

Western Kentucky University

Faculty Senate

November 17, 2022

Members: Toni Szymanski, Neena Jones, Matt Pruitt, Stacey Forsythe, Evelyn Thrasher, Julie Lyn Barber, Sheila Flener, Phillip Gunter, Andrea Kirk-Jenkins, Kurt Neelly, Kristi Branham, Michelle Jackson, John Cipolla, Patricia Todd, Truth Tran, Cort Basham, John Wright, Julie Shadoan, Bangbo Yan, Kate Hudepohl, Kirk Atkinson, Matt Nee, Eric Kondratieff, Kara Haughtigan, Joseph Evans, Marilyn Gardner, Susan Eagle, Kevin Schmaltz, Dan Clark, Qin Zhao, Kate Horigan, Dan Strunk, Phil Lienesch, Kristi Branham, Paula Burt, Dana Sullivan, Jenni Teeters, Anthony Paganelli, Donna Schiess, Jason Wilson

Nonvoting Members: Shane Spiller

Guests: Michael Crimmins, Tonya Bragg Underwood, Yvonne Petkus, Will Hemenover, Cole Bornefeld, Stuart Burris, Erin Warfel, Adam West, Rob Hale, Jennifer Hammonds, Xiuhua Ding, Beth Laves, Jace Lux

T. Szymanski called the meeting to order at 3:45.

A. Approval of previous months Senate Meeting:

1. [Faculty Senate Minutes 10-20-22](#) J. Shadoan, D. Clark, (32 y, 0 n, 0 a) **Motion approved**

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Antonia (Toni) Szymanski

- No report

2. Vice-Chair - Dan Clark

- No report

3. Secretary - Stacy Leggett

- No report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. [Academic Quality, Amanda Drost, Chair](#) A. Drost (36 y, 0 n, 1 ab) **Motion approved**

2. [Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff, Chair](#) E. Kondratieff (38 y, 0 n, 0 ab) **Motion approved**

3. Colonnade/General Education, Stacey Forsythe, Chair: (No report)
 - a. Joint Recommendation. Table recommendation until December 2022 meeting.
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Kate Horigan, Chair K. Horigan (37 y, 0 n, 0 ab) Motion approved
5. Graduate Council, Dana Sullivan, Chair and Graduate Curriculum Committee
 - Motion to bundle 9/8 Grad Council mins and 10/8 Grad Committee mins. D. Sullivan (33 y, 1 no, 1 ab) Motion approved
 - Motion to approve Grad Council report (bundled). D. Sullivan (24 y, 0 n, 3 ab) Motion approved
7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener, Chair S. Flener (38 y, 0 n, 0 ab) Motion approved
8. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan, Chair J. Shadoan (36 y, 0 n, 0 ab) Motion approved
 - a. Proposal Amendment II.S. Office Hours J. Shadoan (38 y, 4 n, 1 ab) Motion approved
 - J. Shadoan described revisions to office hours reflecting accessibility to students based on course delivery and student expectations.
 - D. Kelley brought up the syllabus policy includes office hours.
 - B. Fischer asked about a number or minimum number. He also asked about any previous discussions with department heads or deans. He also asked if this change meant the program faculty would determine the number of hours.
 - J. Shadoan described the historic changes in accessibility.
 - J. Wright expressed concerns regarding tenured versus non-tenured faculty as well as not serving students as we should.
 - M. Pruitt described variance in department expectations for research, course load, etc.
 - E. Thrasher was concerned that faculty might be expected to be accessible 24-7.
 - K. Atkinson did not think this change implied 24-7 accessibility.

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. Budget Executive Committee, Kirk Atkinson, Chair (No report)
 - B. Atkinson has been working to take action in response to Board of Regents recommendation regarding a one-time stimulus payment.
2. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Susan Eagle, Chair: (No report)
3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Susan Eagle, Chair: (No report)

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

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller (No report)

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

a. Over 600 students showed up on the recent recruitment day.

b. 23-24 Calendar. Oct 2/3 Fall Break SAME AS BGISD and WCPS!

c. Inclement Weather Policy forthcoming.

d. QEP. Last focus group. Vote coming out soon.

e. Program Coordinator Policy. Working draft is with deans. Coming down to faculty soon.

f. Rebecca Roarke Unraveling Faculty Burnout coming to WKU

3. SGA President, Cole Bornefeld

a. Campus safety walk

b. SGA Scholarship Application is live (tell students

F. Old Business:

G. New Business:

Motion to adjourn (Pruitt) 4:31pm