

**Western Kentucky University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**February 18, 2021**  
**Zoom**

**Introduction:**

1. **Members present (Substitute):** Aaron Hughey (Martha Day), Alison Youngblood, Allie McCreary, April Murphy, Bangbo Yan, Cheryl Stevens, Chris Groves, Colin Farrell, Dan Clark, Dawn Garrett-Wright, Dean May, Donielle Lovell, Francesca Sunkin, Guy Jordan, Heather Strode, Ivan Novikov, James Barker, Janet Applin, Jarrett Johnson, Jason Bergner, 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, Kevin Schmaltz, Loretta Dye, Laura Bohuski, Lauren Bland, Lester Archer, Liz Sturgeon, Mac McKerral, Margaret Crowder, Mariah Yates, Mark Robinson, Mary Wolinski, Matt Pruitt, Melanie Autin, Mike Kennedy, Nick Fortune, Patricia Todd, Sara McCaslin, Sarah (Herrick) Scali, Shura Pollatsek, Stacey Forsythe, Sue Lynn McDaniel, Tony Paganelli, Travis Newton, Trish Jagers, Uta Ziegler, and Sonia Lenk.
- **Guest Present:** Jennifer Hammonds, Molly Kerby, Evelyn Thrasher, Bruce Schulte, Laura McGee, Dennis George, Merrall Price, Sara Thomason, Rob Hale, Angela Jerome, and Amber Scott Belt.
- J. Shadoan called a regular meeting of Senate to order at 3:45 pm.

**Zoom meeting begins at time code: 6:25**

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**A. Approval of January 2021 Minutes:**

1. [Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 1.21.2021](#); A. Paganelli; M. Autin; Motion Approved. (46 y, 0 n, 0 abs.)

**B. Officer Reports**

1. Chair - Julie Shadoan
  - Handbook is looking over sections pertaining to Continuance, Promotion, and Tenure to try and fix inconsistencies and vague terminology.
  - Provost Committee Search moving forward and reviewing addition applications.
  - Reminder about Professionalism and Decorum during senate Zoom meetings.
2. Vice-Chair - Daniel Clark
  - Faculty handbook needs Tenured Faculty representatives from PCAL for rest of this year and next year and Gordon Ford to finish this year.
  - Benefits Committee Vote: 64% Dr. Mark Ross; 36% Dr. Richard Gelderman. Mark Ross is voted to Benefits Committee.
  - Departmental senator elections underway.
3. Secretary - Laura Bohuski

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

1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin: (Report posted)
  - a. [AQ Report 1-22-21](#)
    - Motion to approve report: (49 y, 0 n, 1 abs.) Motion Approved.
    - There were questions about PDF policy in SEC and it was sent to Grad Council and UCC to be reviewed.
    - Questions about permanent PDF policy. J. Barker, M. McKerral, J. Lindsey.
  - b. WKU PDF Policy (referred by SEC to UCC/Grad Council) – Non-voting.
2. Budget and Finance, Guy Jordan: (No report)
3. Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd: (No report)
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Daniel Clark (Report posted)
  - a. [FWPR Report 1-15-21](#)
    - Move for approval (51 y, 0 n, 2 abs): Motion Approved.
  - b. [Faculty Handbook Revision \(Grievance\)](#)
    - Move for approval: Motion Approved to Table and Refer to Handbook.
    - Shane Spiller: question about Board of Regent's role in this policy.
    - P. Stevens: Do not agree with having grievances go to the Board of Regents.
    - Discussion of the Grievance policy by: J. Barker, P. Stevens, S. Spiller, D. Clark, M. McKerral, U. Ziegler, and J. Shadoan.
    - Motion to table indefinitely to Handbook: M. McKerral. U. Ziegler; (43 yes) Motion Approved.
  - c. [Faculty Handbook Revision \(Financial Exigency\)](#)
5. Graduate Council, Aaron Hughey (Martha Day): (Report posted)
  - Motion to Approve: (35 y, 1 abs.) Motion Approved.
6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Liz Sturgeon: (Report posted)
  - Motion to Approve: (44 y, 0 n, 0 abs.) Motion Approved.

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

1. Faculty Handbook, Laura DeLancey: (No report)
2. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Shadoan/Clark/Spiller: (No report)
3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Margaret Crowder: (No report)

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

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
  - Next meeting March 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Approved Auditors reports at last meeting.
2. Provost, Cheryl Stevens

- Discussed COVID-19 vaccine availability for University.

3. SGA President, Garrett Edmonds

**F. New Business:**

**G. Old Business:**

1. Faculty Ombudsperson(s) Status: waiting until VSIP applications are in
2. Regent Election  
Status, OAG Opinion re: eligibility to vote (part-time instructors): No response received.

**Adjournment: U. Ziegler. M. Crowder**