll, that this plan be made available to both faculty and staff.

The Faculty Senate recommends that the following retirement benefits be adopted for faculty and become a part of the current Faculty Policies and Procedures Manual.

- 1) The University will establish the policy of providing for the retired faculty member's health care insurance with the faculty member contributing to the family plan (if desired) for 3 years for those faculty who elect to retire at age 62.
- 2) The University will offer the current health care "carve-out" plan to the retired faculty member at age 65 with the University paying the faculty member's premiums.
- 3) The following benefits will be extended to all retired faculty:
 - a) Free membership to the facilities located in the A, D. Albright Health Center Building
 - b) Free campus parking facilities
 - c) Access to University Library facilities and faculty privileges
 - d) Office space, if available and desired, in the faculty member's former department.
 - e) Access to University Computer facilities on the same basis as full-time faculty
 - f) Access to secretarial services in the faculty members former department