

**Western Kentucky University
University Senate
Meeting Minutes
25 October 2018, 3:45 p.m.
Faculty House**

A) Call to order

- A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Kirk Atkinson on Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 3:45 p.m.
- Members present (substitute): Lawrence Alice, Kirk Atkinson, Melanie Autin, Terry Ballman, Leslie Baylis, Jim Berger, Jason Bergner, Kristi Branham, Tim Brotherton, Dan Clark, Aquesha Daniels, Susann Davis, Claus Ernst, Travis Esslinger, Colin Farrell, Stacey Forsythe, Jim Fulkerson, Dawn Garrett-Wright, James Gray, Steven Gibson, Elizabeth Gish, Tim Hawkins, Jean-Luc Houle, Angie Jerome, Guy Jordan, Pat Kambesis, Jim Lindsey, Kim Link, Stephen Mayer, Lauren McClain, Mac McKerral, Patti Minter, Kurt Neelly, Leslie Plumlee, Ron Rhoades, Mark Schafer, David Serafini, Jo Shackelford, Joe Shankweiler, Christy Spurlock (Sue Lynn McDaniel), Ajay Srivastava, Tammie Stenger-Ramsey, Heather Strode, Carol Watwood, Mary Wolinski, Jay Gabbard (guest), Amber Belt (guest), Emily Dewetter (guest), Danita Kelley (guest)

B) Approve September 2018 minutes

- M. McKerral motioned to approved. E. Gish seconded. Passed unanimously.

C) Reports, Part I

- ***Chair – Kirk Atkinson***
 - 1) Next month we will have the first reading for Charter changes
 - Deals mainly with University College references and other “minor” wordings
 - We’ve had the first reading at SEC
 - 2) Traveling to the Texas Senate meeting tomorrow and hope to report back next month
 - 3) Dr. Philip Bale, Chairman of Board of Regents, will be here next month
- ***Vice Chair – Dan Clark (no report)***
- ***Secretary – Jason Bergner (no report)***
- ***Coalition of Senate/Faculty Leadership for Higher Education – Molly Kirby (no report)***
- ***AAUP Representative – Margaret Crowder (no report)***

D) Committee Reports and Recommendations

- ***Academic Quality – Heather Strode (no report)***
 - 1) We hope to bring a proposal next month to the SEC for moving the withdrawal date back in the semester
- ***Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities – Patti Minter (no report)***
 - 1) We are working on a 3-year trend document about Faculty-Life Work Survey
 - This has been useful and insightful in the past
 - 2) P. Minter is stepping down as Chair. L. McClain has been elected the new Chair.
- ***Budget and Finance Committee – Jim Berger (report posted, endorsed by the SEC)***
 - 1) J. Berger motioned. Unanimous approval.
 - 2) Updating our web site
 - 3) Identified three areas that we are going to pursue and people who are going to work in those areas

- Budget comparison
- Ways of gathering questions from faculty members to present to HURON
- Faculty compensation
- ***Colonnade General Education Committee – Mary Wolinski (report posted, endorsed by the SEC)***
 - 1) M. Wolinski motioned. Unanimous approval.
 - 2) Formation of subcommittee exploring the creation of a 4th column for the Colonnade Connections requirement
 - Purpose is to make the Connections requirements more flexible for students to fulfill
 - 3) M. McKerral – What is the date for courses to you to make them eligible for the spring of 2019?
 - M. Wolinski – October 30 for Colonnade proposals; anything approved at the November meeting would go onto the December Senate meeting
 - 4) M. McKerral – If the proposals are approved for the spring, is there a way to promote them on TopNet?
 - T. Ballman – Yes. We’ll do whatever we can to help.
- ***Graduate Council – Carl Dick (report posted, endorsed by the SEC)***
 - 1) C. Dick motioned. Unanimous approval.
 - 2) Thanks to Provost Ballman for attending our last meeting.
- ***Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – Janet Applin (report posted, endorsed by the SEC)***
 - 1) A. Jerome motioned. Unanimous approval.
- ***Faculty Handbook Committee – Kate Hudepohl (no report)***

E) Old Business

- K. Atkinson officially pulled the idea from R. Rhoades on sleep patterns/studies from the two committees that were looking into it. It was not a proposal and was not endorsed by the SEC.

F) New Business

1) SGA Resolution to Provide for Students Right to Record (endorsed by SEC)

- L. McClain motioned. C. Dick seconded. Resolution failed, with seven abstentions. Discussion below:
- J. Baugh summarized the resolution for the Senate.
- M. McKerral – Why do we need a resolution when the law of Kentucky is clear. This seems unnecessary.
 - J. Baugh – Students are being told they can’t record via line 15 of the Student Code of Conduct. Another resolution has been submitted about that line’s wording. I think this resolution would go a long way towards
- L. McClain – Faculty in our college have had a directive from the Dean instructing them to not allow students to record.
- R. Rhoades – Is there an implied right to record classroom sessions, and is there also an implied right to record when the faculty member specifically requests not to record? Is this resolution crafted carefully enough?
 - J. Baugh – Students would be able to record even if the faculty member requests it not happen. Students can record the classroom.

