

**MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY SENATE  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2001  
GARRETT AUDITORIUM**

Chair Robert Dietle called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The following members were absent without alternate representation: Karen Adams, Michael Binder, Erika Brady, Frank Conley, Jeffrey Hackett, Martin Houston, Daniel Jackson, Robert Jefferson, Kathleen Matthew, Mary Ellen Miller, Patricia Minors, John Moore, Gary Ransdell, Loren Ruff, Larry Snyder, Ed Wolfe. Alternates in attendance were: Cynthia Mason for Bill Greenwalt, Jean Nehm for Jennifer Hall, John Hardin for David Lee, Douglas Smith for Jane Olmsted, Greg Mills for Stacy Wilson.

The minutes of April 19, 2001 were approved as presented.

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Chair Dietle welcomed the Senators and said the following are some of the issues that the University Senate should address in the coming year:

- a. Salaries
- b. Health Insurance
- c. The need for more conscientious long-term financial planning for Western Kentucky University
- d. An evaluation of the role of the Council on Postsecondary Education

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Chair said the elected Vice Chair and Secretary of the University Senate have resigned. Chair Dietle then opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. John White was nominated; he declined the nomination. Katrina Phelps was nominated; she declined the nomination. Michael May was nominated. A motion was made and seconded that nominations cease. Dr. Michael May was elected by acclamation to serve as Vice Chair.

Chair Dietle then opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Uta Ziegler was nominated. Dr. Ziegler declined the nomination. Dr. Katrina Phelps volunteered to serve as secretary. A motion was made and seconded to that nominations cease. Dr. Phelps was elected by acclamation to serve as Secretary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. REPORTS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE**

**1. Report from the University Curriculum Committee -  
Consent Agenda Items from April 26, 2001**

Dr. Darlene Applegate presented the report and moved approval.  
(\* denotes action items of the UCC)

**I. CREATION OF NEW COURSES \***

The Chair asked if any Senator wished to remove any of the following items for discussion. No items were removed from the list.

[^ The ten Electrical Engineering courses listed here and in Section VI. Deletion of Courses are courses whose content was significantly revised such that the existing courses were deleted and new course proposals were submitted.]

ACCT 330	Tax Planning for Investments
CE 304	Construction Management Laboratory
CE 331	Transportation Engineering
CE 351	Introduction to Environmental Engineering
CFS 275	Restaurant Management

DMT 100	Introduction to Housing and Interior Design
DMT 120	Design Studio I
DMT 201	Design Studio II
DMT 202	Design Studio III
DMT 301	Design Studio IV
DMT 302	Design Studio V
DMT 303	Lighting Design Seminar
DMT 401	Design Studio VI
DMT 402	Design Studio VII
DMT 403	Business Principles and Practices for Interior Design Seminar
DMT 421	Portfolio Design
DMT 426	Fashion Design Market Trends
EE 101^	Electrical Engineering Design I
EE 200^	Electrical Engineering Design II
EE 210^	Circuits and Networks I
EE 211	Circuits and Networks II
EE 220^	Introduction to Electronics
EE 250^	Fundamentals of Electrical Engineering
EE 300^	Electrical Engineering Design III
EE 330^	Machines and Power
EE 380^	Microprocessors
EE 385^	Mechatronics
EE 400^	Electrical Engineering Design IV
EE 410	Computer Design
EE 411	Computer Design Laboratory
EE 421	Active Network Design I
EE 422	Active Network Design I Laboratory
EE 451	Digital Signal Processing Laboratory
EE 460	Continuous Control Systems
EE 475	Communication Systems Laboratory
EM 313	Dynamics
SWRK 450	Child Maltreatment

## **II. REVISION OF PROGRAMS \***

The Chair asked if any Senator wished to remove any of the following items for discussion. No items were removed from the list.

Ref. #398	Minor in Interior Design
Ref. #508	B.S. in Agricultural Education
Ref. #534	B.S. in Civil Engineering
Ref. #537	B.S. in Electrical Engineering
Ref. #543	B.S. in Mechanical Engineering
Ref. #559	B.S. in Health Care Administration
Ref. #574	B.S. in Interior Design
Ref. #597	B.S. in Textiles and Apparel Merchandising

## **III. DELETION OF PROGRAM \***

The Chair asked if any Senator wished to remove the following item for discussion. The item was not removed.

Ref. #323	Minor in Athletic Training
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#### **IV. CHANGE OF COURSE PREFIXES**

The Chair asked if any Senator wished to remove any of the following items for discussion. No items were removed for discussion.

