

Western Kentucky University
Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2021
Zoom

Introduction:

- **Members present (Substitute):** Julie Shadoan, Dan Clark, Laura Bohuski, Janet Applin, Colin Farrell, Tony Paganelli, Uta Ziegler, Mac McKerral, Francesca Sunkin, Guy Jordan, Aaron Hughey, Liz Sturgeon, Cheryl Stevens, and Shane Spiller.
- **Guest Present:** Rheanna Plemons, Rob Hale, Jennifer Hammonds, Bruce Schulte,
- J. Shadoan called a regular meeting of SEC to order at 4:05 pm. (Delay caused by Provost Forum)

Zoom meeting begins at time code: 3:50

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A. Approve minutes of previous month's SEC Meeting:

1. SEC Meeting Minutes 1.11.2021; F. Sunkin, L. Sturgeon (10 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Julie Shadoan
 - Meeting w/ President last week: No response from AG about eligibility to vote; holding off on Ombudsperson position until after VSIP applications are in and approved.
2. Vice Chair - Daniel Clark
 - Departmental senator elections coming up.
3. Secretary - Laura Bohuski

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin: (Report posted)
 - a. AQ Report 1.22.21
 - Motion for approval of report (10 y, 0 n, 0 abs.) Motion Approved.
 - b. WKU PDF Policy: Motion Tabled
 - F. Sunkin: gave background about policy. Came from Ad-Hoc committee as a result of the university having no P/D/F policy at all when Covid-19 happened.
 - U. Ziegler: Question about Gatton Academy/Dual credit students; Athletics students; Reverting P/D/F to letter grade.
 - C. Farrell: Question about deadline dates; Why applicable to undergrads but not graduate students.
 - J. Shadoan and other senators: Has this been reviewed by UCC and Grad Council?

- Motion to table: M. McKerral, C. Farrell (9 y) Motion Tabled. Referred to Grad Council and UCC
 - P/D/F: not available for Spring semester. Only about 1% of grades were changed in the Fall semester with this policy.
2. Budget and Finance, Guy Jordan: (No report)
 - Meeting on 25th Feb. 3:45 pm to meet with Susan Howarth about Budget.
 3. Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd: (No report)
 4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Daniel Clark: (Report posted)
 - a. FWPR Report 1.15.21
 - Any comments about survey please let me know. Survey to be released ASAP.
 - Move approval of report: (11 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.
 - b. Faculty Handbook Revision (Grievance)
 - Move for this to be an action item on Senate agenda: (10 y, 0 n, 0 abs.) Motion Approved.
 - Formal vs. informal documents clarified in amendment.
 - M. McKerral: rejection of Financial Exigency seems to be based on not wanting to do more work.
 - P. Stevens: Concern about all decisions having to be voted on by the Board of Regents.
 - R. Hale: Worry about the overall management of this grievance system.
 - c. Faculty Handbook Revision (Financial Exigency)
 - No vote—information item.
 5. Graduate Council, Aaron Hughey: (Report posted)
 - Motion to approve Grad Council report: (8 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.
 - No Course revisions, just program revisions.
 6. [Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Liz Sturgeon: \(Report posted\)](#)
 - Motion to approve UCC report: (11 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): (No report)
3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Margaret Crowder: (No report)

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
 - Regents met Jan. 22nd; Master Plan and Naming Committee were discussed in meeting.
2. Provost, Cheryl Stevens
3. SGA President, Garrett Edmonds

F. New Business:

1. Staff Senate and Faculty Senate creating closer ties. (Mac McKerral)
 - Could Staff and Faculty Senate Executive committees meet to confer about topics that effect each committee.
 - J. Shadoan: I am in frequent contact with the head of Staff Senate. Think it is a great idea and will reach out to Mike with the idea.
2. Collegiality/Professionalism of Senate Members. (C. Farrell, J. Shadoan) **56:25-1:05:30**

Adjournment: M. McKerral, D. Clark.