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FACULTY SENATE MEETING

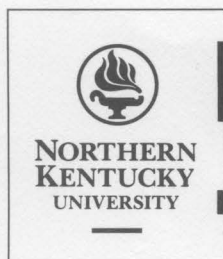
MONDAY MARCH 24, 1997

3:00 P.M.

UC BALLROOM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Presidents Report Information Items-
 - A. Planning Commission
 - B. Partnership Steering Committee
 - C. Presidential Search
 - D. Summer Pay
 - E. Faculty Regents Election
- V. Committee Reports with items for Senate Meeting Agenda
 - A. Budget and Commonwealth Affairs Committee
 - B. Curriculum Committee
 - 1. General Studies Review
 - 2. Program Change in Accounting - Attachment A - **voting item**
 - C. Faculty Benefits Committee
 - D. Professional Concerns Committee
 - 1. Change in Terminal Degree Department of Music -Attachment B **voting item**
- VI. Task Force and University Committee Reports
 - A. Reassigned Time
 - B. Public Use of Computers
 - C. Air Quality - Final Report - Attachment C
 - D. Technology Panel
- VII. Business
 - A. Constitutional Amendment Attachment D
- VIII. Adjournment



Faculty Senate

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FACULTY SENATE

March 24, 1997

UC Ballroom

Verify, with enthusiasm! Let us charge up the hill once again. with feeling!

Senators Present: D. Agard, C. Bredemeyer (Vice-Pres.), S. Cortez, Y. Datta, L. Ebersole (Budget), J. Filaseta, C. Frank (Fac. Ben.), C. Furnish, J. Gresham, C. Hewan, R. Holt, D. Kelm (Sec'y.), M. King, M. Kirk, K. Kurk, C. McCoy (Pres.), D. McGill, D. Miller, L. Olasov (Curric.), T. Pence, G. Ragsdale (Parli.), B. Reno, J. Roeder, F. Schneider (Prof. Concerns), V. Schulte, G. Scott, D. Smith, B. Thiel, J. Thomas, T. Weiss

Senators Absent: S. Chicurel, R. Garns, B. Lorenzi, B. Mittal, V. Raghavan

Guests: A. Cornielle, P. Gaston, D. Lye, M. Huening, J. Taylor, J.M. Thomson, M. Winner

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was convened at 3:03 PM

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Agenda adopted as presented.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A. Date of meeting under header was incorrect. Should have read February 24, 1997.

B. D. Miller reported for Professional Benefits in the absence of F. Schneider.

C. V., B., 3., should be corrected to read "...Removal of English 291..." not "...English 290..."

Minutes of the February 24, 1997 meeting were **Approved as Corrected**

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Commission report was sent to Interim President Moreland.

B. PARTNERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE: Final report.

C. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS BUDGET EXPANSION: A copy was briefly reviewed at the meeting. For details please see your department Chair or Senator.

D. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH: After the visits of the candidates--Mash, Strathe, and Votruba, the Regents continue to solicit opinions on the three. Plans are to make the announcement of the new President on April 4th or 6th.

E. SUMMER PAY: A pilot program will be run this summer. Those teaching will be paid on the last day of class, or at least no later than the last official day of class.

F. FACULTY REGENT ELECTION: The three finalists are L. Olasov, J. Thomas, K. Verderber. A run off election will be held.

E. V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. BUDGET AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS (Lynn Ebersole) No report.

1. No voting items.

B. UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM (Linda Olasov)

1. **Voting item:** Program Change in Acc't'g. To delete Math 102 and add Math 109

Passed w/ 2 Abstention

C. FACULTY BENEFITS (C. Frank)

1. Meet with Chuck Petit of Staff Congress to discuss further the matter of tuition remissions for Faculty and Staff spouses and children.

D. PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS (Fred Schneider)

1. **Voting item:** re: Terminal for Department of Music

a. Terminal degrees for the department presently listed as MM or MFA shall forthwith be the MM or PhD.

