

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE, DECEMBER 19, 1989

The University Senate met in a special session at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 19, 1989, in room 115 of the Nursing/Health Sciences Building to nominate a faculty slate for membership on the Presidential Search Committee.

Donald C. Leigh, Chairman of the Senate Council, presided.

Members absent were: Harry V. Barnard, Mark C. Berger, Wilford A. Bladen, Glenn C. Blomquist, Susannah Bobys, Peter P. Bosomworth, T. Earle Bowen, Joan C. Callahan\*, Rutheford B Campbell, Jr., Edward A. Carter, Jeff Carver, Jordan L. Cohen, Randall W. Dahl\*, Ramona Dalton, Ann Davidson, Richard C. Domek, Jr.\*, Vincent Drnevich, Bruce S. Eastwood, Ronald D. Eller, Charles W. Ellinger, Walter C. Foreman, Raymond E. Forgue\*, Richard W. Furst, Marilyn C. Hamann, Zafar Hasan, Laurie R. Hatch, Robert E. Hemenway, Micki King Hogue, Stephanie Howard, Alfred S. L. Hu, Bruce Hunt, Craig L. Infanger, Richard A. Jensen, John Paul Jones, James M. Kuder, Gerald Lemons, Scott Lewis, C. Oran Little, Beth Loafman, Robert Lohman, Sean Lohman, Ken Lovins, James R. Marsden\*, Peggy Meszaros, William G. Moody, Roy L. Moore, Jim Musser, David A. Nash\*, Jose Oubrerie, Clayton R. Paul, Thomas R. Pope, Doug Reed, Thomas C. Robinson, Jo Ann Rogers, David P. Roselle, Edgar L. Sagan, Frank A. Scott, Michael C. Shannon\*, Steven J. Skinner\*, Ann R. Tickamyer, Kimberly F. Townley, Richard H. Underwood, Michael A. Webb, Steven C. Weisenburger\*, Charles T. Wethington, Eugene Williams, Constance P. Wilson\*, Emery A. Wilson, and W. Douglas Wilson.

Chairman Leigh read the following from Section A of the Governing Regulations concerning the appointment of the President of the University:

From the Governing Regulations Part VIII, A.1.:

The President of the University is appointed by the Board of Trustees with the advice of a joint committee of the Board, faculty, and student body. The committee shall consist of five members of the Board appointed by its chairman; three members of the full-time teaching and/or research faculty of the University System, selected by a procedure determined by the University Senate; one member of the full-time teaching faculty of the Community College System, selected by a procedure determined by the Community College Council; and one full-time student appointed by the chairman of the Board. The committee shall provide opportunity for discussion between representative administrative, faculty, and student groups and prospective presidential candidates.

The Chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to start the Senate process for selecting the six full-time teaching and research faculty of the University system. The objective was to have a slate of six nominations which will be used in a mail balloting to the entire faculty of the University system. That process is to be finished January 19. The Board of Trustees meet on January 23, 1990.

\*Absence explained.



The Chairman asked the Senate members to take the initial nomination ballot envelope which had four cards and to vote for four eligible faculty members.

Professor Jesse Weil (Physics and Astronomy) asked for a point of order. He wondered if the Chair would think it was wise to get a head count of the voting faculty attending the meeting in order to have a fair representation. The Chair felt there was a good representation and did not want to entertain a formal count. He stated that a quorum was presumed unless someone called for a count. The Chair asked if there were any questions about the procedure. He had appointed an ad hoc committee to count the ballots. They were Professor Paul Willis, Chairman and Professors Malcolm Jewell and Louis Swift. The Chairman asked the Senators to mark their ballots and sign their name to the envelope. [The envelopes were collected for counting.] The Chair told the Senators they were free to leave after the second balloting.

The Chairman related the events that happened recently and what action the Senate Council had taken. He brought to the floor for further approval the three motions which the Senate Council passed. He read Part III of the Governing Regulations as follows:

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President or disability of the President, the Vice President for Administration shall exercise the functions of the President in the absence of the appointment of an Interim President by the Board of Trustees. If the Board finds it desirable to appoint an Interim President, it shall seek advice from a joint Board-Faculty committee if such has been constituted to recommend the appointment of a President or, if the committee has not been constituted, from the University Senate Council.

Chairman Leigh stated that on December 11 three representatives were selected to speak for the Senate Council. Those three are Professors Robert Guthrie, Carolyn Bratt and Donald Leigh. When the President announced his resignation, Chairman Leigh called the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Foster Ockerman to talk about the procedure for appointment of an interim president. The Senate Council met and passed the following three motions:

Motions adopted on 15 December 1989 by the University Senate Council on advising the Board on an Interim President of the University of Kentucky:

1. If an Interim President is selected, it is recommended that that person not be a candidate for the permanent position of President.
2. If an Interim President is selected, whoever is selected shall have the qualifications acceptable for the Presidency (see resolution on qualifications adopted by the University Senate in 1986, excepting item #3). [attached at the end of the Minutes]
3. Motion was made to recommend Wimberly C. Royster and Peter P. Bosomworth for the position of Interim President because both meet the criteria of the previously adopted motions.



