

Western Kentucky University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2020
Zoom

Introduction

- Members present (Substitute): Alison Youngblood, Allie McCreary, Cheryl Stevens, Claus Ernst, Colin Farrell, Dan Clark, Dawn Garrett-Wright, Francesca Sunkin, Guy Jordan, Heather Strode, Ivan Novikov, Jacob Byl, James Barker, James Gary, Janet Applin, Jarrett Johnson, Jason Bergner, Jean Snavely, Jeanine Huss, Jenni Teeters, Jim Lindsey, Julie Lee, Julie Shadoan, Kandy Smith, Kate Hudepohl, Katrina Burch, Kelly Reames, Kevin Schmaltz, Loretta Dye, Laura Bohuski, Lauren Bland, Lester Archer, Liz Sturgeon, Mac McKerral, Margaret Crowder, Mariah Yates, Mark Robinson, Mary Wolinski, Matt Pruitt, 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, Melanie Autin (Leslie Plumlee) and Uta Ziegler.
- **Guest Present:** Bruce Schulte, Aurelia Spalding, Darlene Applegate, Aaron Mudd, Amber Scott Belt, Amy Krull, Angela Jerome, Bryan Reaka, Darlene Applegate, Dennis George, Diane Lickenbrock, Evelyn Thrasher, Jacob Latimer, Laura DeLancey, Marc Eagle, Michael Carini, Natalie Mountjoy, Ranjit Koodali, Raymond Poff, Rheanna Plemons, Rob Hale, and Sonia Lenk.
- J. Shadoan called a regular meeting of Faculty Senate to order at 3:45pm.

Meeting begins at 12:00 of Zoom Recording

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A. Approval of September 2020 Minutes:

1. [Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 9.17.2020](#); H. Strode, U. Zielger. (37 y, 0n, 2ab)

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Julie Shadoan
 - National Coalition of Faculty Senates (National): Appointed to serve on bylaws committee.
 - Two main presentations at meeting:
 - Revision of a national survey on shared governance.
 - Fighting racism in the classroom, administration, and among faculty.
 - Other topics discussed: Faculty intellectual property rights as relates to class creation, campus climate committees, meeting schedules for shared governance, role of faculty in defining financial exigency, and a national movement to rank governance systems.
 - Most other Senates meet at least twice a month along with office hours and other ways to connect with Senate leadership.

- Coalition of Senate Faculty Leadership (KY) – Revived at request of current of CPE president.
 - Decided to meet one time a month instead of quarterly
 - Handbook Committee – Need members and chair for this committee.
2. Vice-Chair - Daniel Clark
- Regent Election: Vote by 4pm please.
 - University Athletics Committee, Kandy Smith reached out to fill CEBS position. Need to confirm her as representative. (No objections)
 - 3 volunteers for PTS appeals board, meet Wednesday's at 3 pm. Through May 2021.
 - Need 1 volunteer for the WKU store advisory committee, meet once a semester.
3. Secretary - Laura Bohuski
- We have a twitter. WKUFacultySenate; @wkuFacSenate.

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin: (No report)
 - Next month sending forward policy about Religious and Cultural observation policy.
 - CITL came to promo new Blackboard changes.
 - Looked at Academic Calendar for 2021-2022.
2. Budget and Finance, Guy Jordan: (No written report)
 - Discussed Scholarship changes and TIP with Claus Ernst.
3. Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd: (Report posted)
 - Motion to Approve report: (46y, 0 n, 1 abs.) Motion Approved
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Daniel Clark (Report posted)
 - a. FWPR Report 9.25.20.pdf
 - Move the report (separated from handbook items) for approval: (46y, 0 no, 1 abs.) Motion Approved
 - b. VII.A.2.b financial exigency.pdf
 - Move For approval: (48 yes, 1 n, 1 abs.) Motion Approved
 - b. VII.A.2.c program closures.pdf
 - Move for approval of this report with friendly amendment: (47 yes, 1n, 1 abs) Motion Approved
 - Friendly amendment to remove the words “and desirable” from 1st paragraph. (Dan accepted)
5. Graduate Council, Aaron Hughey (Diane Lickenbrock): (Report posted)
 - (37y, 0n, 3 abs.) Motion Approved

6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Liz Sturgeon: (Report posted)

- (48 yes, 0, 1abs.) 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 written report)
3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Margaret Crowder: (No report)
 - Meeting on a regular basis and welcoming new members.
 - Recent meeting, we discussed concerns about happening across campus: Having built in mental health breaks.

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Claus Ernst
 - Scholarships and TIP program. Need to attract 100 additional students to be profitable.
2. Provost, Cheryl Stevens
 - Appreciation for Faculties hard work.
 - Increased Freshman enrollment, please do your best to connect with students.
 - SAOCS accreditation
 - Covid-19 – still not getting data from Barren River Health, but Graves-Gilbert numbers show on campus rates down 90%.
 - Last week there was a small number of students who got infected by a sick student that didn't want to quarantine. Were able to catch it and only have it spread to about a dozen students.
 - Flu Shots
 - KY CPE are working on developing a new Program Review Process.
 - J. Shadoan: Question about Program Review Process
 - Discussion about use of program data, issues with Grey and Associates, the review process in general.
 - Discussion about certificates and process.
3. SGA President, Garrett Edmonds

F. New Business:

1. Senate Discussion Board
 - Talked about how to make Senate more accessible. Talking with IT about variations on a discussion board.
2. Spring 2021
 - Express to your faculty the desire for them to reach out to express their feelings about Spring 2021 semester regarding course modalities, etc.

- Commencement dates are posted.

3. Provost Search Committee

- Want search committee at least half faculty.
- Guy Jordan, m. Crowder: Move to adopt the below resolution. (44 yes, 0 no) Motion Approved
 - We request full transparency of the selection of committee members and Faculty Senate participation in that selection. We recommend that the search committee be comprised of at least 50% non-administrative faculty.
 - Will be forwarded to the President.

G. Old Business

1. Restart Follow Up Survey Results

- Results will be posted on the Senate website.

2. Interim Status of Provost

3. Dr. Bruce Kessler

- There was a meeting with the Math Department, but Dr. Kessler will not be reinstated.

4. Faculty Ombudsperson

- Needs to be a faculty person in this position, possibly in addition to Dr. Laves.
- In discussion with President.

Adjournment: L. Bohuski, F. Sunkin (5:19 pm)