

**Western Kentucky University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Introduction**

- **Members present (Substitute):** Lawrence Alica, Lester Archer, Melanie Autin, James Barker, Laura Bohuski, Amy Brausch, Jacob Byl, Yufen Chang, Dan Clark (Nick Fortune), Margaret Crowder, Yongming Deng, Loretta Dye, March Eagle, Claus Ernst, Colin Farrell, Ann Ferrell, Stacey Forsythe, Jay Gabbard, Dawn Garrett-Wright, James Gary, Natasha Gertenschlager, Kirolos Haleem, Jennifer Hanley, Kara Haughtigan, Sarah Herrick, Quentin Hollis, Kate Hudepohl, Angie Jerome, Jarrett Johnson, Guy Jordan, Mike Kennedy, Amy Krull, Julie Lee, Jim Lindsey, David Marquez, Sara McCaslin, Lauren McClain, Sue Lynn McDaniel, April Murphy, Travis Murphy, Ivan Novikov, Tony Paganelli, Ken Payne, Leslie Pulmlee, Shura Pollastek, Matt Pruitt, Mark Schafer, Kevin Schafer, Kevin Schmaltz, David Serafini, Jo Shackelford, Julie Shadoan, Kandy Smith, Jean Snavely, Cheryl Stevens, Dana Sullivan, Francesca Sunkin, Patricia Todd, Mary Wolinski, Mariah Yates, Alison Youngblood, Uta Ziegler.
- **Guest Present:** Rob Hale, Mac McKerral, Travis Newton,
- J. Shadoan called a Zoom meeting of Faculty Senate to order at 3:45pm.
  - Meeting called to order at 18:50 of Zoom recording.
- Brief discussion about outgoing versus incoming senator, voting, and speaking via zoom.

**A. Approval of March 2020 Minutes:**

1. Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 3.19.20; Motion Crowder; Second Youngblood. Motion Approved.

**Queried the shifting of the agenda to allow Provost Stevens to Speak first.**

- Faculty transferred more than 2500 classes online and created over 2500 videos for classes.
- No news about college in the Fall, but the task force is looking into the re-start/re-launch of the university. As soon as we know we will share information, but it's too early to know.
- Be flexible and prepared for everything
- Hudepohl: Question about Junior Faculty and Tenure.
- Mac McKerral: Question about Pass/Fail grades.
- Travis Newton: Question about Search pauses.
- Uta Ziegler: Question about Enrollment comparison this year to past years.

**B. Officer Reports**

1. Chair - Julie Shadoan –
  - On Covid-19 Task Force. Discussing effects of this on the university and everyone.
  - BEC: Currently looking at various financial scenarios based on a lot of unknowns such as enrollment, state funding, and CARES act. Also, on committee Dan Clark and Laura DeLancey.

- Please discuss the alternative grading system with your advisees and students.
  - Current Standing Committee Chairs will need to co-ordinate a new gathering of membership before next Senate meeting so that a new chair can be picked, and we can hit the ground running in August.
  - Shout out to Laura Bohuski. We now have a twitter handle @wkuFacSenate.
2. Vice-Chair - Margaret Crowder
    - Reminder that we will be caucusing at conclusion of this meeting via Zoom.
  3. Secretary - Laura Bohuski
    - Twitter handle WKU Faculty Senate @wkuFacSenate. Twitter handle posted in Zoom chat.

