



UNIVERSITY SENATE

Thursday, November 18, 2010

3:45 p.m. – Faculty House

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the WKU Senate was called to order on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 3:45 p.m. in the Faculty House by Chair Kelly Madole. A quorum was present.

The following members were present: Darlene Applegate, Eileen Arnold, Nathan Bishop, Barbara Bush, Pitt Derryberry, Vladimir Dobrokhoto, Uma Doraiswamy, Scott Droege, Melanie Duke, Marc Eagle, Karin Egloff, Peggy Gripshover, Charlie Harris, Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Sonya House, Jan Hunt-Shepherd, Colton Jessie, Molly Kerby, Mikhail Khenner, Randy Kinnersley, Debra Kreitzer, Joan Krenzin, Nathan Love, Kelly Madole, Michael McIntyre, Mac McKerral, Vicki Metzgar, Andrew Mienaltowski, Steve Miller, Ivan Novikov, Jane Olmsted, Holly Payne, Yvonne Petkus, Eric Reed, Richard Schugart, Vernon Sheeley, Christy Spurlock, Martin Stone, Heather Strode, Liz Sturgeon, Adrian Switzer, Travis Taylor, Evelyn Thrasher, Huanjing Wang, Carol Watwood, Richard Weigel, Maribeth Wilson, Mary Wolinski, Dawn G. Wright, Di Wu,

Alternates present were: Angela Jones, Andy Ernest, Richard Miller, Sara Northerner, Larry Snyder, John Musalia, Jerry Daday, Elizabeth Pyle, Mark Berry,

The following members were absent: Greg Arbuckle, Mike Binder, Lauren Bland, John Bonaguro, Richard Bowker, Robert Dietle, Jill Duba, Gordon Emslie, Nikolai Endres, Sam Evans, Blaine Ferrell, Nathan Fisher, Jim Fulkerson, Dennis George, Andrea Grapko, Alex Lebedinsky, Patricia Minter, Roger Murphy, Steve Nagy, Pam Petty, Keith Phillips, Mark Pickard, Matt Pruitt, Gary Ransdell, Angela Robertson, Mark Schafer, Gary Schallert, Michael E Smith, Mark Staynings, Dana Sullivan, Francesca Sunkin, Donald Swoboda, Samanta Thapa, Megan Thompson, David Zimmer

II. Approve October 2010 Minutes

Approval: October 2010 Senate minutes approved as posted.

- Correction to attendance. Jane Olmstead was in attendance.

III. Reports:

A. Chair – Kelly Madole

- Liability coverage – There is a policy that covers faculty who engage in study abroad
 - Information can be found through Office of International Programs or the Study Abroad office.
- Policy on Policies – www.wku.edu/policies
 - This outlines a mechanism by which policies are created and approved
- Benefits Committee Representative -- Jerry Daday will replace Julie Shadoan
- Need a representative for the WKU Student Research Council
 - Meet every other Wednesday at 9 a.m. Potter 301.

- Representative does not have to be a Senator
- Anyone interested should contact Chair Madole

B. Vice Chair – Molly Kerby – No report

C. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership for Higher Education (COSFL)

Representative – Molly Kerby

- Reminded Senate what COSFL is (advisory faculty - body for CPE)
- AAUP is encouraging that Collegiality be removed from the Tenure & Promotion process

D. Advisory

1. Faculty Regent – Patti Minter - Absent

2. Provost – Dr. Miller represented Dr. Emslie

- Revised approach to staffing
 - Plan was different this year –From now on the colleges will have permanent funding for their positions.
 - Phase 1 – including giving Deans approval to go ahead and fill open positions (budgeted, left vacant due to retirement, personnel leaving, etc.).
 - Phase 2 – based upon anticipated needs reflected by needs assessment conducted by Deans. Identified a source of funding – more requests for positions than funding, so those requests were sifted out. Decisions for positions have been made and funding secured.
 - Some dollars came from growth dollars (increase in enrollment) and other sources.
 - Appreciation of Anne Meade (VP of Finance) who worked very closely with Provost to work out funding plans to help complete Phases 1 and 2
- Diversity Enhancement Institute –
 - 1100 Minority Ph.D.'s, ABD, and 1st / 2nd year doctoral students attended.
 - 60 + institutions with tables at the event
 - WKU attended last year and hired 4 faculty
 - 70 + names of prospective faculty will be shared with Deans and Department Heads who have expressed interest in WKU.

