

Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting

Monday, November 6, 2023 -- 3:15pm

SEC members: S.Eagle, D.Smith, D.Strunk, M.Nee, M.McKerral, L.Elkind, J.Shadoan, S.Forsythe, S.Bonis, J.Shankweiler, E.Kondratieff

Guests: R.Hale, S.Spiller, J.Hammonds, B.Laves,

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

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes, 10.9.23](#) Motion to Approve S.Bonis | S.Forsythe 9Yes 0No 0Abstentions

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Susan Eagle

- No report

2. Vice Chair - Doug Smith

- Discussed faculty continuance, tenure, and promotion complaint pool selection procedures.

3. Secretary - Dan Strunk

- No report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Patricia Todd (Chair): (No Report)

2. [Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include 11Yes 0No 0Abstentions
- Report includes slide deck from internal auditors, brief summary of questions and answers from internal auditors.
- Susan Howarth will attend January meeting.

3. Colonnade/General Education, Stacey Forsythe (Chair): (No Report)

- No report

4. [Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Landon Elkind \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include 11Yes 0No 0Abstentions
- Discussed survey results and follow ups on survey. Plans are to have future surveys out earlier. Other discussions included compensation and state funding allocations.
- Discussed faculty workload policy that was provided by Academic Affairs. Additional discussion focused on how policies would be given to SEC and senate standing committees. Dr. Hale

agreed that academic affairs would copy senate leadership when sending a policy to senate standing committee for review.

5. [Graduate Council, Sara Bonis \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include (graduate faculty only) 7Yes 0No 1Abstention

6. [Graduate Council Curriculum Committee, \(Chair\) \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include (graduate faculty only) 7Yes 0No 1Abstention

7. [Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include 10Yes 0No 1Abstention

8. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (Chair): (No Report)

- Discussed current agenda items including ad hoc committee looking at dismissal for cause, grievance procedures, researching faculty conducting consulting, and post tenure review.

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

- No report

2. Budget Executive Committee (BEC), Kirk Atkinson (Chair)

- No report

3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL)

- Discussed joint resolution to explore creating a new university in southeastern Kentucky.

4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby (Chair)

- No report

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

- Discussed Board of Regents committee meetings which included asking questions pertaining to budget and personnel decisions. Homecoming and ground breaking of new athletic facility also mentioned.

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

- Dr. Rob Hale filling in for Provost Fischer.
- Inclement weather policy was modified according to suggestions provided by Ogden Leadership through faculty senate. Motion to Include D.Strunk|E.Kondratieff 7Yes 2No 1Abstention

- M.Nee discussed adjusting terminology of academic affair expectations of senate review of policies to information, discussion, or action items. A motion to amend senate charter was discussed to include the language but was reconsidered as it directly goes against established policy (policy on policies).
- Motion to form ad hoc committee to investigate changing senate charter to include proposed terminology of information, discussion, or action M.Nee | S.Flener 7Yes 3No 1Abstention

3. SGA President, Sam Kurtz

- No Report

F. Old Business:

- None

G. New Business:

- The use of the chat feature of zoom discussed because of potential to go against rules of order with demeaning statements and ridicule. Concerns include negative comments in the chat during senate meeting with President Caboni. S.Eagle concluded that chat feature will remain in place.
- M.McKerral and D.Smith suggest faculty senate meetings return to in person. No formal motion made.
- Motion to Adjourn L.Elkind | D.Strunk (5:15 PM)