

Western Kentucky University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
9-19-19
Faculty House

Introduction

- **Members present (Substitute):** (72 senators total): Lawrence Alice, Lester Archer, Melanie Autin, James Barker, Leslie Baylis, Jason Bergner, Laura Bohuski, Yufen Chang, Dan Clark, Carrie Cox (at large) Margaret Crowder, Yongming Deng, Marc Eagle, Colin Farrell, Ann Ferrell, Stacey Forsythe, Jay Gabbard, Dawn Garrett-Wright, James Gary, Natasha Gerstenschlager, Chris Groves (Mike May), Kirolos Haleem, Jennifer Hanley, Kara Haughtigan, Sarah Herrick, Quentin Hollis, Kate Hudepohl, Tom Hunley, Angie Jerome, Jarret Johnson, Guy Jordan, Mike Kennedy (Karen Furgal), Molly Kerby, Julie Lee, Jim Lindsey, David Marquez, Sara McCaslin, Lauren McClain, Sue Lynn McDaniel, April Murphy, Travis Newton, Ivan Novikov, Tony Paganelli, Leslie Plumlee, Shura Pollatsek, Matt Pruitt, March Schafer, Kevin Schmaltz, David Serafini, Jo Shackelford, Julie Shadoan, Kandy Smith, Jean Snavely, Tammie Stenger-Ramsey, Dana Sullivan, Francesca Sunkin, Toni Szymanski, Aaron Wichman, Mary Wolinski, Mariah Yates (Cole Crider), Alison Youngblood, Uta Ziegler.
- **Guest Present:** Danita Kelley, Jennifer Hammonds, Marko Dumančić.
- J. Shadoan called a regular meeting to order at 3:15.

A. Approve minutes of August 2019 Meeting Minutes:

1. Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 8.29.19
 - Moved D. Clark, Second A. Jerome. Approved.

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Julie Shadoan: No report
 - Met with Provost:
 - Online Course Fees
 - Renovation of technology in this building. Have screens, but not hooked up. Promised functional by October Senate.
 - Committee Membership: First: search committee for the Vice President for Enrollment and Student Experience. Will share job description once committee has had a chance to weigh in on it. Second committee: RAMP Budget Executive Committee.
 - Discussed the organization of the new RAMP Committee structure and each committees' duties.
 - Budget Executive Committee, Operating Allocation, Capital Allocation Committee.
 - Discussions with President: going to bring concerns of dust in regards to construction on campus.
2. Vice Chair - Dan Clark: No report
 - At large senators: Needed for CEBS, GFCB. 1 senator for Colonnade and 2 people for Grad council 1 a senator and one that is a graduate faculty.

- PTS Appeals Board
 - 3 faculty; (some) Wednesday 3-4:30 at PTS office.
 - Associate Provost of Research and Graduate Studies
 - Allison Youngblood (English) appointed
3. Secretary - Laura Bohuski: No report
- Sign in and please give your name when involved in a discussion.

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, David Serafini: (No report)
2. Budget and Finance, Guy Jordan: (Report posted)
 - Figure out our agenda for the year. Ideas that were brainstormed:
 - Look at Money at WKU website.
 - Transparency and fairness regarding budgetary relationship between Academics and Athletics.
 - Transparency regarding budget for private foundations connected to the University: i.e. Freshman Village and further student fees.
 - How budgetary decisions get made from the outset. i.e. should Faculty have been consulted on what budget model to pick instead of helping after RAMP was picked?
 - Impact of Pension reform on the WKU budget.
 - Move to approve report by G. Jordan; approved by show of hands
3. Colonnade/General Education, Mary Wolinski: (No report)
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Lauren McClain (Report posted)
 - Move approval of report by L. McClain; approved by show of hands.
 - T. Glisson has come up with a draft for Parental Leave, will be at September 20th meeting.
 - Part-time faculty not being included on some WKU websites. Recommending that departments work with part-time faculty to see if they want to be included on WKU websites.
 - Concerns about the compensation study that's going on right now. There is a faculty committee and staff committee involved in the compensation study. Membership lists for the committees are posted online if there are concerns.
5. Graduate Council, Ann Ferrell: (Report posted)
 - a. Graduate Council Report May 2019
 - b. Graduate Council Report August 2019
 - Move for approval of both May and August reports A. Ferrell; Approved by show of hands.
6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Anthony Paganelli: (No report)

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. Faculty Handbook, Kirk Atkinson: (No report)

- J. Shadoan stated that issues with clarity regarding adjunct versus part-time faculty terminology had been brought to the Handbook committee and they would put it on their agenda.
2. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Molly Kirby: (No report)
 3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Margaret Crowder: (No report)
 - First meeting on October 3rd at 4:30. No place to meet yet because need final count of people. If interested please contact Margaret Crowder

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Claus Ernst
 - It's positive that a member of the RAMP committee will always be the Senate Chair.
 - Symposium on Post-Secondary Education for Board Trustees by CPE; discussion topic does higher education add value to Kentucky?
 - No promises of help for Higher Ed. And any new money might be put into the performance funding model.
2. Provost, Cheryl Stevens (no report)
3. SGA President, Will Harris
 - Speak for the student side.
 - Few new initiatives:
 - Earn a computer: 25 hours community service the student receive a free iMac.
 - L. Baylis: is there a website?
 - W. Harris: Application isn't launched yet, will be on WKU SGA website.

F. Old Business

G. New Business

New Policy Approvals:

1. Extension of Probationary Period 1.1241
Record keeping changes.
 - Moved: M. Kerby; Seconded: J. Hanley; Approved by show of hands.
2. Course Selection Delivery Mode 1.412
 - Changes to definitions of delivery mode in relation to distance education. Mainly to address the new Zoom delivery system for Connect courses that are in being initiated on campus.
 - Motion to approve L. McClain; Seconded U. Ziegler.
 - Opposed J. Lindsey: this policy asserts that additional course delivery mode, called Connect course, is needed to satisfy WKU accreditation needs and comply with home security regulations. Understands the need for SAACKS and Homeland security compliance, and would support this proposal if WKU did not charge a tuition differential for online students. Thinks that this proposal is not to satisfy those regulations, but to categorize more students as distance and charge that differential.

- Put pressure on admin to lower tuition differential if this is really needed for accreditation or DOH.
- Motion to table indefinitely: J. Lindsey; Second A. Wichman.
- G. Jordan: Table indefinitely might stop the conversation indefinitely and I want to have the appropriate conversations about this. Is there an appropriate time that you want to have discussions?
- Discussion about time frame needed to bring back the issue and tableing the policy among J. Shadoan, G. Jordan, and J. Lindsey.
 - Motion is tabled, passed by show of hands.

3. Honorary Degrees 1.4142

- From Provost Office, clarify contacting nominees, selecting an appropriate venue, and align process with the meeting of the Board of Regents.
- Motion M. Kirby; Second J. Hanley; Approved by show of hands.

H. Information Items

Adjournment, many!