Passed

VI. TASK FORCE AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS :

A. REASSIGNED TIME: Report imminent.

B. PUBLIC USE OF COMPUTERS: The finished report is going to the university Legal Counsel for review.

C. AIR QUALITY REPORT: (Dennis Lye, ad hoc committee chair, responded to inquiries.)

1. In light of what appeared to have been a rather dismal and pointless exercise, the ad hoc Air Quality made its report to Senate. The report appeared to convey an air--as t'were--of frustration with the ability of any group to ascertain as to whether or not a problem existed to be discovered; a reluctance--expressed by the committee chair--as to whether the individuals saying there were problems were actually able to "prove" such [when questioned closely Lye stated directly that his opinion was that the problem was really nothing more than the complaints of one person]; and a reluctance on the part of administrative side of the house to see that there was any sort of problem at all and a firm claim that all was running at the best levels of operation possible. (Nifty turn of phrase, that!) Since this was a report which was to have no consequences and given little attention, there seemed to have been much discussion and many questions.

2. Actions:

Motion to amend the report: by changing recommendation 3) to read...

Reallocate funds or increase the maintenance line in the University budget so ventilation systems can be updated to properly maintain and monitor with equipment purchases as needed
Passed

Motion to amend the report: by changing references to NIOSH to read Kentucky Labor Cabinet
Passed

3. The above having been realized, a Senator then moved to refer the report to a standing Senate committee. Else what's an ad hoc committee for?!

Motion to Refer to Committee **Failed**

4. Motion to accept the report as amended was proposed. Voting was then on each recommendation of the report.

Motion to Accept as Amended (Voting on the Report by item)
Passed

5. The report as amended will be entered into Senate records.

D. Technology Panel: Funding

1. Reveling in an excess of funds, the Panel recommended that the \$24.5K given them be allocated...

a. \$9.5 K going to the Provost's Office for an emergency equipment repairs fund.

b. \$5K for faculty computer training

c. \$10K be used by Academic Computing to permit extended lab hours.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Professional Benefits proposed amendment to constitution, Art. VIII Meetings, Sec. G.

Proposed new language:

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Motion to Accept

Passed

B. A general Faculty meeting will have to be called to vote on the above and others issues.

C. T. Weiss: What is the status of the Barker Resolution?

Reply: Senate President met and discussed matters with Elzie and matters "...are being monitored.." *Q A & U*

VIII. ADJOURNMENT : 4:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Don Kelm, Sec y

UCC Agenda Items for Faculty Senate Meeting

March 24, 1997

Complete copies in Faculty Senate Office, AC 105

1. Approved by UCC on February 20, 1997. Program Change in Accounting. Delete MAT 102 and add MAT 109. MAT 109 is a better choice for accounting majors because the greatest mathematical need is for better algebra skills. Much of the MAT 102 content is already covered in ACC 200/201, but as preparation for MAT 112 (a required course in the accounting curriculum), MAT 109 is required as a prerequisite.

Agenda Item for Faculty Senate

At its March 6, 1997, meeting, Professional Concerns Committee approved the request from the Department of Music for a change in the listing of the Terminal Degrees. We did so with the stipulation that no present member of the faculty be placed at any disadvantage for any purpose or reason, including retention, promotion and grant of tenure.

The change proposed is FROM: M.M. or M.F.A., TO: Doctorate or M.M.

A copy of the request is attached.

Northern Kentucky University
Department of Music

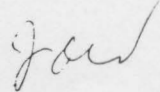
MEMORANDUM

DA: December 6, 1996

TO: Carrie McCoy, Faculty Senate President

FR: John O. Westlund, Chair, Department of Music

RE: Handbook change for terminal degrees in music



The Department of Music has voted to change the designation of terminal degrees for music as listed in the Faculty Policies and Procedures Handbook, Section XIII, p. 110. We would change M.M. or M.F.A. to Doctorate or M.M.

The doctorate is the recognized terminal degree for music, and the listing of M.M. allows for the possibility of an artist-performer who may have substantial performance experience in lieu of a doctorate. The M.F.A. degree is no longer a common credential in the field of music.

We apologize for our delay in catching up with old business.

REPORT BY THE AIR QUALITY/ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF FACULTY SENATE

March 3, 1997

The Air Quality/Environmental Issues Committee was formed as an Ad Hoc Committee of Faculty Senate to address the issue of air quality in the University's buildings, both on the Highland Heights and Covington campuses. The committee met throughout the past year, with the membership representing the buildings on both campuses. Discussion centered around the following topics:

- 1) Is there a problem with the air quality in the University's buildings?
- 2) If so, what is the nature of the problem?
- 3) What specific recommendations could be made by the committee?

