

Western Kentucky University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2021

Zoom: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/96649678048>

Introduction:

- **Members present (Substitute):** Janet Applin, Kirk Atkinson, Melanie Autin, Julie Lyn Barber, Cort Basham, Lauren Bland, Daniel Boamah, Katrina Burch, John Cipolla, Martha Day, Amanda Drost, Susan Eagle, Stacey Forsythe, Nick Fortune, Dawn Garret-Wright, Kara Haughtigan, Kate Horigan (Kate Hudepohl), Jeanine Huss, Trish Jagers, Mike Kennedy, Julie Lee, Stacy Leggett, Sonia Lenk, Philip Lienesch, Mac McKerral, April Murphy, Ozkan Ozer, Tony Paganelli, Matt Pruitt, Kelly Reames, Nancy Richey, Mark Robinson, Marilee Salvator, Donna Schiess, Kevin Schmaltz, Julie Shadoan, Jean Snavely, Heather Strode, Dan Strunk, Liz Sturgeon, Francesca Sunkin, Jenni Teeters, Patricia Todd, Dano Tulusso, Bangbo Yan, Qin Zhao
- **Guests present:** Jennifer Hammonds, Rob Hale, Beth Laves, Yvonne Petkus, Shane Spiller, Amber Scott Belt, Laura DeLancey, Darlene Applegate, David Brinkley, Kelly Madole, Leslie North, Margaret Glaser, Andrew Mienaltowski, Bruce Schulte, Dana Sullivan, Dan Clark, Autumn, Danita Kelley, Kurt Neely
- J. Lee called a regular meeting of Senate to order at 3:45 pm CST

A. Approval of November 18, 2021 minutes:

1. [Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 11.18.21](#)

- Motion to approve: M. Autin (40 y, 0 n, 1 abs) Motion approved.

B. Officer Reports:

1. Chair, Julie Lee ([Report Posted](#))

- J. Lee reported Covid masking will continue until further notice. Taskforce will meet again in January. Request considerate and concise comments during discussion so everyone can speak up and be heard.
- Reported RAMP training to come in January

2. Vice-Chair, Janet Applin – No report

- J. Applin reported all committees have been filled, but if you have a committee needing senate representation, please reach out to Janet.

3. Secretary, April Murphy – No report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin, Chair (No Report)

2. Budget and Finance, Kirk Atkinson, Chair ([Report Posted](#))

- K. Atkinson move to approve report posted - (40 y, 1 n, 2 abs). Motion approved.

3. Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd, Chair ([Report Posted](#))

- P. Todd move to approve report as posted (40 y, 0 n, 1 abs). Motion approved.

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Trish Jagers, Chair (Reports Posted)

- a) [Faculty Welfare September Minutes](#)
 - b) [Faculty Welfare October Minutes](#)
 - c) [Faculty Welfare November Minutes](#)
 - T. Jagers move to bundle minutes with adjustment to November minutes to reflect Rob Hale would “try” to rather than “would” correct. T. Jagers move to approve reports as amended - (36 y, 1 n, 5 abs). Motion approved.
 - d) [Rob Hale Faculty Fellows Response](#)
 - T. Jagers referred Rob Hale’s email that CHHS Dean is allowed to use Faculty Fellows to review
 - M. McKerral sought clarification regarding R. Hale’s email regarding classification of Faculty Fellow positions as somewhere between office staff and Associate Deans. R. Hale responded regarding accuracy of statements. Fellows are reviewing documents and not doing whatever they want.
 - S. Eagle asks for clarification regarding multiple faculty reviewing tenure and promotion, continuance reports and making recommendations. A. Murphy clarified that there was only one faculty fellow who reviewed documents and there was no “recommendation” made.
5. Graduate Council, Martha Day, Chair ([Report posted](#))
 - M. Day motion to approve (30 y, 0 n, 3 abs) Motion approved.
 6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Liz Sturgeon, Chair ([Report Posted](#))
 - L. Sturgeon motion to approve (42 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion approved.
 - L. Sturgeon will step down from the Faculty Senate in January. M. Autin will take over as the chair for UCC.

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports

1. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (Reports Posted)
 - a) [Handbook Committee Bylaws \(Second Reading\)](#)
 - J. Shadoan, M. Pruitt 2nd (42 y, 1 n, 0 abs) Motion approved.
 - b) [Handbook III.E and IV.B](#)
 - J. Shadoan discussed removal of the “abstention” option in decisions of continuance. Provided rationale for such change.
 - M. Autin – discussed whether individuals who are not comfortable evaluating research now have to vote yes or no. J. Shadoan reported that was correct.
 - J. Shadoan, M. Pruitt (38 y, 3 n, 2 abs) Motion approved.
 - c) [Handbook III.G and IV.B a and b](#)
 - J. Shadoan, M. Pruitt (43 y, 0 n, 1 abs) Motion approved.
2. Budget Executive Committee, Kirk Atkinson ([Report Posted](#))
 - K. Atkinson, M. Pruitt (38 y, 0 n, 3 abs) Motion approved.
 - J. Applin asked about DELO being a support unit. K. Atkinson reported he does not have any additional information, knows that it changes revenue flow.
3. University Athletic Committee, Craig Martin ([Report Posted](#))
 - A. Paganelli, K. Atkinson (34 y, 5 n, 1 abs) Motion approved.
4. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Robin Ayers, Chair (No report)
5. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Susan Eagle, Chair (No report)

6. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby, Chair (No report)

E. Advisory Member Reports

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
 - S. Spiller – 57 Emeriti appointments, audit report has been completed and will be discussed at the Regents meeting tomorrow
2. Provost, Bud Fischer
 - B. Fischer – about to pass resolution on First Day book agreement. Faculty need to get book orders in on time. Consult with Senate Executive Committee regarding Faculty Ombudsman, after reviewing and interviewing candidates, Allison Youngblood was selected to start in July.
3. SGA President, Matthew Wininger
 - M. Glaser – wrapped up meetings and won't meet again until January; haven't had any resolution regarding First Day book agreement.

F. Old Business

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G. New Business

1. Academic Affairs, Rob Hale
 - a) [AA Policy 1.1036 Emeritus Status](#)
 - b) [AA Policy 1.1271 Adjunct Faculty](#)
 - Atkinson, Pruitt – motion to bundle items (42 y, 0 n, 1 abs) Motion Approved.

Additional Discussion:

- K. Atkinson – made reference to the BG Daily News regarding raises for administration and how the Budget and Finance Committee would look into this.
- M. McKerral – discussed investigation into budgeting and reported that if he could find out he would let us know “how much water was in the pool”
- J. Cipolla – recent terrorist threat was frightening and requested if University Police could communicate safety procedures for emergencies
- T. Jagers brought forth new business - resolution regarding COVID-19 testing mandate or negative test results 2x/weekly. K. Burch made motion to table until next meeting. S. Forsythe 2nd motion to table (34 y, 8 n, 2 abs) Motion approved – tabled definitely until January meeting.

Adjournment 4:59pm CST (Pruitt, Autin)