

Western Kentucky University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2021

Zoom: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/93006473763>

Introduction:

- **Members present (Substitute):** Janet Applin, Kirk Atkinson, Melanie Autin, Cort Basham, Jason Bergner, Lauren Bland, Kristi Branham, Katrina Burch, John Cipolla, Amanda Drost, Susan Eagle, Stacey Forsythe, Nick Fortune, Dawn Garret-Wright, Chris Groves, Kara Haughtigan, Kate Horigan (Kate Hudepohl), Jeanine Huss, Trish Jagers, Eric Kondratieff, Julie Lee, Stacy Leggett, Sonia Lenk, Philip Lienesch, April Murphy, Ivan Novikov, Ozkan Ozer, Tony Paganelli, Paula Potter, Matt Pruitt, Kelly Reames, Nancy Richey, Mark Robinson, Donna Schiess, Kevin Schmaltz, Julie Shadoan, Heather Strode, Dan Strunk, Liz Sturgeon, Francesca Sunkin, Toni Szymanski, Patricia Todd, Dano Tulusso, Pavel Vasiliev, Bangbo Yan, Qin Zhao
- **Guests present:** Jennifer Hammonds, Rob Hale, Beth Laves, Bruce Schulte, Daniel Clark, Stuart Burris, Evelyn Thrasher, Jace Lux, Danita Kelley, Yvonne Petkus, Shane Spiller, Bud Fischer, Alexandria Anderson, Lynn Hazlett, Amber Scott Belt, Michael Frohling, Molly Kerby, Dennis George, Jason Wilson, Laura DeLancey, Michael Collins, Jessie Napier
- J. Lee called a regular meeting of Senate to order at 3:45 pm CST

A. Approval of September 23, 2021 minutes:

1. [Faculty Senate Meeting minutes 9/23/2021](#)

- Motion to approve: M. Autin, H. Strode (35 y, 0 n, 2 abs) Motion approved.

B. Officer Reports:

1. Chair, Julie Lee

- [Action item: March Senate meeting date is scheduled during Spring Break. Proposed move from March 17 to March 24.](#)
 - a. Motion: K. Atkinson, T. Jagers (39 y, 1 n, 1 abs)
- [Action item: Correction of senate website address in Senate Charter, May 2021: Section III. A. \(bottom of page 6\)](#)
 - a. Motion: M. Autin, S. Leggett (38 y, 0 n, 0 abs)

2. Vice-Chair, Janet Applin

- [Informational item: Open committee seats](#)
 - a. Most non-standing committees filled, but 3 high priority search committees that need to be filled with a Senate representative
 - Assistant VP & Director of Admissions
 - Chief HR Officer
 - Operating Allocation Committee
- If more than one nominee, then J. Applin will send out a secret ballot
- J. Shadoan – what is this position? Jace Lux’s position that he vacated;
 - Kirk Atkinson volunteered, with no objections, K. Atkinson will be the representative for the Assistant VP

- & Director of Admissions
 - Lauren Bland volunteered, with no objections, L. Bland will be the representative for the Chief HR officer
 - Operating Allocation Committee is a standing committee. B. Shulte explained it is one of the RAMP committees – this committee will hear requests for allocations for funds; no volunteers
3. Secretary, April Murphy – no report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin, Chair (No report)
 - Reviewed SITE item survey results – will send forward to next SEC meeting; Started investigating Academic Honesty policy
2. Budget and Finance, Kirk Atkinson, Chair (no report)
 - No formal report; No action items but internal auditor for WKU is coming to speak to committee; we are going to try to look for smaller areas where we can make some type of measurable difference
3. [Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd, Chair \(Report posted\)](#)
 - Met Sept 7th – move to accepted minutes as submitted (38 y, 0 n, 2 abs)
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Trish Jagers, Chair (no report)
 - Sent survey to faculty regarding support for discussing vaccine mandates; 463 total responses, 75% were in favor of 1 or both; 25% against; Will have 2 reports for Senate next month
5. Graduate Council, Martha Day, Chair (Report posted)
 - [Graduate Council Minutes Aug 19, 21](#)
6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Liz Sturgeon, Chair (no report)
 - Will have 2 reports next month

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports

1. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (no report)
2. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Robin Ayers, Chair (no report)
3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Susan Eagle, Chair (no report)
4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby, Chair
 - [DEI Informational Item on EDquity Symposium](#)
 - Remind everyone that proposals are due tomorrow, registration is open so please encourage your students to attend; brought PRIDE index up to 4.5 stars

E. Advisory Member Reports

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
 - RAMP model and software to support that – significant progress
 - Academic Affairs – 57 Emeriti applications being approved
 - Finance and Budget Committee – line of credit; concern related to personnel actions
2. Provost, Bud Fischer
 - Emails detailing information regarding compensation from the President; Colonnade message regarding audits/new assessment; RAMP model is moving forward and is scheduled to be used for next year's budget

- .5% of raise has not been finalized yet
3. SGA President, Matthew Winger

F. Old Business

G. New Business

1. [Academic Affairs Policy 1.2124 Summer and Winter Session Compensation](#)
 - Motion M. Pruitt, K. Atkinson (42 y, 2 n, 5 abs)
2. [Academic Affairs Policy 1.5172 Full-time Staff Teaching Assignments](#)
 - Motion M. Autin, T. Jagers (34 y, 2 n, 6 abs)

Adjournment 4:29pm CST (Autin, Groves)