

**Western Kentucky University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**August 27, 2020**  
**Zoom**

**Introduction**

- **Members present (Substitute):** Aaron Hughey (Martha Day), Alison Youngblood, Allie McCreary, April Murphy, Asghar Rezasoltani, Bangbo Yan, Cheryl Stevens, Chris Groves, Claus Ernst, Colin Farrell, Dan Clark, Dawn Garrett-Wright, Donielle Lovell, Francesca Sunkin, Guy Jordan, Heather Strode, Ivan Novikov, Jacob Byl, James Barker, James Gary, Janet Applin, Jarrett Johnson, Jason Bergner, Jay Gabbard, Jean Snavelly, Jeanine Huss, Jenni Teeters, Jennifer Hanley (Marc Eagle), Jim Lindsey, Julie Lee, Julie Shadoan, Kandy Smith, Kara Haughtigan, Kate Hudepohl, Katrina Burch, Kelly Reames, Ken Payne, Kevin Schmaltz, Laura Bohuski, Lauren Bland, Liz Sturgeon, Mac McKerral, Margaret Crowder, Mariah Yates, Mark Robinson, Mary Wolinski, Matt Pruitt, Melanie Autin, Mike Kennedy, Nick Fortune, Patricia Todd, Quentin Hollis, Sara McCaslin, Sarah (Herrick) Scali, Shura Pollatsek, Stacey Forsythe, Sue Lynn McDaniel, Tony Paganelli, Travis Newton, Trish Jagers, and Uta Ziegler.
- **Guest Present:** Darlene Applegate, Abigail Nutter, Amber Scott Belt, Rob Hale, Jennifer Hammonds, James May, Jamie Martinez, Jeremy Maddox, Sonia Lenk, Stuart Burris, Bob Skipper, Bruce Schulte, Kevin Schmaltz, Dennis George, Evelyn Thrasher, Gayle Mallinger, Jenni Teeters, Morteza Nurcheshmeh, Rheanna Plemons, and Stuart Burris.
- J. Shadoan called a regular zoom meeting of Faculty Senate to order at 3:45 pm. Meeting starts at 10:00 minutes into Zoom recording.

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

1. Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 5.14.2020
  - Approval of meeting minutes: Moved D. Clark, Second Paganelli (94% yes, 6% abstain)  
Motion Approved

**B. Officer Reports**

1. Chair - Julie Shadoan:
  - Thank you for Hundreds of hours you've put in this summer to adapt to this situation. You are appreciated.
  - This is your Senate, and this is your voice on campus. I need each of you to engage to make this work.
2. Vice-Chair - Daniel Clark: Standing Committees of Senate need staffing. 2 people for Academic Quality, 1 person for Budget & Finance, and 2 for Colonnade. Preferably they should be senators, but if they don't get filled, I'll ask faculty-all.

- Have a spot on the Professional Education Council as a voting member for a two-year term.
- BEC Representative Ballot: Vote is going to your email as a Qualtrics survey. Please fill out in numerical order (1,2,3). Meeting restarted at (19:34)
- Kirk Atkinson voted as senate representative on BEC. (Results given at 1:04:13 in Zoom recording).

3. Secretary - Laura Bohuski: Names in chat for an accurate attendance record.

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

1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin: (No report)
  - Decided on what our topics will be as a committee, but no report.
2. Budget and Finance, Guy Jordan: (No report)
  - Any issues related to budget, please let G. Jordan know.
3. Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd: (No report)
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Daniel Clark (No report)
  - Working on getting faculty work-life survey data released. There are also a few handbook revisions still being worked that ran into issues with CAD over the summer but feel those are close to resolution.
5. Graduate Council, Aaron Hughey: (Report posted) (Martha Day for Aaron Hughey)
  - Martha Day Moves to approve graduate council report: (90% yes; 10% abstain) Motion Approved
6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Liz Sturgeon: (No report)

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

1. Faculty Handbook, Kirk Atkinson: (Discussion of Chair Position.)
  - Kirk Atkinson was chair but asked to be removed because of other obligations. A new chair is needed asap.
2. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Molly Kerby: (No report)
  - Molly has stepped down due to her new administrative duties, usually have a senate representative, and it can be the Senate Chair, but happy to let someone else fill this role. Is a representative to a state organization. Can contact J. Shadoan directly if interested.
3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Margaret Crowder: (No report)
  - We have grown in participants over the summer. If interested in joining contact M. Crowder. We are an active group and are having good conversations.

### **E. Advisory Member Reports:**

1. Faculty Regent, Claus Ernst

- Those certificates that were held up in the Spring were approved over the summer.
- Budget approved by BoR June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Budget information: Budget declined to 353 million, a ~9% decline from last year.
  - Tuition remained flat, insurance for next year will be flat, dining increased by 3% because of our contract with Aramark, housing increased (based on specific dorms) by 5-10%.
- 3 main budget uncertainties: Tuition, State budget crisis, and athletics revenue.
- A. Youngblood: Question about tuition deficit and scholarships.
- M. McKerral and J. Barker: Question about athletics revenue.
  - Our understanding is that Athletics will cover their own revenue shortfall if it occurs, and Academics will not be liable.

## 2. Provost, Cheryl Stevens

- Enrollment update (8/22/20). First time first year freshman: 3,215. Increase of 418 students. See Provosts email (8/31/20) for other statistics.
- Budget: First year for full RAMP budget model, committee met to discuss timeline of implementation.
  - Still in austerity mode, we spent 1 million less this last month than the same month last year. Need to keep that going forward.
  - State appropriations still up in the air.
- Covid update: have a few positive cases. No big clusters. Need to remind everyone to wear masks and social distance. Likely to see an increase in positive cases this weekend.
- Questions: M. Crowder: Asked about possibility of multiple faculty senators for BEC committee.

## 3. SGA President, Will Harris (Absent)

### **F. New Business:**

#### 1. Admissions: Test Optional Policy

- Brought by Dr. Logan EVP; Motion to approve: G. Jordan; Second J. Barker. (45 yes, 5 n, 14 abstentions) Motion Passed.
- Discussion of the impact of losing data provided by ACT scores on some departments such as Chemistry. J. Maddox, M. McKerral, P. Stevens, and R. Hale.

Adjournment: M. Pruitt; second M. Crowder: Meeting ended at 4:40pm (1:12:30 on Zoom).