

Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2023 -- 3:15pm

(Join Zoom Meeting: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/5940316448>)

Voting Members: Toni Szymanski, Stacy Leggett, Dana Sullivan, Sheila Flener, Kirk Atkinson, Eric Kondratieff, Julie Shadoan, Sam Kurtz, Anthony Paganelli. MacMcKerral, Marilyn Gardner, Amanda Drost, Kate Horigan

Nonvoting Members: Shane Spiller, Bud Fischer

Guests: Beth Laves, Stacey Forsythe, Jennifer Hammonds, Rob Hale, Jessica Dorris

T. Szymanski called meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

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

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes, 4.10.23](#) S. Forsythe, E. Kondratieff (10 y, 0 n, 1 abs), approved

- No discussion

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - 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): (No Report)

2. [Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#) E. Kondratieff (12 y, 0 n, 0 abs), approved

- E. Kondratieff: Longer than usual as the report tries to capture the conversation with Todd Stewart regarding athletics to better understand. WKU has nearly the lowest budget

for athletics in Conference-USA with nearly \$5 million in scholarships toward the university, one of the highest number of wins in Conference-USA.

- M. McKerral: Comparing us to other schools is like comparing apples and oranges. E. Kondratieff: The Hilltopper Athletic Foundation honor the commitments. Donations cover some expenses outside of the regular budgets. All of the renovations of the locker room came from the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation. Todd Stewart also pointed out that changes in salary do not change the overall budget. S. Leggett: the role of athletics and school spirit in recruiting. A. Szymanski says \$5 million of the budget goes to athletics and that can be a 2% raise. M. McKerral: Pointed out number of student-athletes. S. Kurtz: From the time I was a kid until I was a teen, my parents had athletic tickets. I waited at the tunnel for the players. A major reason I wanted to stay in Bowling Green when I graduated was the move to Conference-USA and WKU athletics.

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

- Final meeting is tomorrow.

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Kate Horigan (Chair): (Report posted) K. Horigan (12 y, 0 n, 0 abs), approved

- K. Horigan: May 3 is the last day to complete survey. Please remind colleagues to complete.

5. Graduate Council, Dana Sullivan (Chair): (Report posted) D. Sullivan (7 y, 0 n, 1 abs)

- No discussion

a. JUMP Policy Proposal D. Sullivan (5 y, 2 n, 1 abs) approved

- K. Atkinson spoke to this policy as something that has taken three years and now has approval from SACS and the Provost.
- D. Sullivan: This has been a three-year process. Ray Blankenship is chair of policy committee. R. Blankenship urged adoption after much engagement of stakeholders and compromise.

6. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee, Andrea Paganelli: (Report posted) D. Sullivan (8 y, 0 n, 0 abs), approved

- No discussion

7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener (Chair): (Report posted) S. Flener (12 y, 0 n, 0 abs)

- No discussion

a. UCC By-Laws

- J. Shadoan asked about the chair not being a member of Senate. S. Flener said the steering committee discussed but decided to keep this language. R. Hale asked that the changes being highlighted or using red or strikeouts. S. Flener will provide that document to T. Szymanski. S. Forsythe has served as Colonnade chairs and presented proposals all year. J. Shadoan provided reference in parliamentary procedures. M. McKerral
- S. Flener, E. Kondratieff, motion to table and bring back in the Fall (12 y, 0 n, 0 abs).

b. Catalog Policy Revision Proposal Subsequent Degrees S. Flener (10 y, 0 n, 1 abs)

8. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (Chair): (Report posted) J. Shadoan (11 y, 0 n, 0 abs), approved

- No discussion

a. Proposal II.A.1 Faculty Appointment J. Shadoan (11 y, 0 n, 0 abs)

- J. Shadoan: Shows what we had approved last month. Relocated the two sentences regarding pedagogical faculty and research faculty have been moved.

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Susan Eagle (President)

- No report

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

- K. Atkinson: 2% raise pool was submitted and approved. No decision yet on how the raise will be allocated.

3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Susan Eagle (Chair)

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

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

- S. Spiller: The upcoming meeting will be the quarterly meeting. The two new items are regarding the basketball coach's contract—which is the same as the previous coach with one exception. The other is a football coach. The buyouts go both ways: we can buy a coach out or someone can buy out the coach's contract from us. According to Todd Stewart, we have tended to come out ahead. Importance of meeting the enrollment projections to meet the budget. Enrollment is the primary driver of the RAMP budget model.

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

- Inclement weather received response from the Senate.
- We will be sending out to all program coordinators.

a. Information Item 1.113 Evaluation of Faculty Credentials

- B. Laves: Revision of the policy to reflect what we are doing with some clarification on professional qualifications.

3. SGA President, Cole Bornefeld

- S. Kurtz: New Senators were sworn in. We still have a couple of seats to fill. For the first in 10 years, we have our executive cabinet sworn in. We hope this allows us to work on some initiatives over the summer.

F. Old Business:

G. New Business:

- K. Atkinson asked about BEC. T. Szymanski replied D. Clark had sent information out. S. Spiller said of the three faculty members on BEC, the other two will be coming off leaving only K. Atkinson to maintain the continuity. T. Szymanski asked the Provost to consider increasing the faculty voice on the BEC. A. Paganelli replied there should be a total of five faculty and five staff. B. Fischer may need to check but agreed with A. Paganelli.

Adjourn, K. Atkinson, E. Kondratieff, 4:17 pm.