

Western Kentucky University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2020
Zoom

Introduction (Have Quorum)

- **Members present (Substitute):** Lawrence Alice, Melanie Autin, James Barker, Leslie Baylis, Laura Bohuski, Jacob Byl, Dan Clark (Nick Fortune), Margaret Crowder, Yongming Deng, Marc Eagle, Claus Ernst, Colin Farrell, Ann Ferrell, Stacey Forsythe, Dawn Garrett-Wright, James Gary, Natasha Gerstenschlager, Chris Groves, Kirolos Haleem, Jennifer Hanley, Kara Haughtigan, Sarah Herrick, Quentin Hollis, Kate Hudepohl, Tom Hunley, Angie Jerome, Jarret Johnson, Guy Jordan, Julie Lee, David Marquez, Sara McCaslin, Lauren McClain, April Murphy, Travis Newton, Ivan Novikov, Anthony Paganelli, Ken Payne, Leslie Plumlee, Shura Pollatsek, Matt Pruitt, Mark Schafer, Kevin Schmaltz, David Serafini, Jo Shackelford, Julie Shadoan, Kandy Smith, Jean Snavely, Cheryl Stevens, Dana Sullivan, Francesca Sunkin, Toni Szymanski, Patricia Todd, Mary Wolinski, Mariah Yates, Alison Youngblood, Uta Ziegler.
- **Guest Present:** Rob Hale, Rhiannon Plemons, Andrew Rosa, Carl Dick, Trish Lindsey Jagers, Allie McCreary, Dan Clark, Vicki Bagwell, Jessica Manrow, Dawn Wright, Jennifer Hammond, Bob Skipper, Leslie North, Stasia Harrington, Mac McKerral, Yvonne Petkus, Jannai Shields, Danita Kelley, Marko Dumancic, Merrall Price,
- J. Shadoan called a Zoom meeting of Faculty Senate to order at 3:45pm.
- Poll percentages reported are based on number of respondents.

A. Approval of February 2020 Minutes:

1. Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 2.20.20 : Motion to approve: J. Barker, Q. Hollis. Motion Approved.

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Julie Shadoan

- Budget Executive Committee: Met for tutorial on Axiom platform.
- Training ongoing at Dean level for CPE and Grey Program Review and Strategic Planning. University report due sometime in June.
- Course fee committee has done its investigation and made recommendations to the Provost.
- Ad Hoc committee for Senate Charter changes; email J. Shadoan.
- Website and social media update. Jessica Sternberg in conjunction with L. Bohuski.
- Will continue with Resolutions to the President.
- Covid-19 Task Force: J. Shadoan is faculty rep, SGA president, Chair of Staff Council are also members. Meets for the first 2 hours of the day and will continue to do so indefinitely.

2. Vice-Chair – Margaret Crowder

- Election for at-large senators. 1 election in CEBS. For the other colleges no elections are needed.

3. Secretary - Laura Bohuski (no report)

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, David Serafini: (Report posted):

- Move for acceptance as posted: Motion Approved

2. Budget and Finance, Guy Jordan: (No report)

3. Colonnade/General Education, Mary Wolinski: (Report posted)

- Move for Acceptance of report: Motion Approved

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Lauren McClain (Report posted)

- Move approval of Faculty welfare report as posted: Motion Approved:
 - Thanks for response to poll about Tenured faculty. Supposed to make changes to Faculty handbook, but situation has changed and might not have those done in time.
 - Faculty Work/life survey out next Tuesday hopefully.
 - Should have a resolution out on SITE eval next month.

5. Graduate Council, Ann Ferrell: (Report posted)

- Motion to approve report: Motion Approved (43 in favor 1 abstain)
- C. Farrell: Questions about accessibility of links and course leaf.

6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Anthony Paganelli: (Report posted)

a. UCC Report 1.21.2020

- Move to approve Jan 21 UCC report: Motion Approved

b. UCC Report 2.25.2020

- Move to approve Feb 25 UCC report: Motion Approved

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. Faculty Handbook, Kirk Atkinson: (No report)

2. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Molly Kerby: (No report)

3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Margaret Crowder: (No report)

- National formation of the chapter hasn't had final approval, because of Corona.

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Claus Ernst (Report posted)

- Board of Regents meeting March 6th: Only 1 new item the renovation of health science complex.

2. Provost, Cheryl Stevens

- Time spent on Logistics with the Corona Virus crisis. Want to navigate this crisis in a way that allows students to be successful. Meet every morning 8:30-10.
- Evaluation of Course Fees and Student fees: Forming a sub-committee to look at other fees. Everything's on the table.
- If interested in participating, then email P. Stevens.
- McClain: Asked about grading for this semester.
- P. Stevens: Multiple options for grading but it's about student's success. No final decisions but looks like leaning toward A--F with student's having a choice to change to Pass Fail.
- Withdrawal allowed if students don't have internet access, we're looking at what fees need to be waved, etc.

3. SGA President, Will Harris (absent)

F. Old Business:

1. AA Policy 05 1.1304 Sabbatical Leave: Motion to Approve: L. McClain; J. Barker. Motion Approved: (98% Y, 2% N)

- R. Hale: tried to accommodate feedback from SEC.
- Barker: Thanks for listening to feedback.

2. Student Compliant Policy (revised 3.11.2020) Motion to Approve: L. McClain; G. Jordan

- Approval of Policy with Friendly Amendment: Motion Approved
- R. Plemons: Modified to make sure the 15 days modifies grades as well as academic issues.
- L. McClain: Question about the 15-day window.
- R. Hale: We need to educate students about this kind of policy.

G. New Business:

1. AA Policy 07 1.2001 Full-Time, Non-Tenure Track Faculty Contracts: Motion to Approve: L. McClain; M. Autin.

- Motion Approved: (96% Y, 4% A)
- R. Hale: Clarifying that you cannot move non-tenure eligible position to tenure eligible position without a search.
- Barker: Question about applying for position if already in a non-tenure eligible position.

2. AA Policy Revision 1.1990 Pedagogical: Pulled by Rob Hale.

3. Senate Master Calendar: A set calendar . Bohuski; McClain

- Motion Approved: (92% Y, 2% N, 6% A)
- Ziegler: Why do some of the meetings have to be at 2 on different days? Two time slots.
- J. Shadoan: Times are different because I was asked to place those times for certain meetings.
- A. Farrell: Amend to the second Thursday at 3pm for Grad Council.
- M. Wolinski: Would people in charge make a detailed calendar for the year?
- J. Shadoan: These are set date so that committees don't overlap.
- Decided that the SEC together will create a calendar based on template provided, but allowing for adjustments because of University allotted breaks.

H. Information Items:

- Budget and Finance Committee is asking Susan Howarth about Covid and the privatization of the Bookstore. Please send any questions to Guy Jordan.
 - C. Ernst: Has talked to President. Said that recommendation will come to Senate once made.
- Adjournment: A. Jerome; C. Farrell.