

Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2018
3:15 p.m. -- HELM 108-B

Called to Order: 3:15pm

Attendance

Janet Applin, Kara Lowry (Andi Dahmer), Elizabeth Gish, Colin Farrell, Andrea Jenkins, David Lee (guest), Susann Davis, Joseph Shankweiler, Matt Shake, Jerry Daday, Patti Minter, Jim Berger, Kirk Atkinson, Eric Kondratieff, Liz Sturgeon, Jen Hanley, Doug MacElroy (guest), Amber Scott Belt (guest), and Claus Ernst (guest)

Copy of Agenda

A. Approve minutes of January Meetings:

1. [SEC January 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes](#)
Atkinson, Berger—no discussion, unanimous

B. Reports

1. Chair (Eric Kondratieff)
Meeting with Caboni, announcement about the initial cost cutting measures within the next couple of weeks

Still looking at net tuition ideas and spreading scholarships around

An anonymous e-mail contacted Kondratieff to ask about the possibility of cutting our out-of-state tuition

David Lee: I have heard of this inquiry. But, a lot of out of state enrollment is from tip counties which already have some few numbers from out of state. Yes, there are numerous discussions about how to package international and state tuition to make us more competitive

2. Vice Chair (Liz Sturgeon)
At Large election in two weeks and we are fact checking the eligibility list based on the numbers provided by Institutional Research (IR). According to the senate charter formula there are no at-large representatives for Libraries and University College. The election has to be open 3 days, which this year are Feb 26-28. Nominations for at-large senators end Feb. 16. People interested in running should give their names to their SEC representatives by the deadline.
3. Secretary (Jen Hanley)
4. Committee Chairs
 - a. Academic Quality Committee (Kirk Atkinson; No Report):
Meeting schedule, report next month

b. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee (Patti Minter; No Report)

Meeting later this month to talk about gender equity salary study and faculty work life survey—March

c. Budget and Finance Committee (Jim Berger; No Report)

No report.

Atkinson: budget steering committee: students have asked to be part of the conversation so they are working to include them. Committees have begun the process of establishing the early drafts from working groups.

d. Colonnade General Education Committee (Jerry Daday; No Report)

Daday: No formal report.

Scott Bonham can no longer serve as an at-large member of colonnade and he was also the alternate for Ogden so we need to fill this seat.

e. Graduate Council (Carl Dick for Kristin Wilson; Report Posted):

i. [Report](#)

Atkinson: (Substituting for Carl and Kristin) move to approve the report.

There are no action items, but there is a policy issue. (Appendix C, page 12.)

Trying to reconcile the situation where if you came to WKU and applied with grad degree in another area, admissions ignored your grad degree and based your admission on your undergrad one. Discussion: None

Vote: passed unanimous

f. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Janet Applin; Report Posted):

i. [Report](#)

Applin, Atkinson, Approved

g. Faculty Handbook Committee (Kate Hudephol; No Report)

Minter—meeting is in the process of being scheduled

5. Advisory Reports

a. Faculty Regent (Claus Ernst)

Two items

1) First meeting nothing of especial importance, basketball coach salary increase will be raised at February meeting but I will not say anything about it because the money was raised by the foundation.

2) Aramark Contract funds to either renovate Garrett or construct a new building in the gated parking lots will be financed by student fees. This semester, students pay \$75 mandatory meal plan fee—whether they want it or not, which raises to \$150 Fall 2018, \$300 Fall 2019, \$350 Fall 2020. The contract also states that Aramark can raise meal plan costs 3.5% per year. In return Aramark invests \$50 million--\$30 million for the new building. Currently, Aramark has paid us \$10 mill, and will pay

another installment this summer, and then another payment next year. Ogden was told they are going to lose this building at the same time when Thompson is being emptied out

Lee—no definite decisions on how this is going to work. President Caboni wants recommendations brought to him. IUB destruction not definitive. Senate needs to craft a resolution about this.

Kondratieff—Budget and Finance needs to investigate this. Impact on students

Lowry—SGA has talked about it

Applin—fee for full time students or grad students as well?

Ernst—only applies to students who don't have a meal plan

Kondratieff—commuter students charged with something they can't use

Hanley—check on restrictions for regional campus student

Shankweiler—is this per semester or per year?

