

Faculty Senate

Northern Kentucky University

Highland Heights, Kentucky 41099

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Thursday, May 16, 1991
U. C. Ballroom
Meeting at 12 Noon

LUNCHEON BUFFET AT 11:30 A.M. See Below!

AGENDA FOR 1991-92 SENATE

- I. Election of Officers for the '91-92 Senate following the runoff for the Professional Concerns At-Large Senator by the '90-91 Senate.

AGENDA FOR 1990-1991 SENATE MEETING

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 15, 1991 meeting
- III. Additions to and/or deletions from agenda
- IV. Senate President's Report - Jim Thomas
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee - Jim Thomas (15 minutes)
 - 1) Resolution on Release Time for Senate Officers - Voting Item (15 minutes)
 - B. Budget & Commonwealth Affairs - Jim Niewahner (5 minutes)
 - C. Curriculum Committee - Phil McCartney (30 minutes)
 - 1) See Attached List - Voting Items (30 minutes)
 - D. Faculty Benefits - Gary Scott (5 minutes)
 - E. Professional Concerns - Ray McNeil (10 minutes)
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Adjournment

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NOTE:

The Luncheon Buffet is in appreciation of your involvement in Faculty Senate the past year and for the newly elected members willingness to be nominated for their new term 1991-1993. If you will be unable to attend please contact Peg Goodrich, X 6400.

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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF MAY 16, 1991

Meeting of the 1990-91 Senate

I. Called to Order 12:05pm

- A. Runoff for at-large senator for College of Professional Studies
Randy Holt was selected

The 90-91 Senate was then put in recess

Meeting of the 1991-1992 Senate

I. Election of Officers for 91-92 Senate

A. Call for Nominations

A motion to approve the proposed slate of officers by acclamation carried.

B. Jim reminded the Senators to turn in their committee preference form.

C. Jim reminded the Executive Committee members of the upcoming Faculty/Administration retreat in Room 722AC for both outgoing and new ExComm members.

The '91-92 Senate was Adjourned and the 90-91 Senate called back into session

II. Approval of Minutes of April 15, 1991 meeting

The minutes were approved as read

III. Additions or Deletions from the Agenda

None

IV. Senate President's Report

A. Two Proposals from previous meeting

1. Summer School Compensation--This was sent to Dr. Boothe. The financial ramifications are being examined.
2. Degree Audit--Dr. Jorns will attempt to see the Degree Audit system put into place as quickly as possible.

B. Retreat Agenda

1. Revision of Governance Document
2. Market-Equity Policy
3. Staff Reclassification Policy

C. Search Committee for Vice-President for Administrative Affairs

3 candidates have been interviewed. Jim requested Senatorial input.

D. Associate Provost Search

Sandy Easton will be serving in this position

V. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee--Jim Thomas

1. Resolution on release time for Senate Officers--distributed previously
There was extensive discussion on this issue. Senators expressed concern over the lack of empirical evidence on exactly what the work load of officers was. Others expressed their concern that the Senate President would be removed from the classroom according to the proposal.

A motion to change "full-time" in #2 to "3/4 time" while retaining the request for a lecturer replacement was made. The motion carried.

A motion was made to separate the two questions involved when voting.

The motion carried.

The secretary was asked if release time should be considered for the secretary. He replied that such release time was unnecessary.

A motion was made to change the reading of #1 to "Chairs of each of the four standing committees will, upon their request, be assigned one quarter release time." The motion carried.

A motion was made to give the curriculum committee chair 1/4 release in the fall and spring semesters and the other chairs 1/4 release in either the fall or spring semester. The motion failed.

The question was called on #1 as amended.

The motion carried

The question was called on #2 as amended.

The motion carried.

Discussion now turned to the issue of whether or not the officers should be asked to keep track of their time spent on Senate work. A motion to this effect was made--" Both the standing committee chairs and the Faculty Senate president should maintain a record of their time spent in their work for the upcoming year with the intent of evaluating their time assignments in the spring of 1992."

