

**AGENDA**  
**UNIVERSITY SENATE**  
**GARRETT BALLROOM**  
**AUGUST 31, 2000**  
**3:30 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Report from the Chair**
- 111. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - A. REPORT FROM THE OLD FACULTY SENATE**
    - 1. SGA Evaluation
    - 2. PTR Implementation
    - 3. President's Evaluation
  - B. REPORT FROM THE OLD ACADEMIC COUNCIL**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**
    - 1. Budget Council
    - 2. Athletic Committee
    - 3. Other Committee Appointments
  - B. REPORT ON THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM**
  - C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**
- V. OTHER BUSINESS**

**MINUTES**  
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Chair Patricia Minter called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The following members were absent without alternate representation: Karen Adams, Frank Conley, Thomas Green, Martin Houston, Dan Jackson, Carl Kell, David Lee, Alton Little, Gary Ransdell. Alternates in attendance were: Douglas Smith for Kathryn Abbott, Linda Clark for Rhonda Helm, Dan Myers for Robert Jefferson, Michael May for David Keeling, Jo-Ann Ryan for Wilma King-Jones, John Long for Jane Olmsted, Walker Rutledge for Karen Schneider, Doug McElroy for Michael Stokes.

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Chair Patricia Minter, opened the first meeting of the University Senate. She said this body would be the faculty voice and it will be a strong voice that will impact our faculty welfare, our intellectual lives and our professional responsibilities. The Chair said since this is a new system, several handouts would be distributed that will detail the curriculum aspects that will be part of this Senate's purview, and the faculty welfare's professional responsibility. The Chair asked for everyone's cooperation in making the new system run smoothly.

The revised Charter was distributed along with a flow chart that details the curriculum approval process: The Chair said the meeting time for the University Senate will be the third Thursday of each month. Of the three standing committees of the University Senate (Faculty Welfare, General Education and the University Senate Curriculum Committee), Faculty Welfare is the only one that is not part of the curriculum approval process. General Education will meet the second week of each month, time to be announced. College Curriculum Committees will meet the first Thursday of each month. Teacher Education Committee will meet the second Wednesday of each month. Graduate Council will also meet during the second week of each month. The University Senate Curriculum Committee will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month. The Executive Committee will meet on the second Monday of each month. The Chair noted that if a proposal of an existing course needs only General Education approval, it would go directly from the College Curriculum Committee to the General Education Committee to the University Senate Executive Committee then to the University Senate for ratification. New course proposals that also require General Education approval must first go to the University Curriculum Committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. REPORT FROM THE FORMER FACULTY SENATE**

**1. SGA Evaluation**

The Chair reported that the former Senate passed a resolution on the SGA faculty evaluations saying in part that faculty would provide time at the end of the semester for SGA to conduct their own survey, and that this would be done separately from the official university evaluations on a different day with a different evaluation device. On the 10th of May, President Ransdell sent a memo to Adam Howard, of SGA stating that in order to make this a valid instrument of evaluation, that Institutional Research would be made available to work with them. SGA would pay for the cost of having IR create documents and implement it around campus. The Chair said that before the semester began, she met with representatives of SGA, representatives of IR, and Provost Burch to talk about this process. SGA expressed at that time a desire to change the questions. IR informed that it was not possible at this point to create a document that could be implemented by the end of fall semester on such short notice. Therefore the chair appointed an ad hoc committee to work with SGA to come up with a set of questions and a process for implementation. The committee was also instructed to prepare a report to inform the University Senate about how the SGA would use this information. The Committee is: Dr. Michele Arsneault, Government, Dr. John Bruni, Psychology and Dr. Douglas Smith, Sociology. They will be working with Mr. Howard and SGA and are charged with

reporting back to the University Senate Executive Committee. No evaluation will be done for the spring semester until it is presented to the University Senate for discussion and for ratification.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

## 2. POST TENURE REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION

The Chair distributed the Post Tenure Review Implementation document, and then turned the floor over to Provost Barbara Burch for comments and questions. Dr. Burch said that all department heads and deans were involved in the implementation of PTR and are forwarding results to her. She said her intent with the implementation document was to present the PTR process as approved by the Board of Regents. She indicated that it was not her intent to review all PTR files. Dr. Burch said most colleges are using existing criteria with some adjustments to fit their needs, and that she intends to turn the evaluations around by mid-October. She further indicated that every department should soon know what the final piece is that has been adopted, and the process will move forward as planned.

