

Western Kentucky University
Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2020
Zoom

Introduction

- **Members present (Substitute):** Julie Shadoan, Dan Clark, Laura Bohuski, Janey Applin, Colin Farrell, Jason Bergner, Tony Paganelli, Uta Ziegler (Margaret Crowder), Mac McKerral, Francesca Sunkin, Guy Jordan, Patricia Todd, Aaron Hughey, Liz Sturgeon, Cheryl Stevens, and Shane Spiller.
- **Guest Present:** Bruce Schulte, Deborah Wilkins, Rheanna Plemons, Amber Scott Belt, Rob Hale, Marco Dumančić, Juliana Ortolani, and Jennifer Hammonds.
- J. Shadoan called a regular meeting of SEC to order at 3:15pm

Zoom meeting begins at time code 14:50.

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A. Approve minutes of previous month's SEC Meeting:

1. SEC Meeting Minutes 10.5.2020; (as amended) A. Paganelli, C. Farrell; (9 y, 0 n, 1 abs)
Motion Approved.

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Julie Shadoan:
 - a. PDF Grading: Thanks Executive committee for responding with thoughts and comments. Withdrawn date extended, instead of providing P/F grading option.
 - L. Sturgeon: Question about students who have already dropped classes.
 - P. Stevens: Reaching out to withdrawn students to see if they wish to be un-dropped.
 - b. Provost Search Committee: President Caboni responded favorably to the resolution from Senate and reconstituted the search committee. It now includes 8 faculty members. Ad has been posted.
 - c. COSFL has Zoom Meeting with CPE President Aaron Thompson on Nov. 6th.
 - d. All October senate meeting items have been approved through Provost office except for handbook revisions which has to go to CAD.
2. Vice Chair - Daniel Clark
 - a. Regent election completed: Congrats to Shane and thanks to Klaus for service.
 - b. Parking and Transportation appeals need committee members; some volunteers for Handbook.
3. Secretary - Laura Bohuski

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin: (Report posted)

- a. AcQ Committee Report 10.13.20
 - Move for approval of report: (11 y, 0 n, 1 abs.) Motion Approved
- b. 1.4000, 4.2700 Religion Observance Policy (AcQ)
 - Motion to approve policy: (9 yes, 1 n, 1 abs.) Motion approved.
2. Budget and Finance, Guy Jordan: (Report posted)
 - Motion to approve information report; discussion with Ethan Logan, VP of Enrollment and Student Experience: (12 y) Motion Approved
3. Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd: (Report posted)
 - Motion to approve colonnade: D. Clark, G. Jordan: (11 y, 1 n) Motion Approved.
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Daniel Clark: (Report posted)
 - a. FWPR Report 10.16.20
 - Motion to approve for Senate: (12 y, 1 abs.) Motion Approved
 - Gave details about Grievances and Compensation reports.
 - b. Resolution on New CHHS Policy on Program Coordinator Responsibilities and Compensation (FWPR 10.16.20)
 - Motion to move this to senate: (with typo amendment) (11 y, 1 n) Motion Approved
 - c. [WKU Faculty Handbook Revision \(VIII-B-D, Grievance \(FWPR 10.16.20\)\)](#)
 - Motion to approve this for senate agenda: Motion to Table Approved
 - Questions about language, informal conversation versus formal conversation, retaining emails/notes.
 - McKerral: Motion to table this and move back to handbook committee. D. Clark (Second)
 - (12 y, 1 abs.) (Motion to Table Approved)
5. Graduate Council, Aaron Hughey: (Report posted)
 - Motion to include in Senate: (8 y, 0 n, 0 abs.) Motion Approved.
 - C. Farrell: Question about cap on credits for certificates.
6. [Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Liz Sturgeon: \(Report posted\)](#)
 - Motion to include in Senate agenda: (11y, 0 n, 1 abs.) Motion Approved

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. Faculty Handbook: (No report): No Chair, but we have volunteers for chair and a member so building it is underway.
2. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), (No report)
3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Margaret Crowder: (No report)
 - Mental break day/study day would do a lot of good for Spring semester. Invited to talk to calendar committee last week about potential for those break days.

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller:

- Will be sworn in at December meeting. Board is active and welcoming. Please feel free to contact me.

2. Provost, Cheryl Stevens

- Spring registration and priority registration is going well.
- Freshman enrollment for next year is behind because high schools are behind.
- Low attendance at recruitment events held on campus. Not worried because this is a result of Pandemic and expect students to come to class next year.
- Dean searches have been launched.
 - M. Crowder: Question about having Non-tenure eligible faculty on committees.
- Discussion of P/D/F grading versus extended withdrawal date.

3. SGA President, Garrett Edmonds (absent)

F. New Business:

1. Blackboard Updates

- a. Marko Dumančić and Juliana Ortolani (CITL)
 - New landing page/interface on December 14th, but not changing layout of courses. Part One of transition to Blackboard Ultra.
 - Brief introduction to Blackboard by Juliana Ortolani.

G. Old Business:

1. WKU Title IX Policy (Deborah Wilkins)

- a. Discussion of Changes in title nine policy.

2. Faculty Ombudsperson

- President and others feel good about adding faculty persons (Male and Female) to the Ombudsperson position. Following up with Provost and President.

Adjournment: Guy Jordan 4:45