The committee members met with Bob Bolce and other representatives of building maintenance to view the remote monitoring room housed in the Physical Plant. The committee was informed that the buildings had various ventilation systems, with some of the older systems having more limitations than the newer systems. The committee questioned whether the ventilation systems of the buildings were operating at peak efficiency according to each system's specifications and were assured that this was the case. Physical plant personnel indicated their willingness to address individual problems as they arose (eg, warm temperature on a particular floor of a building). They indicated that they would like to purchase portable monitoring units that could be used for "spot-checks" in the buildings; however, the cost of the units was prohibitive. An "Indoor Air Quality - Request for Investigation" form was developed to document the occurrence of problems relating to air quality in the buildings.

The report, "Faculty, Staff, and Student Beliefs About the Relationship between Health-Related Symptoms and Building Conditions" submitted by Joan Ferrante (February 6, 1996) addresses the questions (1) Does a real problem exist? (2) If so, what is the nature of the problem? The findings of this report, based on the responses of 1146¹ faculty, students, and staff indicate that at the very minimum, a significant percentage believe there is some connection between their physical symptoms and the condition of a building(s) on campus. Among those who responded:

- 991 (or 86.5%) checked one or more of the 11 symptoms listed as something they had experienced in the past week.
- Of those, 169 (or 17.5%) believe that their symptoms are connected in some way to a building (147 of the 169 offered a written explanation). Another 27.3 percent are not sure if there is a connection. 44.8 percent see no connection at all between their symptoms and the buildings.

Table 1 shows the number of full- and part-time faculty, staff, and students with symptoms and the percentage of those with symptoms who believe there is no connection along with the percentage who believe there is a connection. It also shows the percentage who are

¹ 1146 out of 1500 responded to this survey. This is an unusually high response rate. Students constituted a captive audience (n=727). Approximately 50 percent of faculty and staff returned the survey (still a high response rate for surveys).

unsure as to whether there is a connection.

Table 1: Number of respondents with symptoms by status and their belief about connection

<u>Status</u>	<u>Number with Symptoms</u>	<u>Belief about a connection</u>		
		<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Full-time student	563	64.0	8.2	27.8
Part-time student	95	70.5	11.6	18.1
Work Study	54	46.3	20.3	33.4
Full-time staff	65	13.8	44.6	41.6
Part-time staff	10	20.0	60.0	20.0
Full-time faculty	157	31.2	30.4	38.4
Part-time faculty	20	70.0	20.0	10.0

Other significant findings are:

- 1 in 5 respondents (20%) have had a conversation with another person on the subject of physical symptoms and buildings.
- The buildings named as potential problems in these conversations were Landrum Hall (86 times), Natural Sciences (47), Nunn Hall (31), Albright Health Center (29), BEP (29), Fine Arts (29), and Science & Technology (10).
- Among respondents who spend at least 2/3 of their time in one building on campus, the respondents from Landrum are least likely to be symptom-free (only 5 percent checked no symptoms) followed by respondents from the Fine Arts building (8 percent symptom-free). The most symptom-free respondents were from Science & Technology with 29% symptom-free.

Since NKU is not immune to experiencing air quality problems within the buildings on both the Highland Heights and Covington campuses, the committee would like to make the following recommendations, which are ranked in order of priority:

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1)

Contract with an independent, outside agency to evaluate the ventilation systems and ducts to determine whether they need to be cleaned. If a positive determination is made, the committee recommends that the air ducts and ventilation systems of the buildings receive the necessary cleaning.

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2)

Make the NKU community aware of the existence of the "Indoor Air Quality - Request for Investigation" forms (eg, announcement in *The Northerner* and *Campus Digest*) and disseminate them to all of the departments on campus.

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3)

Reallocate funds or increase the maintenance line in the University's budget so that the ventilation systems can be properly maintained and monitoring equipment purchased as needed.

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4)

Recommend that, within the next two years, the Administration take advantage of the Health Hazard Evaluation performed by NIOSH to address the problems of maintenance of the ventilation systems.

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5)

Request that the Administration of the University formally report back to the Faculty Senate with regard to the status of maintenance and the efficiency of the ventilation systems in the buildings after a NIOSH evaluation is performed.

Kentucky Labor Cabinet

Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Article VIII. Meetings, Section G.

Existing Language:

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Proposed Language;

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Rationale: Current senate practice violates our Constitution. The proposed amendment will align senate practice with the Constitution.