Ernst—Aramark will make a fortune and their contributions are front-loaded. Even departments will feel the pinch. Chief Exec can negotiate contracts—this was passed to the board in 2016—board did not review it.

Berger: Looking at the real cost of tuition—do they include these numbers and the economic impact it will have on student enrollment?

Ernst—we are making ourselves unmarketable

Daday—Has this retention issue been framed as an affordability issue at the BOR? This incremental fee will hurt our enrollment. We are trying to tell students the total cost for 4 years—to avoid sticker shock.

Berger: These fees are misleading about what the cost will actually be

Daday: We have different costs for different students

Minter—if the contract is already signed, it is signed

Ernst—can we ask if there is room for re-negotiation, but the contract is signed. We guaranteed Aramark a dollar amount, and if we fall below this, we eat it.

Minter—Ransdell was president his pat answer was always we will have the money. We need to bring this out as much as possible in the full BOR

Davis: I thought the original plan was for a re-model

Ernst: The rationale is that old building renovation is almost as expensive as a new building, easier access for trucks

Shake: Huge trucks will have to make the loop if we re-model Garrett

Davis: Can't take placement exam because they have to pay for Aramark

Ernst: Contract public record? I'll send it to Jim

Minter: You can do an open records request to see it.

b. Academic Affairs (Provost Lee)

Lee: We have two big search processes underway—the Provost and Education Dean search. Committees should give us updates on Monday.

As of last Monday we had 15 candidates for provost and six for education dean
The review date is February 16.

Hoping for 30-40 for provost, dean positions can vary hoping for 20

Mountain Workshop: governor ignores it, but every year the governor gives awards for the arts this year, the Mountain Workshop won. This is a significant honor even though

the governor has made them less high profile. A lot of work over a long period of time goes into this and we are glad of the recognition.

HERD Number is up—amount of money the university spends on research. At R1 institutions, this is a big deal, not as much of a big deal for us. HERD has two components—internal and external expenditures for research--both numbers are up so our total number is up. This does not include the fine and performing arts. Approximately \$10 million is the total expenditures by the institution on research—budgeted and money brought in externally.

c. SGA (Andi Dahmer)

Kara Lowry—Frankfort rally for higher education, meetings with legislatures for more higher ed funding, CPE—implementations of Bevin’s budget
Aramark Contract—students are already upset by the \$75 increase

c. Old Business:

D. New Business:--Provosts Office

1. [Policy 1.1014 Consensual Relations Between Faculty and Students](#)

David Lee: Amend Procedure III—has existed, pre-existing

Minter: FWPRC every permutation was discussed, I would send back to provost office for revision as discussed by committee.

Minter: Motion to send this back to the provost’s office to clarify the language in Procedure II.

First Patti, Second Hanley

Motion passed: Policy sent back to the provost’s office to clarify language.

2. [Policy 1.6010 Class Meeting Times](#)

MacElroy: Policy Section 4, II: next to the last line needs to be amended to read:

“conform to an either standard start or end time.” Class period lengths match up with these typical class times on Tuesdays and Thursdays and eliminates lots of gaps and cuts down on the number of classes offered

Atkinson, Berger—Motion first and second--approved

Applin: Will this take effect immediately? Because there are exceptions granted prior to the schedule being submitted. Fall semester courses are just now being discussed. School of Teacher Education has a lot of non-standard times because of field, etc.

Lee: It takes a while before it becomes policy—it still needs senate and president’s cabinet approval. This will not be put into place for full scheduling process until 2019

Applin: Would this eliminate the process of non-standard courses?

Lee: We are trying to make this more streamlined

MacElroy: We have various standards of how reports are viewed which can create issues for students looking to register for five courses. This would affect MWF who just want to teach MW. Start at various times throughout the day. Advising and physical problems scheduling classes emerge. There are exceptions for long engagement minute courses and

the nursing program once admitted they are taking only nursing downtown, these courses would be exempted.

E. Information Items:

Strategic Planning Forum—Monday 12, 3:00 Ogden College

Tuesday 4:00—Jody Richards Hall

Motion to adjourn: Berger, Hanley

Meeting closed 4:13