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**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

February 5, 1996

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, February 5, 1996, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. Senate Chair Richard Rink called the fifth meeting of the 1995-1996 academic year to order at 3:30 p.m.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Brown-Davis	R. Freed*	K. Johnson*	J. Wells*
A. Chapman*	L. Gaines	K. Jones*	J. Widener*
L. Chase*	B. Gallichio	N. Mackinnon*	J. Willett
N. Davis	C. Gardner*	G. Masagatani	V. Wisenbaker*
D. Elias	D. Greenwell	P. Murray	
J. Frazier	J. Guilfoil	B. Pratt	

\*Indicates prior notification to the Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were: Mr. Matt McCarty, Eastern Progress; Dr. Karen Foster, English Department

**Announcements**

The Chair announced that the Faculty Senate newsletter had been distributed and that there would be a second issue in the coming months. The Chair also stated that the Executive Committee would be needing articles from faculty members for the newsletter.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Senator Rink called for additions or corrections to the December 4 minutes. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

**Report from the President: Senator Funderburk**

No report was given. Dr. Funderburk was attending a budget meeting in Frankfort.

**Report of the Executive Committee: Senator Rink**

The chair reported that the committee had reviewed a report from the Committee on Alternative Class and Holiday Schedules and that the report would be placed on the agenda at the February Faculty Senate meeting.

The chair also discussed the composition of two newly formed special committees and their members. The committees are; the Ad Hoc Committee on the Study of Repeat and Replacement of Grades--the members are Nancy Lee-Riffe (chair), Kirk Jones, Gladys Masagatani, Jill Allgier, and Mark Floyd (student representative); and the Ad Hoc Committee on the Study of Procedures for Appealing to Withdraw from Courses and/or University--the members are Marijo LeVan (chair), Penny Benzing, Jack Dyer, Jill Allgier, and Rebecca Rucks (student representative).

The chair also reported that future meetings of the Faculty Senate will be held beginning in September in the South Room of the Keen Johnson Building.

### **Report of the Faculty Regent: Senator Freed**

Senator Kopacz reported for Senator Freed due to conflict in schedules. She reported that the Board of Regents had attended the annual weekend retreat in Covington. The board discussed Eastern's "Strategic Directions" and "Institutional Goals" statements, the SACS Self-Study documents, various Student Affairs issues, and statewide political developments.

There was a panel discussion by three faculty members, Drs. Gary Corder, Carol Gabbard, and Amy King at this retreat. It is hoped that a faculty panel will become a permanent part of the Board's future annual retreats.

### **Report form the COSFL Representative: Senator Lee-Riffe**

Senator Lee-Riffe reported that the Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL) met January 6 and February 3 at the University of Kentucky. Eastern Kentucky University was represented by Faculty Regent Richard Freed and Senate Chair Richard Rink.

COSFL has sent a letter to Governor Patton concerning the serious financial situation public higher education is facing in Kentucky which said, with supporting detail: If nothing is done to improve this situation, the quality of education and our competitiveness with other states in the region is certain to decline.

On February 3, James Wiseman, former Chair of the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education, met with COSFL for part of the meeting. A central theme of Mr. Wiseman's comments was that faculty should become more actively involved in working together in new ways with groups.

Afterwards, there was a discussion of the possibility of meeting with members of the legislature, meeting with the university presidents, and working with the general public to help improve the public image of higher education. Other issues were discussed briefly, including the status of the health care alliance and the concealed weapons bill, which may not exclude the carrying of weapons in colleges and universities.

### **Report on the Self-Study: Senator Wisenbaker**

No report given.

### **Report from the Student Senate: Mr. Joseph Hoffman**

Mr. Hoffman reported that the Student Senate was in the process of holding elections and involvement of students was encouraged. Also, the Student Senate is in the process of renewing the contract for the Student Phone Directory and any input from the Faculty Senate would be appreciated.

### **Reports from Standing Committees**

#### **Report from the Committee on Elections: Senator Elias**

No report given.

#### **Report from the Committee on Committees: Senator Janssen**

Senator Janssen reported that the nominations for standing committees were being sought. The assistance of each Dean in obtaining the self-nominations from as many full-time faculty as possible would be appreciated.

