

Western Kentucky University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2023 -- 3:45 p.m.

Voting Members: Toni Szymanski, Stacy Leggett, Dan Clark, Dan Strunk, Cole Bornefeld, John Wright, Stacey Forsythe, John Cipolla, Matt Pruitt, Dana Sullivan, Sheila Flener, Danilo Tolusso, Kara Haughtigan, Marilyn Gardner, Lauren Bland, Matthew Nee, Eric Kondratieff, Neena Jones, Phillip Gunter, Paula Burt, Kurt Neelly, Andrea Kirk-Jenkins, Dawn Wright, Bangbo Yan, Michelle Jackson, Ngoc Nguyen, Patricia Todd, Nancy Richey, Sungjin Im, Kate Horigan, Cortney Basham, Susan Eagle, Kirk Atkinson, Mohsen Mollagholamali, Kevin Schmaltz, Mac McKerral, Kristi Branham, Amanda Drost, Landon Elkind, Philip Lienesch, Julie Shadoan

Nonvoting Members: Shane Spiller

Guests: Kelly Madole, Laura Delancey, Sam Kurtz, Rob Hale, Tracy Jenkins, Jessica Dorris, Jace Lux, Danita Kelley, Anne Heintzman, Stuart Burris, Jennifer Hammonds, Leslie Plumlee, John Erickson, Sarah Bonis, Tonya Bragg-Underwood, Douglas Smith, Joe Shankweiler, Molly Kerby, Darlene Applegate, Sarah Herbert, Brian Elliott, Peggy Otto, Brandon Barber.

ZOOM LINK: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/5940316448>

A. Approval of previous months Senate Meeting:

1. Faculty Senate Minutes 3-23-23 M. Gardner, J. Cipolla (35 y, 0 n, 0 abs), approved

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Antonia (Toni) Szymanski

- Vacancies for University Committees-at the end of this meeting

2. Vice-Chair - Dan Clark

- Will share information for caucuses at the end of this meeting

3. Secretary - Stacy Leggett

- Reminder to post names in chat after recording starts

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Amanda Drost, Chair (No Report)

- Thanks to committee members for work

2. Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff, Chair E. Kondratieff (37 y, 0 n, 2 abs) approved

- No discussion

3. Colonnade/General Education, Stacey Forsythe, Chair (35 y, 0 n, 0 abs) approved

- S. Forsythe, E. Kondratieff, motion to bundle (37 y, 0 n, 1 abs) approved

- a. Colonnade Report 3-7-23
 - b. Colonnade Report 3-28-23
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Kate Horigan, Chair K. Horigan (35 y, 0 n, 1 abs) approved
- No discussion
 - a. Proposal 1.5032 Selection of Deans K. Horigan, M. Gardner (34 y, 0 n, 2 abs) approved
 - K. Horigan: the existing policy did not talk about associate Deans. It was strictly for Deans. Both faculty members and the Provost's office were interested in updating this to include associate deans.
 - K. Horigan: Urged everyone to complete the Faculty Welfare Survey. Neurodiversity week was an outcome of this faculty participating in this survey.
 - E. Kondratieff and T. Szymanski also supported the need to have faculty participate.
 - K. Atkinson thanked K. Horigan for her work.
5. Graduate Council, Dana Sullivan, Chair D. Sullivan (26 y, 0 n, 1 abs) approved
- No discussion
6. Graduate Curriculum Committee, Andi Paganelli, Chair D. Sullivan (26 yes, 0 n, 0 abs) approved
- No discussion
7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener, Chair S. Flener (36 y, 0 n, 2 abs) approved
- No discussion
8. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan, Chair J. Shadoan (32 y, 0 n, 1 abs) approved
- No discussion
 - a. Proposal III.E.3 Recommendations J. Shadoan (38 y, 0 n, 1 abs) approved
 - J. Shadoan: Updates language related to what will be disseminated back to the applicant.
 - b. Proposal II.A.1 Faculty Appointment J. Shadoan (35 y, 1 n, 1 abs) approved
 - J. Shadoan: eliminating pedagogical and research faculty to move elsewhere to separate practice from policy and ensure shared governance in the process.
 - c. Proposal II.S. Faculty Accessibility J. Shadoan (41 y, 1 n, 0 abs) approved
 - Revisit of proposal from October 2022 related to faculty availability of students. This was a response to SGA leadership related to respond in a timely fashion.
- D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:
- 1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Susan Eagle, Chair
 - No report
 - 2. Budget and Executive Committee (BEC), Kirk Atkinson, Chair

- K. Atkinson-continuing to discuss how the 2% pool will be distributed. Gathering data right now. Made recommendation that the BEC being a faculty member.
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
 - S. Spiller explained committee meetings were in April, the full board meeting will be in May. Preservation funds are separate funding source from state. Report from auditor. M. McKerral asked about the renovation of locker area. S. Spiller said it was paid for from donor funds.
 - M. McKerral reiterated importance of faculty representation on Budget/Finance Committee. K. Atkinson stated faculty are not represented equitably in his opinion. M. McKerral requested attention of appointments that come from a slate of senators but is not made by senators. D. Clark said this was not the case for representation.
 2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer
 - R. Hale, shout out to neurodiversity week, particularly the session for faculty. Jonesville group had reconciliation meeting on Saturday. Thanks to everyone for the work at the end of the year.
 3. SGA President, Cole Bornefeld
 - Introduced new SGA President, Sam Kurtz
- F. Old Business:
- None
- G. New Business - Elections and Caucus:
1. Nominations and Vote for Senate Chair
 - D. Clark nominated Susan Eagle for chair. E. Kondratieff, M. McKerral nominated her appointment by acclimation. No objections.
 2. Nominations and Vote for Senate Vice-Chair
 - D. Clark nominated Doug Smith. M. Pruitt, E. Kondratieff nominated by acclimation. No objections.
 3. Nominations and Vote for Senate Secretary
 - D. Strunk made motion to nominate Dan Strunk. M. Pruitt, M. Nee nominated by acclimation. No objections.
 4. Committee Caucus - Dan Clark
 - D. Clark provided links to documents and directions for caucuses.

- D. Clark described committee openings and how each college should fill their openings.
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