[CFS prefix changed to DMT for the following 37 courses]

CFS 110	Design Concepts
CFS 131	Basic Apparel Construction
CFS 132	Perspectives of Dress
CFS 141	Graphics for Interior Design
CFS 221	Creative Problem Solving in Design and Merchandising
CFS 222	CAD in Human Environment
CFS 223	Textiles
CFS 231	Textile and Apparel Quality Analysis
CFS 241	Housing Perspectives
CFS 242	Interior Design Environments
CFS 243	Materials and Finishes for Interiors
CFS 321	Professional Ethics and Issues Seminar
CFS 331	Textiles and Apparel Merchandising
CFS 332	History of 20th Century Fashion
CFS 333	Fashion Fundamentals
CFS 334	Apparel Design Management
CFS 342	Lighting Design
CFS 343	Contract Design I
CFS 344	History of Architecture and Interiors I
CFS 345	History of Architecture and Interiors II
CFS 346	Architecture and Culture
CFS 422	Textile Design
CFS 423	Human Environment Study Tour
CFS 424	Historic Textiles
CFS 431	Clothing and Human Behavior
CFS 432	Visual Merchandising and Promotion
CFS 433	Fashion Synthesis
CFS 434	History of Costume
CFS 435	Computer Applications in Textiles and Apparel Merchandising
CFS 437	Conservation of Textiles and Clothing
CFS 438	Textile and Apparel Merchandising II
CFS 441	Business Principles and Practices in Interiors
CFS 442	Contract Design II
CFS 443	Advanced Design Synthesis
CFS 444	Environmental Design
CFS 446	Restoration of Historic Interiors
CFS 448	Interior Illustration

#### **V. REVISION OF COURSES (NUMBER, TITLE, PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES, DESCRIPTION, AND/OR HOURS)**

The Chair asked if any Senator wished to remove any of the following items for discussion. No items were removed for discussion.

AGED 271	The Secondary School Agricultural Education (Number, Title)
AGED 470	Methods of Teaching Vocational Agriculture (Title ) *
AGED 471	Organization and Planning in Agricultural Education(Description, Hours) *
CE 160	Construction Surveying (Title, Corequisites)
CE 161	Construction Surveying Lab (Title, Pre- and Corequisites) *

CE 216	Construction Management (Number, Title, Corequisites, Description) *
CE 244	Engineering Statics (Number, Title, Prerequisites) *
CE 312	Hydraulic Engineering (Number, Title, Prerequisites, Description) *
CE 380	Land Surveying (Title, Corequisites)
CE 381	Land Surveying Lab (Title, Corequisites)
CE 434	Structural Analysis I Steel (Number, Title, Prerequisites) *
CE 464	Structural Analysis II Concrete (Number, Title, Prerequisites) *
CE 480	Advanced Surveying (Title, Corequisites)
CE 481	Advanced Surveying Lab (Title, Corequisites)
DMT 110	Design Concepts (Hours, Description) *
DMT 331	Textiles and Apparel Merchandising (Number, Title, Description) *
DMT 344	History of Architecture and Interiors I (Number, Title, Description) *
DMT 345	History of Architecture and Interiors II (Number, Title, Description) *
DMT 243	Materials and Finishes for Interiors (Title, Prerequisites)
DMT 342	Lighting Design (Prerequisites)
DMT 422	Textile Design (Title)
DMT 438	Textiles and Apparel Merchandising II (Title)
DMT 441	Environmental Design (Title, Prerequisites)
DMT 448	Interior Illustration (Title, Prerequisites)
EE 310	Signals, Systems, and Filters (Number, Title, Prerequisites, Description) *
EE 320	Digital Signal Processing (Number, Title, Pre- and Coreqs, Description) *
EE 440	Electromagnetic Waves (Number, Title, Prerequisites, Description) *
EE 460	Discrete Control Systems (Number, Title, Prerequisites) *
EE 470	Communications (Title, Pre- and Corequisites, Description) *
HCA 440	Health Economics (Prerequisites) *
ME 220	Materials and Methods of Manufacturing (Number, Title, Pre- and Corequisites) *
ME 221	Materials and Methods of Manufacturing Lab (Number, Title, Pre- and Corequisites) *
ME 330	Strength of Materials (Number, Title, Prerequisites) *
ME 350	Thermodynamics I (Number, Title, Pre- and Corequisites) *
ME 355	Thermodynamics II (Number, Title, Prerequisites) *
ME 360	Fluid Mechanics (Number, Prerequisites) *
ME 380	Heat Transfer (Number, Title, Prerequisites) *
PH 384	Introduction to Epidemiology (Prerequisites) *
SPN 170C	Elementary Spanish I (Number)
SWRK 101	Foundations of Human Services (Description) *
SWRK 315	Social Policy and Issues (Title, Description) *
SWRK 330	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (Description) *
SWRK 331	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (Description) *
SWRK 344	Social Work Research Tools and Methods (Title, Prerequisite, Description)*
SWRK 345	Social Work Research Tools and Methods II (Title, Description) *
SWRK 379	Social Work Skills/Seminar (Title, Prerequisite, Description) *
SWRK 380	Social Work Practice I (Description) *
SWRK 381	Social Work Practice II (Prerequisites, Description) *
SWRK 480	Social Work Practicum I (Title, Pre- and Corequisites, Description) *
SWRK 481	Social Work Seminar I (Title, Pre- and Corequisites, Description) *
SWRK 482	Social Work Practicum II (Title, Pre- and Corequisites, Description) *
SWRK 483	Social Work Seminar II (Title, Pre- and Corequisites, Description) *
SWRK 485	Theories of Social Work Seminar (Title, Prerequisites, Desc.)*

