

Western Kentucky University
Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 7th, 2020
Zoom

Introduction

- **Members present (Substitute):** Julie Shadoan, Dan Clark, Laura Bohuski, Janet Applin, Colin Farrell, Jason Bergner, Tony Paganelli, Uta Ziegler, Mac McKerral, Francesca Sunkin, Guy Jordan, Patricia Todd, Aaron Hughey, Liz Sturgeon, and Claus Ernst.
- **Guest Present:** Nicholas Fortune, Natasha Gerstenschlager, Timothy Caboni, Rob Hale, and Rheanna Plemons.
- J. Shadoan called a regular meeting of SEC to order at 3:15.

Meeting begins at 14:20 of Zoom Recording:

https://wku.zoom.us/rec/share/zuQC9Mp093yH4rqfN_U8HlzSjbUMENjj9cWL0-fWzmY7KDRmP4UINbrr_5seTnA.2it85JSSmjWqJLTB

A. President Timothy Caboni

- Interim Appointment Status of Provost Cheryl Stevens: Should be starting a search since we're approaching 2 years of P. Steven's interim status. Feels that Cheryl has done an excellent job, but search process should be starting. With the Pandemic, should a national search be done right now. Queried thoughts and opinions on the search.
 - P. Stevens and other members of her office were not part of the meeting during this discussion.
 - J. Shadoan: This is about process and no matter who is in that seat, we have always conducted a national search and should not step away from that process.
 - C. Ernst: Believes that this job should have a national search, but it is also very difficult to conduct a search during a pandemic.
 - Discussion about need vs. feasibility of conducting a national search during a pandemic, internal vs. external candidates, the need for searches for high level positions, adding a year to the interim post, and stigma attached to not going through national search. M. McKerral, F. Sunkin, C. Farrell, J. Applin, G. Jordan, and U. Ziegler.

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

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes 8.17.2020](#) ; Motion D. Clark, U. Ziegler: (11yes, 0 no, 2 ab) Motion Approved.

C. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Julie Shadoan: No report. Some things to discuss in new business
2. Vice Chair - Daniel Clark: Working with J. Shadoan and Provost office to figure out those eligible to be elected for faculty regent. List in ~10 days, nominations 2 weeks after that and in October SEC meeting will certify nominees and then will randomize the ballot order.
3. Secretary - Laura Bohuski
 - Guidelines for Twitter.

D. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin: (No report) Meeting tomorrow with a guest speaker from Dual Credit.
2. Budget and Finance, Guy Jordan: (No report)
3. Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd: (No report)
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Daniel Clark: (Report posted); Motion to include: (12 yes, 1 ab.) Motion Approved
5. Graduate Council, Aaron Hughey: (No report)
6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Liz Sturgeon: (Report posted); Motion to include; (12yes, 1 ab) Motion Approved

E. Other Committee Reports:

1. Faculty Handbook: Discuss Chair Position.
 - No chair for AY 2020-2021. There are items that need to be looked at and with no chair, committee won't meet until there is a new chair.
2. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Molly Kerby: (No report): M. Kirby stepped down. Traditionally chair is representative.
3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Margaret Crowder: (No report) absent

F. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Claus Ernst – no board meeting. 2 new members appointed by Gov Beshear. Jan West and Curry Millikan.
2. Provost, Cheryl Stevens – planning multiple modalities for spring semester.
3. SGA President, Will Harris -- absent

G. New Business:

1. Bruce Kessler: Mathematics department head
 - Notified that his contract will not be renewed. Little to no warning. Not supported by department faculty. Statement crafted by department. Senate support of statement discussed by email when the report is finished. (12y, 1n) Motion Approved
2. Restart Survey
 - Follow-up to original restart survey. About 30 questions. Hoping finished with in 24 hours. Requesting ability of this body to examine survey content, discuss, and possibly vote on survey via email. J. Shadoan motioned: (13yes) Motion Approved.
3. Discussion of anonymous reporting system through Healthy on the Hill (Uta Ziegler).
 - R. Hale, J. Shadoan, and G. Jordan.
 - No action taken.

Adjournment: U. Ziegler. F. Sunkin (4:23)

