UNIVERSITY SENATE

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009
3:45 p.m./WKU FACULTY HOUSE

A. Senate Minutes, February 19, 2009

B. Officer Reports/Other:
   1. Chair
   2. Vice-Chair
   3. Faculty Regent
   4. Provost
   5. COSFL Representative

C. Standing Committee/Graduate Council Reports:
   1. Graduate Council (See Report)
   2. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (See Report)
   3. General Education Committee (See Report)
   4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibility (See Benefits Resolution)
   5. Academic Quality

D. Old Business:

   FIRST READING: WKU Faculty Handbook (Draft):
   
   http://www.wku.edu/senate/documents.htm

   STATUS: Faculty Liability Insurance Resolution
E. New Business:

Senate Charter revisions:

1. Departmental Senator election:

   a. Suggested revision to Sec. IIC, paragraph 2:

   Under the direction of the Vice Chair of the Senate assisted by the College representatives to the Executive Committee, departments shall hold elections for *departmental* Senators during odd numbered years. In February of the election year, each department shall call for nominations and hold a vote to elect a representative to serve on the Senate. Elections shall be completed and the results reported to the College Dean and the Vice-Chair by March 31st. Any person eligible to serve as a Senator may participate in the election.

   b. Purpose of suggested revision: to mirror election requirement language as included in at-large senator election paragraph

2. Inclusion of “schools:”

   a. Suggested revision to Sec. IIA, paragraphs 3 and 4:

   Each college department, each library department, each school, each Community College division, and the University College shall have one representative. These representatives shall be voting members of the Senate, and shall serve a two-year term. They shall select their own alternate to serve in their place if they are unable to attend a University Senate function. The alternate shall have the full rights and privileges of an elected senator when substituting for a regular representative.

   Each college and the library shall select as many at-large representatives as required so that the total of departmental/divisional/school and at-large representatives is equal to ten (10) percent (rounded up to the nearest whole number) of the unit’s total faculty for a minimum of 2 elected senators. At-large representatives shall be voting members of the Senate, and shall serve a two-year term. They shall select their own alternate to serve in their place if they are unable to attend a University Senate function. The designated alternate shall have the full rights and privileges of an elected senator.

   b. Purpose of suggested revision: to include “schools” in faculty leadership roles