



# Faculty Senate

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## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

February 26, 2001

3 P.M.-U.C. Ballroom

### AGENDA

A short meeting of the 2001-02 Faculty Senate will precede the meeting for the purpose for electing officers.

#### Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda

#### Approval of Minutes – January 22, 2001 Meeting

#### Guests

Dr. James C. Votruba

Jim Applegate, Interim Associate V. P., Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

Greg Stewart, Associate V. P. for Enrollment Management

#### 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                |
| <b>Voting Item:</b> Promotion of Lecturers |                           |
| ▪ Benefits                                 | Clinton Hewan             |
| ▪ Budget                                   | Chenliang Sheng           |
| ▪ Curriculum                               | Michele Roszmann-Millican |

#### Old Business

#### New Business

#### Adjourn



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**Senators Present:** (as per sign-up sheet), P. McCartney for D. Agard, C. Bredemeyer, S Finke, P. Goddard, G Grout, D Gronefeld, C. Hewan, R. Jenisch, R. Kempton, V. Kumar, R. McNeil, L Noyd, W. Recker, M. Roszmann-Millican, C Ryan, C. Sheng, J. Smith, M. Stavsky, B.Thiel, K. Vogler, S. Weiss, T. Weiss, W. Wood, S. Zachary

**Senators Absent:** S. Barty, R. Brautigan, G. Clayton, L. Ebersole, P. Fairbanks, J. Martin, C. McKenzie, B. Mittal, C. Zaher.

**Visitors:** (who signed in, legibly) Annie Dollins, Sudesh Duggal, Chuck Frank, Rebecca Kelm R. Redding, J. Votruba, G. Stewart, Melissa Gorbandt, Patty Connelly, Mary Huening

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Bredemeyer at 3:03 PM.

The Senate was presented a slate of officers for the 2001-2002 Executive Committee: Jeff Smith, President; Sam Zachary, Vice President; Claudia Zaher, Secretary; Steve Weiss, Parliamentarian; Clinton Hewan, Faculty Benefits; Chenliang Sheng, Budget; MicheleRoszmann-Millican, Curriculum; Ray McNeil, Professional Concerns. No other nominations were forthcoming from the floor and the above slate was accepted by acclamation.

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted with a minor spelling correction, as was the agenda.

Carol noted that this was the 25th anniversary of NKU's elevation in status from NKSC.

President Votruba made a few comments:

- 1) There is "Good News/Bad News" on the budget. Good: Our revenue projections have been on the conservative side, and actual revenue will be somewhat higher. Bad: State revenues are down, a trend which is likely to continue. A budget rescission is possible next year of 2% i.e., \$850 K will be held back. However, in the past, higher education was the first to be cut; right now, higher education has not been asked to cut its budget.
- 2) Faculty and staff salaries continue as a high priority. There is a pool for 6% staffs increase and a 7% faculty increase. After the third year of these increases, NKU will be close to its benchmark institutions in salary levels.
- 3) KU is trying to be considered as separate from the other regionals in the eyes of the CPSE.
- 4) Paul Reichardt is chairing a transition team dealing with issues surrounding the establishment of a community college in northern Kentucky

Jim Applegate from the council then expanded on the work of the council, state wide efforts at retention at all levels. At the "end of the day" the "bottom line" is whether efforts at educational reform will benefit Kentucky.

Greg Stewart then spoke briefly on NKU's efforts at retention. Packets containing relevant data were distributed.

President Bredemeyer then made a comment to the effect that the CPSE is concerned that no momentum towards funding higher education is lost in view of possible reductions in state revenues.

Jeff Smith (VP): The evaluation of administrators is about to begin. To be evaluated are the dean of Chase, the dean of Professional Studies, and President Votruba.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**PCC (Ray McNeil):** The proposal regarding the promotion of lecturers, previously distributed, was passed without dissent.

**Benefits (Clint Hewan):** The Benefits Committee still need more suggestions regarding a cafeteria plan so that a proposal can be developed. Also, TIAA/CREF feels that they could be more visible on campus. A Rep will be on campus in late March.

**Budget (C. Sheng):** Concern was expressed that the committee addressing salary equity will be selected by the Provost.

**UCC (Michele Roszmann-Millican):** Diligent work is progressing on the complex issue of Gen Ed. The committee has received and discussed alternative proposals.

#### **No Old Business.**

**New Business:** Wendy Wood distributed a memo from the Library faculty concerning the proposed use/taking of Library space for the Faculty Development Center. Ray McNeil moved (with an unknown second) that the Senate request the Space Committee and the Provost's office to withhold action or decisions on the location of the Faculty Development Center until the next meeting of the Faculty Senate. Passed unanimously.

President Bredemeyer closed the meeting with a joke, sending the assembled gathering off in good spirits at 4:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Ted Weiss, Secretary