

Faculty Senate

Northern Kentucky University Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

February 26, 1990

UC Ballroom

3 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes of January 22, 1990 meeting.
- II. Agenda Additions and/or Deletions
- III. Senate President's Report
 - A. Results of Senate Special Election. Michael Washington and Kevin Booher were elected to fill at large seats from the College of Arts & Sciences.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Budget
 - B. Curriculum
 - C. Faculty Benefits
 - D. Professional Concerns - Two voting items.
 - 1) Governance Document (20 minutes)
 - 2) Drug Testing (20 minutes)
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES Meeting of February 26, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diana Belland, Kevin Booher, Lawrence Borne, Carol Bredemeyer, Tom Cate, Nan Littleton for Andrea Cornuelle, Y. Datta, Frank Dietrich, Nancy Firak, W. Vernon Hicks, Mike King, Dennis Lye, Phil McCartney, Art Miller, Bob Mullen, Margaret Myers, Ljubomir Nacev, Phil Obermiller, Dennis O'Keefe, Terry Pence, Michael Prioleau, Bill Recker, Denise Robinson, Frank Stallings, James Thomas, J. Michael Thomson, Bill Wagner, Steve Walker, Robert Wallace, Michael Washington, Emily Werrell, Geraldine Williams.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sudesh Duggal, Jim Gray, Nancy Hinzman, Don Kelm

GUESTS: Darryl Poole, Peter Moore, David Jorns, John P. Johnson, Leon E. Boothe

I.. The minutes of January 22, 1990 were amended to include the sentence "The amendment fails with only 6 in favor" at the bottom of pg. 3 following "Art Miller seconded". The minutes were approved as corrected.

II. Agenda additions included:

Under Senate President's Report - President Boothe to discuss Convocation Center.

Under New Business - A. Voting item: Resolution on Convocation Center.

III. Senate President's Report.

A. Michael Washington and Kevin Booher were elected in the Senate Special Election to fill at-large seats from the College of Arts & Sciences.

B. President Boothe and Dr. Jorns presented the reasons for the proposed Convocation Center is needed for Northern Kentucky University and the surrounding community.

At a special meeting, the Executive Committee prepared a resolution based upon the advantages which was voted on under New Business.

C. President Boothe has approved the following Senate recommendations:

Recommendation on Faculty Salary Policy
Policy recommendation on Research Misconduct
Policy recommendations on Fortunato Report
Recommendations on assessment.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Budget & Commonwealth Affairs - Dennis Lye

The next meeting will be on the 26th. Committee is working on budget priorities, discussing use of CUPA data, and obtaining a definition of equity.

B. Curriculum Committee - Phil McCartney

The next meeting will be on March 15th. Discussion will include possible changes in operations of the Curriculum Committee. At the March 29th meeting, the General Studies Subcommittee report on courses will be presented.

C. Faculty Benefits - Bill Wagner

Ljubir Nacev and Nancy Firak will meet with Sheila Bell, NKU Legal Counsel, and Ed Beagle, outside counsel, on Friday to discuss the Early Retirement Policy. The policy should be before the Senate next month.

The Regents Professorship was discussed at a 2 p.m. Benefits committee meeting today. Two motions were passed. One was that the committee supported the general concept and the second was that the Faculty Benefits Committee should not be involved in the process as this is an award not a benefit.

D. Professional Concerns - Jim Thomas

1) Governance Document

Ljubomir Nacev moved to eliminate item 5 in Part A in the governance document. Art Miller seconded.

Jim Thomas moved to amend #5 to read "Academic freedom is an essential element of collegial governance." Mike Thomson seconded.

Ljubomir Nacev withdrew his motion and Art Miller agreed.

Jim Thomas's motion to amend #5 passed.

Ljubomir Nacev moved to eliminate #7 in Part A of governance document. Nancy Firak seconded.

The amendment fails with four in favor.

Concern was expressed that the document deals with faculty bodies and administration. Collegiality should extend down to individual faculty member.

The Governance Document passed as amended.

2) Drug Testing

Vernon Hicks moved to strike the work "extreme" from the proposal. Bill Wagner seconded.

The amendment failed with 5 in favor.

The proposal passed with one opposed.

V. Old Business (none)

VI. New Business

The Convocation Center resolution prepared by the Executive Committee passes.

Peter Moore presented the schedule for senate elections.

Call for nomination - March 26, 1990

Due back - April 6

Ballots out - April 11

Due back - April 20

Peter needs to know department senator replacements by March 16th.

Peter Moore raised the question of who is eligible to vote. Article III of the Senate Constitution is in place until it is changed. Lecturers will therefore not be able to vote. Past precedence will be followed with regards to Military Science. Professional Concerns will address the question.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Resolution

approved
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The Northern Kentucky University Faculty Senate wholeheartedly endorses the need for, and building of a university / community Convocation Center.

- 1) The University lacks an assembly facility for graduation and other important campus-wide events. We are the only commonwealth campus without such a facility.
- 2) The University, long noted as a commuter school, is now a thriving University campus, with day and evening learning activities. What NKU lacks is a sense of "campus life". An assembly facility, used to bring in nationally known speakers, cultural events and other related activities would be the focal point for unifying campus life.
- 3) The educational value of themed assemblies with national known scholars, authors, politicians, musicians, etc. is inestimable in reinforcing the day to day lecture activities of academic programs. It would provide students a chance to see and hear from the people they could only read about in their textbooks. Using an assembly hall for selected special educational events is a time-honored and important academic enterprise.
- 4) The University community, already regionally and nationally known in some fields on this campus, has already proven they can bring in their more famous peers; often we have had to turn many away to hear from such speakers as Jane Goodall.
- 5) A Convocation Center would be used to draw national and regional professional meetings to campus, providing further recognition of the growing scholarship and quality of the NKU faculty community.
- 6) Hosting major lecture and cultural events would permit the Northern Kentucky community to enjoy some of the best scholarly and cultural activities from around the globe. In that sense, the assembly would provide a single focal point for community life in Northern Kentucky, something we have lacked for a long time.
- 7) As a community facility, the Convocation Center has a variety of uses from commencements to high school athletic and academic activities. Not only does the community benefit from the use of such a facility, but the University's exposure to high school students from this area, and around the state, would be an invaluable recruiting tool.
- 8) A Convocation Center provides the business and entrepreneurial community a chance to exhibit their products and services to the community. Also, hosting regional/national activities, expositions and fairs will provide a significant economic boost to the whole Northern Kentucky area.
- 9) Parking has, in the past, prevented Northern from planning and local citizens from using our campus for special events. This center would provide its own parking, effectively opening Northern to thousands who previously could not find room in campus parking facilities. It would also provide overflow parking for the student population, when the facility is not in use.