All motions were unanimously adopted by the Senate Council.

Professor Jesse Weil moved approval of the Resolutions. The motion was seconded. The floor was opened for discussion. Professor Hans Gesund (Civil Engineering) was a bit unhappy, not necessarily with the motion but with the implications that have come forth from the media in particular with those that have disparaging comments on the Chancellor of the Community College System. He felt the Senate should somehow indicate that the Chancellor of the Community College System as well as the Chancellor of the Lexington Campus could make acceptable and even great presidents. He suspected that the media have misconstrued what the Senate Council has said and done, and he felt the Senate needed to say that the Senate and the faculty as a whole are not opposed to those gentlemen. He did not feel that a long tail of journal publications is a requisite for being a president or for a high administrative position. He said that was only one of many qualifications to look for in a president and the Senate should make it clear that they are not passing disparaging remarks on anyone and particularly on Dr. Wethington whom the media seem to feel the University does not want under any circumstances. He felt many faculty members would be quite happy to have Chancellor Wethington.

There was no further discussion. The motion unanimously passed and reads as follows:

1. If an Interim President is selected, it is recommended that that person not be a candidate for the permanent position of President.
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The Chairman stated that following the meeting of the Senate Council on Friday, December 15, he again phoned Foster Ockerman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and told him about the outcome of the meeting. He also called the individuals involved in the motion and also called Chancellors Hemenway and Wethington to let them know about the consequences of the motions. He stated that the information on the appointment of an Interim President is that the Board of Trustees has planned a meeting for Thursday, December 28. Mr. Ockerman is planning to appoint members of the Board of Trustees to meet with the three Senate Council members prior to that meeting to discuss the appointment of an Interim President.

A Senator wanted to know the time of the meeting and if it would be open to the public. Professor Mary Sue Coleman (Biochemistry) stated the meeting would be at 2:00 p.m., and they are always open to the public. She stated the meetings are held on the 18th floor of Patterson Office Tower and everyone was welcome.

The Senate recessed until 3:45 p.m. when Paul Willis announced the top thirteen (13) candidates for the Presidential Search Committee who are



Professors Carolyn S. Bratt, College of Law (20 votes); Loys L. Mather, College of Agriculture, (10 votes); Mary Sue Coleman, College of Medicine (9 votes); Robert D. Guthrie, College of Arts and Sciences (9 votes); Marcus T. McEllistrem, College of Arts and Sciences (9 votes); Stanley D. Brunn, College of Arts and Sciences (8 votes); James L. Applegate, College of Communications (7 votes); Paul M. Eakin, College of Arts and Sciences (6 votes); Donald T. Frazier, College of Medicine (6 votes); William E. Lyons, College of Arts and Sciences (6 votes); James H. Wells, College of Arts and Sciences (6 votes); A. Byron Young, College of Medicine (6 votes).

The Chairman announced there was a quorum as indicated by the number of votes cast.

The Chair recognized Professor Mary Sue Coleman. Professor Coleman stated that she wanted to withdraw her name from the list of candidates to be considered. She felt she could be more effective on the Board of Trustees. She urged the Senators to be at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 28. Professors Donald C. Leigh, College of Engineering (5 votes) and John R. VanNagell, Jr, College of Medicine (5 votes) were added to the list.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting on such short notice for the important election. He stated that the final ballot would be counted and the winners announced. The Senators were asked to vote for six candidates. Chairman Leigh stated that he would call the nominees to confirm that they are willing to run. The mail ballot will be sent to the entire faculty in early January. Chairman Leigh announced that Professor Paul Eakin pointed out there were petitions on the table in the back if anyone wanted to use them.

On the final balloting Professors Carolyn S. Bratt received 53 votes; Paul M. Eakin, 30 votes; Robert D. Guthrie, 34 votes; William E. Lyons, 39 votes; Loys L. Mather, 38 votes; and Marcus T. McEllistrem, 38 votes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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RESOLUTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF UK

The University of Kentucky Senate advises the elected faculty representatives as well as the other members of the Joint Search Committee now seeking a new President for the University that the following are the qualities that this body believes are the most important ones to be sought in candidates or nominees considered for the position:

1. Distinction as a scholar who has made important original contributions to his/her discipline.
2. Significant familiarity with the administration of a university.
3. Evidence of the kind of academic vision that will enable him/her to lead the University of Kentucky in the next 6-8 years to distinction as a front rank institution of higher learning.
4. Demonstrable ability to choose associates on their merits and to delegate responsibility wisely.
5. The ability to establish appropriate balances between: fundamental and applied scholarship; research, teaching and service; undergraduate and graduate education.
6. The ability to ensure that university support services are well-managed and run efficiently.
7. The ability to articulate to the general public and the elected leadership of the Commonwealth the important goals and achievements of the University.

Approved by Unanimous Vote at a Special  
Meeting of the University Senate, April 28, 1986