- R. Rhoades – So I can't put a provision in my syllabus or tell student to restrict recordings?
- J. Baugh – I am not changing the implied consent that already exists. This does say that students will have the right to record.
- A. Jerome – The student can record it secretly, so you (the faculty member) need to record it yourself for protection. This avoids having what you say taken out of context, spliced together, and used against you in some fashion.
- C. Dick – Can students do whatever they want with the recording (e.g., put it on social media)?
 - J. Baugh – Students can already do that. I think this resolution potentially helps this issue [from the faculty's perspective] by making the recording public v. secret.
- A. Srivastava – What if there's intellectual property at stake?
 - K. Atkinson – I think this is a legal question and isn't for J. Baugh to answer.
- M. McKerral – If someone published something that took something out of context or misrepresented that, there's recourse through the law.
- A. Youngblood – I wouldn't equate minutes to recordings. I think we should take minutes as well as considering recording. This changes the dynamic of professor/student communication.
- A. Youngblood – Did this come out of the issue with Andi Dahmer?
 - J. Baugh – No. I haven't spoken to her.

2) University Athletic Committee Representative (endorsed by SEC)

- K. Atkinson explained that names were originally submitted outside of the correct procedure. The SEC went back and corrected this process.
- J. Berger motioned, A. Jerome seconded. Unanimous approval.
- L. Alice – What were the criteria on which the SEC voted?
 - K. Atkinson – It's not a clear process. It was a simple discussion and vote.
 - L. Alice – I have no objection to the nominees.

G) Reports, Part II

- ***Advisory Report, Faculty Regent – Claus Ernst***
 - 1) Board meeting tomorrow morning
- ***Advisory Report, Provost – Terry Ballman***
 - 1) CAPE templates, rubrics, and scoring programs were sent to Deans and department chairs
 - Web site is now live
 - Requests of Senate will be made for committees:
- ***Advisory Report, SGA President – Stephen Mayer***
 - 1) S. Mayer is co-chair of Tobacco Committee that is moving to 100% tobacco-free campus.
 - 2) Information next month about SGA support regarding scholarships, travelling abroad, etc.

H) Information Items

- 1) **SGA Resolution Supporting Class Cancellation November Election**

- This was not supported by the SEC, but the resolution's authors were encouraged to continue forward for future years.

2) Huron Group Presentation and Q&A Session

- A. Laws presented on new budget model for WKU
- Questions:
 - M. McKerral – How many total members serve on the ... committees?
 - A. Laws – between 8 and 11 on each committee (faculty members will have two seats on each)
 - J. Berger – I'm noticing a difference in relation to Faculty Senate Budget and Finance Committee. Where does that go in the chart?
 - A. Laws – We see that as a Faculty Senate committee that would continue just as it does today?
 - M. McKerral – Re: FY 18 actuals model: Auxiliary units has a deficit of 18.1M – could you break that down
 - A. Laws – Not all units in a university are profitable, nor should they be, nor should we want them to be. Auxiliary includes athletics, dining, parking, etc. Athletics represents 80% of that cost.
 - M. McKerral – Does this indicate that athletics is spending beyond their allocated amount?
 - A. Laws – Their budget isn't covered by the revenues they bring in.
 - L. McClain – The final number in the bottom column is about 13.8M ahead, but then we've been recently told we're 8M in the red. Where did that 21+M go?
 - A. Laws – The university had some debt that we had to fund and weren't aware of at the time [of the draft being referenced]. The Board has approved deficit spending due to declining enrollments.
 - C. Farrell – Disability accommodation costs come out of the college where the faculty sits. Is this cost still going to be in the department or is it going to be centralized?
 - A. Laws – This topic has not come up, and there hasn't been any effort to centralize this. These types of decisions will stay at the college/school level.
 - L. McClain – Can you explain more about DELO and how the new budget impacts it?
 - DELO historically keeps the revenues and budgets the expenses, and they've used the margin to support other initiatives. I think that's problematic. DELO has more money than the Provost, for instance. Now, we're going to give 80% of revenues to the college, but the colleges have to take on the expenses as well. Under this model, the margin will fall to the colleges. Some of these funds will be taxed back to the Provost to support strategic initiatives.
 - C. Farrell – Re: DELO, we develop new courses that are based out of DELO with the understanding that funds would flow to the faculty member. Now that this money is going to the college, are there any checks and balances to keep that money going to support the faculty.

- A. Laws – The checks and balances are transparency. There’s never been any guarantee that DELO would spend money in a particular way. Now, you’ll be able to track the money. There’s no restriction on any internally generated funds.

I) Adjournment

- D. Clark motioned, L. McClain seconded. Unanimous approval.