

Western Kentucky University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Introduction

- **Members present (Substitute):** Laura Bohuski, Dan Clark (Margaret Crowder), Yongming Ding, Colin Farrell, Ann Ferrell, Guy Jordan, Jim Lindsey, Lauren McClain, Sue Lynn McDaniel, Tony Paganelli, Matt Pruitt, David Serafini, Julie Shadoan, Kandy Smith, Mary Wolinski, Claus Ernst, Cheryl Stevens.
- **Guest Present:** Timothy Caboni, Amber Belt, Rob Hale, Ladonna Hunton, Kirk Atkinson.
- J. Shadoan called a regular meeting of Senate Executive Committee to order at 3:16

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

1. SEC Meeting Minutes 3.2.2020 Motion to approve: G. Jordan; Second A. Farrell. Motion Approved.

President Caboni:

- President Caboni spoke to the SEC about the changes with Covid-19 and thanked the faculty for their dedication in this difficult time.
- What comes next: Were getting a sense of what our budget looks like. Moving forward with the hopes that we're here in person in August.
- Discussion included L. McClain, G. Jordan, D. Serafini, M. Pruitt: about resolutions -- viewing as oppositional vs. speaking with a voice; Senate chair as senate voice; Engagement in Senate; Date for planning fall semester for online would happen likely before July 1; boundaries of faculty senate.

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Julie Shadoan:
 - Covid-19 taskforce has been meeting 2 time a week and good things have come out of this committee, such as P&T deferment and alternative grading.
 - Alternative Grading: some areas can't use alternative grading and please communicate that effectively to students and why. ACDC is creating a GPA calculator to help students decide on what kind of grades they receive.
 - Charter revision: 1 volunteer for last meeting, need help to make the meeting deadline.
 - Proposal to revise April senate meeting. Two things must be done, select officers for next year and also caucus.
 - Ideas for changes: have nominations for officers before the senate and create a poll ahead of time.
 - Dan Clark has agreed to create a Qualtrics survey that includes all the newly elected at-large senators.
 - M. Wolinski: Breakout sessions with Zoom?

- C. Farrell: Different Zoom links for each college.
 - Sub committees picking chairs not at April meeting but either before end of Spring semester or immediately in the Fall.
 - Creating calendar for the next academic year so that meeting dates are known.
2. Vice Chair - Margaret Crowder
 - At-large senate elections completed, please see email on that topic.
 3. Secretary - Laura Bohuski

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, David Serafini: (Report posted)
 - Move for the report to be added to the Senate agenda: Motion Approved
 - Bohuski; Serafini – amend to remove the first bullet point and make the recommendation of a faculty representative of the academic calendar committee bringing an advisory report to Senate as needed.
2. Budget and Finance, Guy Jordan: (Report posted)
 - Move for the report be added to Senate agenda: Motion Approved
 - Informative report, concerned about the transfer of bookstore to Barnes & Noble, mainly regarding the retention of our current staff.
3. Colonnade/General Education, Mary Wolinski: (Report posted)
 - Move for the report be added to Senate agenda: Motion Approved
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Lauren McClain: (Report posted)
 - Move for the report to be added to Senate agenda: Motion Approved (100%)
 - L. McClain: Handbook revisions on way to handbook committee; Improvement of faculty morale and finding other ways to give more benefits to Faculty. Use of SITE Evaluation for this semester—Optional? Adding questions to SITE evaluation about Covid-19 Pandemic
 - Further discussion about SITE evals because evals go out before full senate meets.
5. Graduate Council, Ann Ferrell: (Report posted)
 - a. Graduate Council Curriculum Report 3.5.2020
 - Move for the report be added to Senate agenda: Motion Approved
 - b. Grad Council Policy Revision (Graduate Faculty) Version 3.5.2020
 - Move for the report be added to Senate agenda: Motion Approved (71% to 29%)
 - C. Ernst: Question about removal of the policy completely.
 - L. McClain: Question about different levels. Regular, Associate, and Temporary.
6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Anthony Paganelli: (Report posted)
 - Move for the report be added to Senate agenda: Motion Approved

D. Other Committee Reports:

1. Faculty Handbook, Kirk Atkinson: (No report) Influx of requests to Handbook Committee, meeting with L. McClain next week.
2. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Molly Kerby: (No report)
3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Margaret Crowder: (No report)
 - Officially a chapter now.

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Claus Ernst
 - Meeting will be Friday. If have any questions for Board of Regents about the current situation, please send them to me.
 - J. Lindsey: Can you ask that if we have to go online in the Fall allow them to pay the in-person tuition rate.
 - L. McClain: Have there been discussions about the fact that Faculty might be incurring more costs by working at home?
 - J. Lindsey: Relaxation of PD funds to allow faculty to use them to cover costs they might occur in working from home.
 - G. Jordan: State of Student Life Foundation.
2. Provost, Cheryl Stevens
 - Meetings have been full of contingency planning.
 - Request for only strategic spending because we don't know the ultimate financial impact of this pandemic.
 - Trying to be flexible and proactive in this situation.
3. SGA President, Will Harris

F. Old Business:

1. Senate Charter Revisions, Ad Hoc Committee (already discussed)

G. New Business:

1. AA Policy Revision 1.1186 (University Faculty Awards)
 - Motion to approve: G. Jordan; D. Serafini. Motion Approved
2. Senate Budget, 2019-2020 (Shadoan)
 - Information item, the cost of spending for Senate. Course relief for J. Shadoan not shown.
3. Senate Leadership Terms (Bohuski)
 - Move for approval: Bohuski; L. McClain.
 - Setting two-year term limits for Senate Leadership to facilitate a stronger voice in senate.
 - Amendments of some sentence structure and if a leadership senator does not get re-elected to their senate position their leadership position immediately goes up for re-election.
 - L. Bohuski resending with friendly amendments.

4. AA Policy 1.1990 Pedagogical Faculty

- Motion for approval: G. Jordan; second L. McClain. Motion approved (7% abstain)

H. Information Items:

- Graduate Council elections starting this coming week.

Adjournment:

- 5:58 pm