#### **Report from the Committee on Rules: Senator Lewis**

No report given.

#### **Report from the Committee on the Budget: Senator Watkins**

Senator Watkins reported that the Committee on the Budget had met and compared the 1995-1996 University Budget with the budgets of the three previous years.

#### **Report from the Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities: Senator Kipp**

No report given.

### **Report from Special Committee: Dr. Karen Foster**

Dr. Foster reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Schedules for Classes and Holidays was charged with exploring the advantages and disadvantages of switching from the current university pattern of 60-minute classes on MWF and TRF, with flip Fridays, to a pattern of MWF and TR. The committee was also charged with considering revisions of the holiday schedule and with ensuring an equal number of meeting days in both the fall and spring semesters.

The committee met six times between March 1, 1995, and January 12, 1996, and discussed a number of issues: the matter of room allocation, a comparison of EKU'S lab schedules with UK's lab schedules, and input from students. The committee considered a number of schedules: 75-minute classes M-R; 75 minute classes MR/TF, with Wednesdays as meeting days and a half day Saturday plan; a 50-minute MWF and 75-minute TR plan; and a schedule which keeps the present pattern while eliminating Monday holidays and extending Thanksgiving break.

The committee felt that the main disadvantage of a four-day pattern of 75-minute classes under any combination would be a limitation of the available time slots during which classes may meet. The advantage to a four-day pattern is that, because there are no flip Fridays, the schedule would be easier to keep track of. The committee concluded that a pattern of 50 minutes on MWF and 75 minutes on TR had the advantage, once again, of consistency--no flip Fridays to have to keep track of. The disadvantage is that this schedule shortens the present MWF pattern by 10 minutes while lengthening TR class meetings by 15 minutes, which was felt to be detrimental to labs. The advantages to keeping the present pattern while eliminating Monday holidays and extending the Thanksgiving break are that repeat MWF weeks can be eliminated and the number of teaching days from semester to semester can be made equal. However, the committee concluded that a Thanksgiving break is too close to Christmas and that everyone enjoys the Monday holidays of the current pattern.

The committee decided to put out a preliminary questionnaire to contract staff in order to measure the level of interest in changing the schedule. Approximately 1300 questionnaires were distributed, and 383 were returned-- 257 respondents indicated satisfaction with the present schedule, 42 of whom indicated interest in considering options; 126 respondents indicated dissatisfaction with the present schedule, for reasons that ranged from its requiring more time to complete a semester to flip Friday being skip Friday. Based on the information gathered from the questionnaire, the committee concluded that it is not appropriate to make a recommendation for change. The committee also concluded that the current schedule appears to utilize the present holidays appropriately. On the third charge, ensuring an equal number of instructional days in the fall and spring semesters, the committee considered adding one or two days. However, there is not enough evidence at this point to warrant either the loss of instructional days in the fall or disrupting the final examination schedule in the spring.

### **Unfinished Business**

Dr. Martha Grise reported that the next Parliamentary Workshop would meet on Monday, February 26, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building to discuss the parliamentary rules governing the conduct of committees and other topics.

## **New Business**

A memorandum concerning the Early Retirement Option sent by Senate Chair Rink , which each senator should have received, will be placed on the March agenda for discussion by the Faculty Senate. Senators are encouraged to discuss this memorandum with their constituencies.

### **Report from the Council on Academic Affairs: Senator Enzie**

Senator Enzie moved that the Bachelor of Business Administration in Insurance degree program be changed TO Bachelor of Science in Insurance and Risk Management degree program in the Department of Loss Prevention and Safety in the College of Law Enforcement. Senator Enzie amended the original motion to add MAT 107 to the list of Supporting Courses, thereby changing the number of hours from 30 to 33.

Senator Enzie moved to change the name in the Insurance Minor TO Insurance and Risk Management Minor in the Department of Loss Prevention and Safety in the College of Law Enforcement. Both motions were approved.

## **Adjournment**

Senator Enzie moved that the Senate adjourn. It adjourned at 4:00.

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Charles C. Hay, III  
Faculty Senate Secretary