

Faculty Senate

Northern Kentucky University **Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076**

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES **January 20, 1986**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scottie Barty, Carol Bredemeyer, Rebecca Britton, Sudesh Duggal, Lynn Ebersole, Andrea Gauthier, David Hogan, Lynn Jones, Lynn Langmeyer, Nancy Martin, Margaret Myers, Dennis O'Keefe, Linda Olasov, Ralph Peterson, Tom Rambo, Doug Roberts, Fred Schneider, Dennis Sies, Frank Stallings, Frank Steely, Barb Thiel, Jim Thomas, David Thomson, Bill Wagner represented by Chuck Hawkins, Ted Weiss, Gail Wells, Threasa Wesley.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Clayton, Lonnie Davis, Pat Dolan, Ed Goggin, Mike Hunter, Richard Ward.

GUEST: Dr. Linda Dolive

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by President Lynn Langmeyer.
- II. A motion was made by Ralph Peterson to accept the minutes of December 16, 1985 meeting as modified (change in attendance). Motion seconded and passed.
- III. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
- IV. Dr. Linda Dolive spoke representing the Provost's office. She thanked faculty for their attendance at the January rally at the Drawbridge. The large attendance of faculty was noted by the media and the legislators.

She encouraged faculty and friends to make direct contacts with legislators; as a citizen of the Commonwealth; and voice our concerns at the needs of higher education.

Dr. Dolive stated the Strategic Planning Process is about to begin again. She described this process briefly for the Senate.

NKU is one of six contenders for a National Institute of Corrections. The site visit will be in Spring 1986.

V. Presidential reports and recommendations.

- 1) A rally in support of higher education will be held in Frankfort on February 5, 5 to 6 p.m. An organizational meeting will be held at 4 p.m. Faculty were encouraged to attend. A bus will be available if there is sufficient interest by faculty. Ted Weiss should be notified by January 29 for faculty desiring to go by bus. Carpools are also encouraged. The Department Senators were asked to pick up letters at the end of the Senate meeting.
- 2) COSFL Pledges and activities. NKU has collected, to date, \$240 in COSFL pledges. Other campuses have collected \$1500 - \$2000. The money is used to send letters and develop other promotional material regarding higher education to be sent to the legislators.

- 3) The 1984-85 committee for selecting the Outstanding Professor recommended that subsequent committees be composed of the four most recent recipients and the fifth be a faculty member selected on a rotating basis.
Action: The Executive Committee recommends this be the chairperson of the Professional Concerns Committee, an amendment made by Frank Steely that the alternate be the secretary of the Professional Concerns Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) A bill is currently in the U. S. Senate that will withdraw the tax exempt status of TIAA/CREF. Faculty were encouraged to write their senators asking for non-support of this bill. For more information see the letter sent to the homes of participants of TIAA/CREF.
- 5) Approval has been granted for a floating secretary to type faculty manuscripts, research projects or other faculty projects requiring large investments of time (not related to class/department work in the university).
Action: A motion was made by Linda Olasov and seconded, to utilize the secretary on a project by project basis. Following discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

V. Committee Reports

1) Professional Concerns Committee - Linda Olasov, Chair

The faculty evaluation of administrators will be completed the first week of March. Ted Weiss and a subcommittee of the Professional Concerns committee will be coordinating the project and collating the results.

The Professional Concerns Committee's recommendation regarding Department Chairpersons (5 year term with possible reappointment) will be checked with the Chairpersons handbook for compatibility.

It was felt the University should celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday in an appropriate manner to recognize the man and his significance to our society.

Action: A motion was made by Linda Olasov and seconded that the Senate go on record as supporting the holiday and recommend that we celebrate like the rest of the nation with a day off. A friendly amendment was made by Tom Rambo to ask the scheduling/calendar committee to add days or adjust the schedule so the total number of days for Monday only classes will not be lessened. The motion was carried. There were two opposed.

2) Budget Committee - Andrea Gauthier, Chair

The committee will have their first meeting of the semester next Monday.

Dennis Lye attended the COSFL meeting in Frankfort. Representatives are encouraging faculty attendance at the rally in Frankfort on February 5. The annual conference will be held in conjunction with AAUP on March 7 - 8 at the Capitol Plaza in Frankfort. The conference is open to all faculty. There was discussion on faculty obtaining more input on the faculty regents.

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3) Curriculum Committee - Nancy Martin, Chair

Nancy Martin reported on ongoing activities of the committee. The subcommittee on General Studies plans to have a working rationale to faculty by Spring Break. If faculty have any suggestions on the current or proposed rationale they are encouraged to contact Dr. Chris Christensen in the Math Department.

Agenda items for the Thursday UCC meeting include a Pass/Fail option for up to 12 credit hours for elective courses not to apply to the general studies, major or minor requirements. A second item relates to curriculum reform for increased effectiveness and efficiency of the committee.

Jim Thomas asked a question regarding the role of the UCC and the Senate to UNV 101. Nancy Martin gave background information about the course, how it was approved, etc.

4) Benefits Committee - Tom Rambo, Chair

Tom Rambo reported the Provost's office took the recommendations of the Benefits Committee. The Provost's office awarded 11 Summer Fellowships, 13 Project Grants and 17 Sabbaticals.

There will be a committee meeting Wednesday. Agenda items include retirement benefits, health benefits and the sick leave bank for those with 12 month contracts.

A motion was made by Tom Rambo, and seconded, that the Senate authorize the Senate President to express our thanks to President Boothe for the bonus received in December 1985. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Discussion

1) No Old Business

- 2) New Business - Concerns were voiced regarding Summer School scheduling, decreasing the budget, number of classes, etc. Seems counter productive to our goal of helping students.

Action: Linda Olasov suggested inviting those in charge of summer school to a Senate meeting to hear our concerns and answer questions, etc.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Next meeting is February 24 (President's Day on February 17).

Lynn Jones,
Secretary