

Western Kentucky University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
August 26th, 2021

Zoom: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/98397593287>

Introduction:

- **Members present (Substitute):** Janet Applin, Kirk Atkinson, Melanie Autin, Julie Lyn Barber, Cort Basham, Lauren Bland, Daniel Boamah, Katrina Burch, John Cipolla, Margaret Crowder, Amanda Drost, Susan Eagle, Stacey Forsythe, Nick Fortune, Dawn Garret-Wright, Chris Groves, (Kate Horigan), Jeanine Huss, Trish Jagers, Eric Kondratieff, Julie Lee, Stacy Leggett, Sebastian Leguizamon, Philip Lienesch, Allie McCreary, April Murphy, Ivan Novikov, Ozkan Ozer, Tony Paganelli, Paula Potter, Matt Pruitt, Kelly Reames, Asghar Rezasoltani, Nancy Richey, Mark Robinson, Marilee Salvator, Donna Schiess, Kevin Schmaltz, Julie Shadoan, Jean Snavely, Heather Strode, Liz Sturgeon, Francesca Sunkin, Jenni Teeters, Sara Thomason, Patricia Todd, Dano Tolusso, Bangbo Yan, Qin Zhao
- **Guests present:** Jennifer Hammonds, Amber Scott Belt, Andrew Mienaltowski, Rob Hale, Ann Ferrell, Beth Laves, Bruce Schulte, Bud Fischer, Daniel Clark, Darlene Applegate, David Oliver, Jeremy Logdan, Laura DeLancey, Mathew Winger, Merrall Price, Stuart Burris
- J. Lee called a regular meeting of Senate to order at 3:46 pm CST

A. Approval of May 2021 minutes:

1. Faculty Senate Meeting minutes 5/6/2021
 - Motion to approve: M. Autin, T. Paganelli (45 y, 0 n, 4 abs) Motion approved.

B. Officer Reports:

1. Chair, Julie Lee – no report
2. Vice-Chair, Janet Applin –
 - Working on the list, please contact with any updates
 - Need chairs for standing committees (AQ, Budget, Colonnade)
 - Open spots with departmental/at-large senates – elections for at large will be coming up – info coming out in the spring
3. Secretary, April Murphy – no report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin, immediate past Chair (no report)
 - Sunkin returning as chair
2. Budget and Finance, Guy Jordan, immediate past Chair (no report)
 - Atkinson – not on committee, Sept 2 meeting scheduled
3. Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd, immediate past Chair (no report)
 - Todd – not met yet, chair has not been discussed
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Daniel Clark, immediate past chair (no report)
 - Clark – Jagers is new chair
 - Jagers – need to solicit members from GFCB, CEBS
5. Graduate Council, Martha Day, Chair

- Burch – officially recognized Martha as grad council chair, staffed the grad curriculum and student research committee
 - a. Curriculum Approval and Report:
 - a. Graduate Council Report to Senate for April 29th Meeting.pdf
 - Motion to approve: K. Burch, K. Atkinson (29 y, 0 n, 0 abs)
Motion approved.
 - b. Academic Affairs Policy Changes to divide 1 policy into 2 for clarification:
 - a. 1.4080 Course_Cross_listing.pdf
 - Motion to approve: F. Sunkin, T. Paganelli (34 y, 3, n, 8 abs)
Motion approved.
 - Burch: Discussion regarding clarity of policy indicating it is not clear whether students in same class, different section can be merged into the same BlackBoard;
 - Hammonds: Cross-listing courses is the preference if possible, but if cannot cross-list, then must fill out and exception and turn off communication features
 - b. 1.4090 Course_Equivalencies.pdf
 - Motion to approve: A. Murphy, J. Shadoan (44 y, 0 n, 5 abs)
Motion approved.
6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, immediate past Chair (no report)
 - Sturgeon – did not meet in August, next meeting will be Sept 28th
 - Undergraduate proposal submissions will need to come electronically through Course Leaf system
 - Sturgeon will continue as chair, need a rep from GFCB

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports

1. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (no report)
 - Shadoan: have not met yet, hoping to meet early in September
2. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Robin Ayers, Chair (no report)
 - Kerby: Will reach out to Robin
3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Margaret Crowder, immediate past Chair (no report)
 - Crowder: Susan Eagle took over as chair
 - Eagle: First meeting for Fall semester yesterday, anyone interested in joining, let her know
4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby, Chair
 - Kerby: Need rep for faculty senate, go through Janet, meet 1x/month, if several people want to volunteer then it will go to a vote

E. Advisory Member Reports

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
 - Explain role to clear confusion, driven to push the board toward the achievement toward the strategic plan, tries to take what he hears in faculty senate and put them in words with the strategic plan
 - Budget – clarification, 2% raise pool referenced by Caboni – don't know if they are going to address compression, cost-of-living, merit raises, will determine by January
 - Trying to get RAMP budget model working – plan laid out to address barriers
 - Faculty and staff satisfaction is a recruitment and retention issue

- Next meeting is in October
- 2. Provost, Bud Fischer
 - New cohort 68 new faculty, 43 continuing 23 temporary
 - New faculty orientation, more interactive, more informative, more holistic, faculty overwhelming positive
 - Completed the 5th year interim report – no issues or concerns raised
 - Jagers: Question regarding delivered resolution to extend tenure clock and compensate faculty because of COVID that passed senate in July;
 - Provost Fischer – delivered response to Julie; came to conclusion at this point, the policies that are in place will continue
- 3. SGA President, Matthew Wininger
 - Not met yet – meeting scheduled for August 31

F. Old Business

G. New Business

1. Open Committee Positions
 - Applin – need committee chairs for standing committees, opening for CEBS to SEC;
 - Autin – do GFCB lose seats as a result of VSIP or can we fill them
 - Applin – will look into senate charter and consult with others and bring back to the committee

Questions/Open Discussion:

- Jagers - Ombudsman – has someone been selected, not yet
- Applin – any information re: COVID plans for the fall
- Oliver – UK has required testing for faculty and staff who are not vaccinated; Up in cases, but not anywhere near this time last year; no one quarantined on campus
- Pruitt: Question regarding enrollment numbers
- Fischer: Slightly down from last year

Adjournment 5:04pm CST (Pruitt, Strobe)