

Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2018
3:15 PM – HELM 108-B

Attendance: Heather Strode (for Jen Hanley), Elizabeth Gish, Matt Pruitt (for Susann Davis), Kandy Smith (for Janet Applin), Matt Shake, Andrea Jenkins, Colin Farrell, David Lee, Joe Shankweiler, Jacob McAndrews (for Andi Dahmer), Jim Fulkerson, Thad Crews, Carl Dick (for Kristin Wilson), Kirk Atkinson, Liz Sturgeon, Eric Kondratieff

Call to order: 3:20 PM

A. Approve minutes

1. SEC 11.27.17, 1st Atkinson, 2nd Jenkins, approved
2. SEC 12.4.17, 1st Atkinson, 2nd Fulkerson, approved

B. Reports

1. Chair (Eric Kondratieff)
No report
2. Vice Chair (Liz Sturgeon)
Faculty will receive information in regards to the At-Large Senator Election early into the spring semester. The election will take place in February.
3. Secretary (Heather Strode for Jen Hanley)
No report
4. Committee Chairs
 - a. Academic Quality Committee (Kirk Atkinson; no report)
 - b. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee (Patti Minter; no report)
 - c. Budget and Finance Committee (Jim Berger; no report)
 - d. Colonnade General Education Committee (Jim Fulkerson for Jerry Daday)
Motion: 1st Fulkerson, 2nd Gish, approved
 - e. Graduate Council (Carl Dick for Kristin Wilson)
Motion: 1st Dick, 2nd Farrell, approved
 - f. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Kandy Smith for Janet Applin)
Motion: 1st Smith, 2nd Jenkins, approved
 - g. Faculty Handbook Committee (Kate Hudepohl; no report)
5. Advisory Reports
 - a. Faculty Regent (Claus Ernst; no report)
 - b. Academic Affairs (Provost Lee)
The Provost has been reviewing promotion and tenure portfolios during December and January. Although this is a very labor intensive process, it is an exciting and positive experience where he gets to know faculty and all of the great work that is being done. WKU is very fortunate to have these faculty.

A small budget reduction was announced on December 28th by the state of Kentucky due to a 150-155 million dollar revenue shortfall. This translates to a \$750,000 cut for WKU. We should be able to do this with no implications.

Faculty will be hearing a lot about RAMP over the next 6 to 18 months. This is a new kind of budget model that will be tested after July 1, 2018 as the traditional incremental budgeting plan is going away eventually. Huron Consulting will be

assisting with this endeavor. WKU will compare the old model of budgeting with the new method for AY 2018-2019 and then we will go live with using the new budgeting model on July 1, 2019. The Steering Committee will provide oversight on this initiative, working mainly with College Deans. A Senator or Senate-appointed representative will be included on this committee.

c. SGA (Jacob McAndrews for Andi Dahmer; no report)

C. Old Business: None

D. New Business:

1. 2nd reading of SEC Proposed Revisions to Senate Charter re: Election Procedures

E. Information Items: None

Motion to Adjourn – Pruitt

Meeting ended at 3:40 PM