### **C. Standing Committee Reports:**

1. Academic Quality, David Serafini: (Report posted) (approved 54 votes)
  - Recommendation from SEC to Full Senate having to do with Academic Calendar Committee to have the Senate representative make a report to Senate about the calendar.
  - U. Ziegler: Statement about calendar changes made after the ACC had made its recommendations.
2. Budget and Finance, Guy Jordan: (Report posted) (approved 54 votes)
  - Joined by Susann Howarth and Jennifer Tugis who spoke about plant to privatize the bookstore. Summary of meeting, not a transcript.
  - Concerns/recommendations about keeping on our current bookstore staff.
  - Concerns about housing.
3. Colonnade/General Education, Mary Wolinski: (Report posted)
  - a. Colonnade General Education Report 3.3.2020
    - Motion approved: (58 votes)
  - b. Colonnade General Education Committee Report (Partial) 4.7.2020
    - Partial because these proposals are time critical: Motion approved (56 votes)
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Lauren McClain (Report posted) (approved 58 votes)
  - Report includes information about items sent to handbook committee, discussions with support for childcare and more benefits for WKU faculty, Faculty Work Life Survey, and SITES evaluations, added questions, optional for P&T.
  - C. Farrell: Question about formal reviews and SITES for Instructors.
  - Q. Hollis: Question about professors struggling with connection issues and bandwidth in adapting their classwork.
5. Graduate Council, Ann Ferrell: (Report posted)

- a. Graduate Council Curriculum Report 3.5.2020
    - Motion approved (41 votes)
  - b. Grad Council Policy Revision (Graduate Faculty) Version 3.5.2020
    - Motion approved (40 votes)
    - Elections for grad council for a three-year term occur next week.
6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Anthony Paganelli: (Report posted)
- Motion Approved (57 votes)

**D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:**

1. Faculty Handbook, Kirk Atkinson: (No report) – some coming through at next SEC meeting
2. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Molly Kerby: (No report)
3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Margaret Crowder: (No report)
  - Resources on AAUP website, standards and best practices.

**E. Advisory Member Reports:**

1. Faculty Regent, Claus Ernst
  - Board meeting tomorrow. Budget report for year ending June 2019. Prior year comparison: direct institutional support down by about 1.2 million.
  - Tuition down by 11 million, but budgeted 10 million down
  - Bookstore is on agenda.
2. Provost, Cheryl Stevens (earlier in the meeting)
3. SGA President, Will Harris

**F. Old Business:**

1. Senate Charter Revisions, Ad Hoc Committee
  - In review for a first reading. No vote today but we are open to discussion and then there will be a vote at the second reading (May).
  - M. Wolinski: Question about By-laws and standing committees.

**G. New Business:**

1. AA Policy Revision 1.1186 (University Faculty Awards)  
Motion: Paganelli; Second: U. Ziegler.
  - Friendly amendment about his/her versus their. Motion Approved (54 votes)
2. AA Policy Revision 1.1990 (Pedagogical Faculty) McClain; Ferrell. Motion Approved (49 votes)
3. Senate Budget, 2019-2020 (Shadoan) – Information Item.
4. Senate Leadership Terms (Bohuski) – Paganelli; McClain. Motion Fails (20 yes, 28 no, 6 abstention)
  - Would need a senate charter revision to have this take effect.

- G. Jordan; M. McKerral; M. Crowder; Fix problem that doesn't exist. Hard to get anyone to run for one year, it'll be harder with a two-year term. Also, then must chair the handbook committee for two years. Suggest that the handbook chair be selected by the body and not default to the senate chair.
  - Motion Call Question: Angie Jerome: Voted via Yes/No in Zoom. (40 to 4 in favor)
5. Officer Elections, AY 2020-2021
- At-large senators rotating off will leave meeting. Left will be incoming at-large senators and departmental senators. Mac McKerral is withdrawing his run for Senate Chair.
  - Chair: Julie Shadoan (must be verified): Verified 4/16.
  - Vice-Chair: Dan Clark (count must be verified): Verified 4/16.
  - Secretary: Laura Bohuski (count must be verified): Verified 4/16.
6. College Caucus for Senate Standing Committees (via Zoom)
- Everyone except J. Shadoan goes into college Zoom meetings to Caucus for Standing Committees.
  - a. CEBS: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/289526192> (Host, Kandy Smith)
  - b. CHHS: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/255292972> (Host, Colin Farrell)
  - c. GFCB: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/501642473> (Host, Jim Lindsey)
  - d. Libraries: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/380321844> (Host, Laura Bohuski)
  - e. OCSE: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/816350286> (Host, Margaret Crowder)
  - f. PCAL: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/905586867> (Host, Mary Wolinski)

#### **H. Information Items:**

Adjournment: Bohuski; Crowder. 5:24 pm