## VI. DELETION OF COURSES

The Chair asked if any Senator wished to remove any of the following items for discussion. No items were removed for discussion.

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ACCT 130	Personal Income Taxes *
CFS 445	Household Equipment Technology
CFS 447	History of Architecture and Interiors III
EE 101^	Electrical Engineering Design I
EE 110	Circuit Fundamentals
EE 200^	Electrical Engineering Design II
EE 210^	Circuits and Electronics I
EE 220^	Circuits and Electronics II
EE 250^	Fundamentals of Electrical Engineering
EE 300^	Electrical Engineering Design III
EE 330^	Machines and Power
EE 360	Continuous Control Systems
EE 380^	Microprocessors
EE 385^	Mechatronics
EE 400^	Electrical Engineering Design IV
ME 230	Engineering Mechanics *

The following item is for Information:

## **VII. ONE-TIME COURSE OFFERING**

SPAN 530 Summer Seminar for Teachers

The motion to approve the entire consent agenda from April 26<sup>th</sup> was seconded. The motion carried.

### **Consent agenda items from the University Curriculum Committee June 26, 2001 Electronic Meeting:**

Dr. Darlene Applegate presented the report and moved approval of the agenda from June 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Chair asked if any Senator wished to remove items for discussion. All items remained as presented.

## **I. ESTABLISH ACADEMIC POLICY**

Proposal to Award Credit for CLEP Subject Exam Human Growth and Development as Equivalent to PSY 199, Introduction to Developmental Psychology \*

Proposal to Award Credit for CLEP Subject Exam Introduction to Educational Psychology as Equivalent to PSY 310, Educational Psychology \*

Proposal to Award Credit for CLEP Subject Exam Analyzing and Interpreting Literature as Equivalent to ENG 200, Introduction to Literature \*

Proposal to Award Credit for CLEP Subject Exam Principles of Management as Equivalent to MGT 310, Organization and Management \*

Proposal to Establish a Minimum Credit-Granting Score of 50 for All Computer-Based CLEP Subject Exams

The motion to approve the items from June 26<sup>th</sup> was seconded. The motion carried.

## **B. REPORT FROM THE HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Patricia Minter and Dr. Claus Ernst presented the health care report to the Senate. Dr. Minter passed out Rate Comparison Chart and Benefits Booklet (sent to employees via campus mail). Dr. Minter said the Health Care Advisory Committee, on which she and Dr. Ernst serve, is made up of faculty and staff members tasked to evaluate the plan that is in place now, and to look at the options available for the new plan year. She said a consultant (William Mercer) out of Louisville was hired to find the best health care solution for the university. After meeting with the Committee and sending out a call for proposals to 15 plus insurance companies, only eight companies submitted both fully insured and self insured proposals. Dr. Minter said that when the analysis was finished in July, the committee voted unanimously for the university to continue the self-insurance program, and to continue with Medical Benefits Corporation.

She said there was no doubt in the minds of the consultant and the committee that the self-insurance program from Med Ben offered what the committee requested with regard to the hospital network and offered the best coverage for the best price. Referring to the cost chart and booklet, Dr. Minter pointed out rate changes and program enhancements. She said if employees were not changing their plan from last year, they would not be required to fill out new enrollment forms. Dr. Ernst said a considerable amount of time and energy was spent to bring Greenview Hospital into the plan, but the committee's decision was unanimous that it was not feasible to utilize their services, since the Medical Center offers a discount rate contingent upon being the only local provider. Bringing Greenview into the plan would cost the university in excess of a quarter of a million dollars.

Next Dr. Ernst addressed questions concerning the plan, and explained the cost factors of the plan. Drs. Minter and Ernst asked the Senate to consider a resolution to raise the university's contribution to Health Care and then asked the Senators to contact state legislators and ask them to address the health care problems that exist in this state.

#### **OTHER**

Chair Dietle asked each college to caucus immediately following this meeting to elect alternates to the University Curriculum Committee, then caucus by standing committee to elect a Chair for each of the following committees: General Education, Curriculum, and Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Katrina Phelps, Secretary

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Lou Stahl, Recorder