Discussion centered on whether this was an appropriate thing to ask of a faculty member, and whether it was really necessary since the Administration had started this push for more release time and therefore did not need to be convinced with empirical data.

The motion failed.

A motion was made that this release time policy should be in effect for one year. The motion carried.

B. Budget and Commonwealth Affairs--Jim Niewahner

No Report

C. Curriculum Committee--Phil McCartney

1. Voting Item--Proposed revisions of the Curriculum Committee Manual

Motion carried

2. Arts and Sciences

A. Chemistry

Items 1, 2, 3, voted as a block. Motion carried.

B. Literature and Language

Voting on 1. a,b,c,d, as a block

Motion carried

C. Mathematics and Computer Science

Voted on as a block 1,2,3

Motion carried

D. Art

Added area of emphasis in Applied Photography

Motion carried

3. College of Professional Studies

A. Technology

1. New Program--Minor in Industrial and Labor Relations

2. Program Deletion--Associate Degree in Labor Studies
voted on as a block--Motion carried

3. New Certificate Program--Certificate in Electronics
a friendly amendment changed the name to Electronics Technology
Motion Carried

4. New Minor--Minor in Office System Technology
Motion Carried

B. Allied Health, Human Services and Social Work

1. New Program-- BOS

2. New Course -- BOS 480

There was extensive discussion of this program. Questions

focused on the lack of a structure of prerequisites, the lack of room for electives, and on the cross-disciplinary nature of the program. There was also discussion referring to similar programs in other universities.
The motion carried.

C. Education

Items 1, 2, 3, voted on as a block
Motion carried

D. Faculty Benefits Committee--Gary Scott
No Report

E. Professional Concerns Committee--Ray McNeil
Ray thanked the various subcommittees of the PCC which have worked on the Faculty Handbook revisions and other issues this year.

VI. Old Business
None

VII. New Business
Dennis O'Keefe expressed his thanks to Jim Thomas for his work as President of the Faculty Senate.
The gavel was officially passed on to Mike Thomson
Jim Thomas was given a plaque of appreciation.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned 2:16pm

Submitted by Michael King, Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senators

FR: Senate Executive Committee *Jim*

DA: May 10, 1991

RE: Release Time for Senate Officers

The Senate Executive Committee is proposing a change in the amount of release time from teaching to be granted to faculty members who serve as Senate officers. The purposes of this memo are to introduce a resolution concerning this proposal as a voting item for the May 16, 1991 Senate meeting and to provide some brief background information relating to the resolution.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the Faculty Senate president receives one half time release each semester. In addition, the Chair of the University Curriculum Committee receives one quarter time release each semester and the Chair of the Faculty Benefits Committee receives one quarter time release for the fall semester only. Two years ago the Senate asked for some release time for the chairs of the the Budget and Commonwealth Affairs Committee and the Professional Concerns Committee but these requests were denied by the administration at that time. During the past two years, as NKU has continued its move towards a more collegial, shared, governance management, the Senate has been asked to play an increasingly more time consuming role in a number of areas (e.g. strategic planning, assessment, handbook revision, salary policy).

In recognition of these increasing demands, and in keeping with his intention to continue to involve the Senate more extensively in governance issues relating to academic affairs, the Provost has raised once again the issue of increased release time. The Senate Executive Committee has discussed this issue, giving consideration to the amount of time we feel is necessary to adequately represent the faculty in the governance process. Based on these discussions and some consultation with the provost, we propose the following resolution regarding release time for Senate officers. It should be noted that our intention is to have this new release time structure implemented on a trial basis for perhaps two years before moving to make it permanent by amending the Senate constitution.

RESOLUTION

The Faculty Senate recommends that release time from teaching be granted to Senate officers as follows:

- 1) Chairs of each of the four standing committees - one quarter release time for both Fall and Spring semesters.
- 2) President - full time release for both Fall and Spring semesters with teaching responsibilities to be filled by a one year temporary lecturer assigned to his/her academic department.