

Western Kentucky University
Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022
Zoom

Introduction:

- **Members present (Substitute):** Julie Lee, Janet Applin, April Murphy, Bangbo Yan, Francesca Sunkin, Provost Fischer, Shane Spiller, Dawn Garrett Wright, Anthony Paganelli, Kirk Atkinson, Sheila Flener, Matthew Wininger, Patricia Todd, Stacy Leggett
- **Guests Present:** Jennifer Hammonds, Rob Hale, Amber Scott Belt, Beth Laves, Susan Eagle, Molly Kerby
- J. Lee called a regular meeting of SEC to order at 3:15 pm CST

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A. Approval of previous month's SEC Meeting:

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes 11.29.2021](#) Atkinson (10 y, 0 n, 2 abs) Motion Approved.

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Julie Lee
 - COVID taskforce met and decided to continue masking due to Omicron. We are still trying to follow CDC guidelines. Requested David Oliver to attend Senate meeting to discuss guidelines.
2. Vice Chair - Janet Applin
 - Even number year so At-Large Senator elections will be coming up – will start process next week.
 - Need two (2) Senators to serve on search committee for AVP for Information Technology Services and AVP for Business Services. Will send out before full Senate meets in the hopes of getting a few volunteers
3. Secretary - April Murphy

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin (Chair): (No Report)
 - F. Sunkin reported that the committee meets next Tuesday. Question regarding moving forward with the Site evaluation. J. Lee reported that she met with Provost Fischer and it has been put on hold. The idea is to form a broad committee with senators, faculty, and administrators to try to get a consensus that more parties can agree upon.
2. Budget and Finance, Kirk Atkinson (Chair): (No Report)
 - Will meet on January 27th at 3:45pm CST
3. Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd (Chair): ([Report posted](#))
 - Todd (11 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.
 - Sunkin – asked question regarding SOCL course regarding typo on course objectives. Todd reported that she will go back and make sure edits take place.

- Sunkin – HIST 302 raised question regarding “demonstrating knowledge” learning outcome.
 - Sunkin – discussed frustration as advisor when there are 30 classes but there is no consistency with respect to how these courses are offered. P. Todd reported it was discussed with the directors at their last meeting. M. Kerby reported that they did the audit after the Spring semester was already posted.
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Trish Jagers (Chair): (No report)
 5. Graduate Council, Martha Day: ([Report Posted](#))
 - Atkinson, Applin (9 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.
 6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Liz Sturgeon (Chair): (No Report)
 - S. Flener is the new Vice Chair and M. Autin is the new chair. S. Flener reported that the next meeting is January 25th.

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (Chair): (No Report)
2. Budget Executive Committee, Kirk Atkinson (No Report)
 - Next scheduled meeting Jan 12 @ 10am CST in Potter Hall
3. WKU University Athletic Committee Report, Craig Martin (No Report)
4. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Robin Ayers (Chair): (No report)
5. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Susan Eagle (President): (No report)
 - S. Eagle reported AAUP and COSFL had a joint meeting regarding HB 14 and HB 18, the “anti-CRT bills.” These bills restrict what individuals can teach in the classroom and is also applied to post-secondary education. Discussed impact regarding accreditation issues. Seeking thoughts on what we should do as a University versus what we should do as individuals.
 - R. Hale suggested that Jennifer Smith provide monthly updates on these pieces of legislation.
 - J. Applin made motion to send something out to all faculty. Motion was 2nd by F. Sunkin. Motion was withdrawn – information will be presented by AAUP at Faculty Senate.
6. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby (Chair): (No Report)
 - President Caboni came to talk about renaming committee – a lot has already been done. Meeting this week and will provide attachment to post at full Senate.

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
 - Attended meeting on Friday – reading through Governor’s proposal, performance modeling, infrastructure. Encourage individuals to pay attention to these. Praised President Caboni and Provost Fischer regarding response to tornadoes.
2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer
 - Thank faculty, staff related to tornado relief. Bowling Green came together quickly.
 - If you are part of the 1st generation initiative or are interested in, we will get you a letter so you can be involved.

- New thing for Spring is Innovative Teaching Grants – will come out next week from CITL.
 - Sustainability review – pilot of 6 different areas from each college regarding process. We are ready to go live for all programs as of July.
3. SGA President, Matthew Wininger
- Rally coming up – if you have any suggestions, let us know.

F. Old Business:

G. New Business:

1. Academic Affairs, Rob Hale
 - [AA Policy 1.1962 Research Track Faculty – deletion](#)
 - [AA Policy 1.1980 Clinical Faculty – deletion](#)
 - [AA Policy 1.1991 Pedagogical Faculty – deletion](#)
 - Motion to bundle and approve AA Policy 1.1962, 1.1980, 1.1991 Sunkin, Paganelli (9 y, 0 n, 2 abs) Motion Approved.
 - [AA Policy 1.2002 Full Time Temporary Faculty Contracts - revision](#)
 - Motion to approve Atkinson, Paganelli (9 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.

Adjournment: Applin at 4:21pm