

Western Kentucky University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2020
Faculty House

Introduction (+ Four people)

- Members present (Substitute): Lester Archer, Melanie Autin, James Barker, Yufen Chang, Dan Clark, Margaret Crowder, Loretta Dye, Marc Eagle, Claus Ernst, Ann Ferrell, Stacey Forsythe, Dawn Garrett-Wright, James Gary, Natasha Gerstenschlager, Chris Groves, Kirolos Haleem, Jennifer Hanley, Will Harris, Kara Haughtigan, Quentin Hollis, Kate Hudepohl, Angie Jerome, Jarrett Johnson, Guy Jordan, Mike Kennedy, Jim Lindsey, David Marquez, Lauren McClain, Sue Lynn McDaniel, Travis Newton, Ivan Novikov, Ken Payne, Leslie Plumlee, Shura Pollatsek, Matt Pruitt, Mark Schafer, Kevin Schmaltz, David Serafini, Julie Shadoan, Jean Snavely, Cheryl Stevens, Dana Sullivan, Francesca Sunkin, Aaron Wichman, Mary Wolinski, Mariah Yates (Aquesha Daniels), Uta Ziegler.
- Guest Present: Jennifer Hammonds, Jordan Ray, Mac McKerral, Danita Kelly, Marko Dumancic, Robert Hale.
- J. Shadoan called a regular meeting of Faculty Senate to order at 3:45 pm.

A. Approval of December 2019 Minutes:

1. Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 12.12.19: Jerome, Serafini. Motion Approved.

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Julie Shadoan
 - December Standing Committee reports approved. Resolutions from Senate in December have not been returned.
 - RAMP/Budget Committee Meeting: Governance structure was created as part of RAMP funding model to support Communication, Transparency, Collaboration, and Effectiveness (according to Huron). This structure includes three committees. The CAC (Capitol Allocation Committee) 1 Faculty representative, OAC (Operating Allocations Committee) 2 Faculty representatives, and Budget Executive Committee (has three senate representatives).
 - BEC and OAC meet on Jan. 19 to review Budget requests. OAC met after to rank requests and then forwarded to the Executive Budget Committee. Provost looked at requests and created her own ranked list. They were then sent back to BEC.
 - Performance funding to WKU has not been stated, and there is a Budget Deficit to deal with as well, ranked list of budget requests does not assure funding.
 - Grey Associates Two-Day Workshop: Coordinated as part of larger review initiated by CPE. (Check recording for detailed information)
 - Objectives: methodology, help WKU make Data informed decisions. Decisions still lay with Faculty that will have control with curriculum and programs at this institution.
 - The Grey Associates Workshop generated discussion about the use of the collected data, who would make decisions with the collected data, allocation of resources, the dissemination of the data to all faculty, sun setting/reduction of programs, job

placement and next steps in this process. People involved were: P. Stevens, M. Crowder, J. Shadoan, R. Hale, S. Pollatsek, U. Ziegler, L. McClain, J. and J. Barker.

2. Vice-Chair - Dan Clark

- At Large departmental senator elections. Two years ago, no elections because no contested spots and some seats went vacant. If seats aren't filled the seats will be left vacant.
- Going on Leave this semester, but will be back. Margaret Crowder Nominated for Vice-Chair for rest of term. Margaret Accepted—Senate Voted Unanimously in Support.

3. Secretary - Laura Bohuski (no report)

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, David Serafini: (No report)

- AQ and FW meet jointly to begin work on Free Speech Protections response.

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

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

- a. Colonnade General Education Report 12.3.19
 - Move for approval of the General Education Report: Motion Approved.
- b. Guidelines for Applying to Colonnade
 - Move for approval of the Guidelines: Motion Approved.
- Discussion about having to teach new courses three times, Non-majors getting into colonnade courses/reserve seats, original course proposal brought with new/modified cross-listed course proposals, and foundations. Involved here A. Jerome, M. Wolinski, J. Shadoan, U. Ziegler, M. Dumancic, J. Barker, F. Sunkin, and D. Clark.

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Lauren McClain (No report)

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

- Move for approval of report. Motion approved
 - Added a note to the website recommending that a proponent be at UCC when their program goes through.

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

- Move to approve 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 Kirby: (No report)

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

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Claus Ernst

- Met on Friday of Finals week: Approved sabbaticals and approved a one-year transitional retirement program for those in the Optional Retirement system.

2. Provost, Cheryl Stevens

- Renewals: I would like to agree with your recommendation. A more transparent process will be presented to you in March.
 - Calendar: Proposing three pilots to run next winter term. Can't change the 2020-2021 calendar date, it's already in place.
 - 1) Winter term class from Monday after graduate recognition ceremony, until December 30th with final on the 31st. 12 days take off for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Online only, up to four credits.
 - 2) Run face to face or online: January 4th till January 16th (Sat, before Martin Luther) Including 2 Saturdays. Gives 12 days needed for winter term.
 - 3) 5 Week Pilot: 14th of December to the Saturday before Martin Luther with Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's. Could be Hybrid with online for December and face-to-face in January or fully online.
 - Restrictions during pilot: Students and Faculty take/teach one class up to four credits. Of 240 courses currently offered 23-27 are face to face.
 - Discussion included questions about popularity of the pilots, staffing and IT, Study Abroad, and Data/reasons for why we're keeping winter term. P. Stevens, L. McClain, K. Hudepohl, J. Lindsey, M. Eagle, G. Jordan, and M. Pruitt.
3. SGA President, Will Harris (no report)

F. Old Business:

- L. McClain: Will has there been any discussion in SGA about the athletics resolution.
- W. Harris: there has not been anything discussed.

G. New Business:

H. Information Items:

Adjournment: Hanley