

UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PROVOST

<u>Rec. #</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
2011-11-09	The University Senate recommends the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs grant release time to faculty who serve as faculty regent, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair and Senate chair (see full resolution, attached).

Kelly L. Madole, Ph.D. University Senate Chair	11/21/2011 Date
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11/30/2011

A. Gordon Emslie, Ph.D. Provost	Date
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After consultation with the CAD, I am prepared to approve a 3-hour per semester course release for the Senate Chair and the Faculty Regent. It should be noted that such release time is currently being applied to the Senate Chair, albeit without a formal statement to that effect, so that such an action would place this release on a formal basis. While the CAD appreciates the service role played by chairs of other university-wide faculty committees, it nevertheless believes that the service roles of Senate Chair and Faculty Regent represent truly exceptional cases worthy of special consideration.

**Resolution to Grant Faculty Release Time for Service as
Faculty Regent and University Senate Chair**

Whereas university/public service is expected of WKU faculty and is an important consideration in continuance, tenure, and promotion decisions;

Whereas governance is a necessary and vital component of university service for WKU faculty;

Whereas governance at the university level largely falls to the Board of Regents, administrative councils, and the University Senate;

Whereas the Board of Regents is the governing body of the university and includes in its membership one individual elected by the faculty (the faculty regent);

Whereas the University Senate is the university body that represents the collective views of the faculty within the context of a collegial system of university governance and is led by an individual elected by the faculty (the Senate chair);

Whereas service as faculty regent, Senate chair or Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair requires an extraordinary commitment of time, well beyond that typical of other university-level service for faculty, and the time frame of service exceeds the usual nine-month faculty contract period;

Be it resolved that the University Senate recommend the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs grant release time to faculty who serve as faculty regent, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair and Senate chair.

*Respectfully submitted for University Senate consideration,
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