

Faculty Senate Meeting

Thursday, August 24, 2023 -- 3:45 p.m.

Present: S. Bonis, S. Eagle, L. Elkind, B. Elliott, J. Erickson, S. Flener, A. Fox, P. Gunter, S. Herbert, J. Houle, K. Hudepohl, E. Kondratieff, J. Maddox, K. Madole, M. McKerral, M. Nee, K. Neelly, L. Plumlee, J. Shankweiler, D. Smith, D. Strunk, P. Todd, J. Wilson, J. Shadoan, A. Heintzman, T. Seguin, K. Atkinson

Guests: D. Kelley, M. Kerby, J. Lux, B. Laves, S. Spiller, J. Dorris, J. Klemm, A. Jerome, J. Hammonds,

[Copy of Agenda](#)

A. Approval of previous months Senate Meeting:

1. [Faculty Senate Minutes 5-11-23](#): Flener, Shadoan (19Y 0 No 0 Abs)

- No Discussion

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Susan Eagle

- Showed faculty senate website and where to find information
- Committees needing members
 - UCC – 3 at large and alternates
 - Faculty handbook – at large
 - Academic quality – chair
 - Graduate council – senate rep and SGA rep
- Parking and Transit appeals board needs three senators on rotating schedule. Meets Wednesday afternoons
- BEC needs faculty senate rep. Meets every two weeks at 3 PM on Tuesdays.
 - E. Kondratieff described function and importance of BEC.
 - Kurt Neelly volunteered to serve.

2. Vice-Chair - Doug Smith

- Described faculty regent election timeline
 - Eligibility to departments by September 5
 - Call for nominations by September 18
 - Certify nominations by September 21
 - Forums between September 21 and October 12
 - Election October 12

3. Secretary - Dan Strunk

- No report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Chair (No Report)
2. Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff, Chair (No Report)
3. [Colonnade/General Education, Stacey Forsythe, Chair](#): 23Y 0N 0Abs
 - Clarification provided for what is being approved by the vote
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Landon Elkind, Chair (No Report)
 - Schedule discussed with new meeting times
 - Need representatives
 - Meeting next week to discuss faculty survey
5. Graduate Council, Sara Bonis, Chair (No Report)
 - P. Gunter agreed to serve as senate representative on graduate council.
6. Graduate Curriculum Committee, Chair (No Report)
7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener, Chair (No Report)
8. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan, Chair (No Report)
 - Latest version of handbook is available
 - An email was sent outlining revisions in latest version of handbook.

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), (Election Needed)
 - Need new president of chapter; contact Susan Eagle for more info.
2. Budget and Executive Committee (BEC), Kirk Atkinson, Chair
 - Decide how to distribute 2% raise pool
 - Provided history of BEC and OAC merger
 - Discussed push for additional faculty representation
 - Discussed meeting frequency and proposals
3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), (Representative Needed)
4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby, Chair
 - Discussed One WKU Campaign with new branding
 - Discussed lunch and learn series and asked for it to be shared with departments

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
 - Showed Board of Regent website and described where to find schedule meetings, agendas, and reports. Differentiated between committee meetings and quarterly meetings

- Discussed August BOR meeting that included contracts on bus transportation joining with city and contracts with banking
- Requests faculty reach out to him with questions
- Discussed his and S. Eagle's roles in serving to evaluate if Commonwealth needs another 4 year institution.
- Newly tenured faculty having dinner to be celebrated formally.
- President is willing to attend senate meeting.

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer (Molly Kerby)

a. [Proposal - Revision to 1.4143 Honorary Degrees](#) Shadoan, Bonis (20Y 0No 1 Abs)

- Molly Kerby described the change to the policy which included adding an application and updating policy numbering.

b. Information Item - change in protocol (new-e-signature platform) for Continuance, Tenure, & Promotion documents

- Molly Kerby described the move to Boomi and how it simplifies movement and appeals of continuance and tenure/promotion packets
- Molly Kerby provided information on other policies and activities.
 - Inclement weather policy is completed.
 - Program coordinator compensation committee still meeting.
 - Searches for Dean of Libraries and Dean of GFCEB have begun with assistance from Parker Firm.

3. SGA President, Sam Kurtz

- No Report

F. Old Business:

G. New Business:

- M. McKerral asked about retention numbers and work of academic quality.
- M. McKerral asked to have recordings and minutes of SEC and senate meetings moved to senate website for ease. Mentioned there are some recordings missing on shared drive.
 - J. Shadoan pointed out that records for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 were missing from shared drive but are saved to cloud.

1. Faculty Senate meeting shift to hybrid format later this semester

- S. Eagle described shift to hybrid format in DSU. Must be hybrid format due to space restrictions. Timeline for change unknown at this point as technology needs to be tested before the shift.
- Molly Kerby suggested a reminder email to senators would increase attendance.

5:06PM Motion to Adjourn Fox, Heintzman