Dr. Burch then asked Regent Mary Ellen Miller to add additional remarks.

Professor Miller said she is very pleased with the way things are proceeding and referred to the last two sentences of the document as approved by the Board of Regents, "two years after implementation of the policy, the University Senate will conduct a study of the policy to determine if the policy has accomplished its purposes." She suggested that a special ad hoc committee would be selected to fulfill this recommendation.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Dr. Burch said everyone should understand this system will not work with faculty evaluations running from January through December. Therefore each college is now on an academic year, running from August 15 to August 15. The exception is this year with reporting running from January to August, and has assumed that departments will make accommodation for this.

Katrina Phelps moved to create an ad hoc committee that will collect data on Post Tenure Review and its implementation and will report back to this body in two years as mandated by the Board of Regents.

The motion was seconded.

Robert Dietle moved to amend the motion to add the instruction that the University Senate instructs the Standing Committee on Faculty Welfare to create an ad hoc committee to study the Post Tenure Process over the next two years.

The motion was seconded.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

After discussion, Dr. Dietle moved to amend his amended motion to: add the instruction that the University Senate instructs the Standing committee on Faculty Welfare to create a sub-committee to study the Post Tenure Process over the next two years.

The motion was seconded.

The Chair called for a vote on the amendment as amended. The motion carried.

The Chair next called for a vote on the main motion as amended. The motion carried.

## 3. PRESIDENT'S EVALUATION

The Chair said that the President's Evaluation data has been compiled by Dr. Douglas Smith of the Sociology Department, who was the former Faculty Senate Vice Chair, and asked that he present the results of this project. Dr. Smith handed out the document and gave a brief overview of the results. After Dr. Smith's comments the Chair opened the floor for discussion.

**B. REPORT FROM THE FORMER ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

Dr. Retta Poe reported that the only business that was remaining from the Academic Council is programs that were targeted for elimination or suspension in the report from to the Council on Postsecondary Education. Dr. Poe said that most of these actions have not been considered by the appropriate faculty curriculum body. Dr. Poe said there would be a special meeting of the Academic Council on September 8, 2000, at the request of the Provost and approved by the Chair of the University Senate, to consider the three program proposals from the Department of Engineering Technology.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**1. BUDGET COUNCIL**

The Chair reported that she received a letter from President Ransdell in August informing the Senate that the structure of the Budget Council has been changed. In the past the council has had 20 members, and now consists of 8 members who are: Ann Meade, Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Barbara Burch, Provost, Dr. Gene Tice, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Jim Flynn, Strategic Planning, Representative from SGA, Representative from Staff Council, Dr. Mel Borland, Economics, Dr. Robert Dietle, Department of History. The Chair has asked that the two faculty members keep the University Senate informed on the actions of the Budget Council.

**2. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

The Chair reported that the Athletic Committee needs three faculty representatives from the Gordon Ford College of Business.

**3. OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

The Chair noted that the Executive Committee would appoint three additional faculty members for each of the standing committees of the University Senate as required by the Charter by the end of September.

**B. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Dr. Wood Selig, Director of the Athletic Department, passed out charts comparing the student fees of Western and other Kentucky universities and charts comparing the various conferences' student fees relative to their athletic budgets. Dr. Selig presented an overview of the information in these charts and noted that the request to raise student fees from the present \$16.00 semester to \$90.00 was partially to support the Diddle Arena renovation project. The floor was opened for discussion. Lengthy rebuttal and discussion followed.

Chair Minter reported that for the time being, the former Academic Council forms are still valid for the new curriculum process.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Mutter  
Sharon Mutter, Secretary

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Lou Stahl, Recorder