3. SGA President – Colton Jessie

- Scan-tron Forms
 - 4000 have been purchased and have been distributed
- Dine with Decision Makers – December 7th
- Food Services Committee – Discussed usage of Styrofoam cups
 - Will install a water-tap so water containers can be re-filled
- Presentations made to SGA regarding DUC renovations
- Syllabus resolution on syllabus transparency
 - Nathan Bishop –
 - Bill sets up a time-table for when syllabi need to be put up for students.
 - Have syllabi be available 5 days after classes start.
 - Compromise between what was wanted and what faculty wanted

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Graduate Council (see attached report) – Martin Stone (for Nevil Speer)

- Martin Stone moved approval of the GC report. Report approved.
 - Pull out “advise a program” for Program #090 to make action agenda

- Larry Alice (Vice-Chair Graduate Council)
 - Presenting friendly amendments to:
 - Proposal on Department of Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport. Change of implementation date to Summer 2011 (not Spring 2011)
 - Change in course pre-fix proposal
 - Change in MAE Biology, MAE in Chemistry, MAE in Art, and MA in Mathematics
 - Deletion of the word “automatic” from the admission criteria.

The Graduate Council report passes (without the program #090 and with the amendments presented).

- Willey Hey – Department Chair, Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport
 - Motion to approve the proposal for the MS in Physical Education, Revise a Program approved.
 - Incorrect version of the proposal was sent out to Senators
 - Corrections are editorial.
 - Proposal approved at Graduate Council meeting was the correct version.
- Motion to approve proposal for the Physical Education Revise a Program. Motion passes.

B. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (see attached report) – Vicki Metzger (for Pam Petty)
Dr. Metzger moved approval of the UCC report. The report was approved as posted.

C. General Education Committee (see attached report) – Rich Weigel
Chair Rich Weigel moved approval of the GEC report. The report was approved as posted.

D. Faculty Welfare & Professional Responsibilities – Eric Reed
No Report

E. Academic Quality – Kristina Arnold

- Discussing two things:
 - 1) Task to Re-examine Site Evaluations
 - Discussions with administration, head of previous SITE revision committee, and preliminary conversations with Dr. Emslie
 - Appears initial task to re-examine SITEs is going to expand to looking into student – teaching evaluation more broadly
 - This might include things like peer evaluations, self evaluations, and student evaluations
 - Will be a long term process
 - 2) Drafting a policy to address concerns raised by SGA on syllabus transparency
 - Compromise students approved is a great move towards middle ground
 - Compromise from student perspective is to recommend syllabi be posted on TOPNET before priority registration if possible
 - Compromise from faculty perspective is to have syllabi posted online within a week of the start of classes.

V. University Committee Reports –no reports

VI. Unfinished Business:

- a. Ad-Hoc committee report on SEC and curricular procedures**
 - Motion to refer report back to committee
 - Motion passes (one no)
 - Motion to refer recommendation back to committee
 - Motion passes (one no)

b. Charter Revisions (second reading)

- Discussion on the charter revisions was as follows:
 - Friendly amendment—Jane Olmstead is there a way for smaller units that are easily over-powered or under-represented, those that can be out-voted, is there a way for this sentence to resolve that problem. Insert the below in item 3, second sentence:
 - “Units with faculty whose tenure lines that reside in the college rather than the department or division may be treated collectively as a department to ensure all such units in the department have representation.”
- Motion to the charter revision to include that sentence.
 - Seconded.
 - Discussion ensued:
 - Friendly amendment for the statement to be read again and clarified and rewritten.
- Subsidiary motion to amend amendment: Ms. Petkus - Art
 - “Units with faculty whose tenure lines reside in the college rather than the department or division may choose a representative as a collective to ensure all such units in the department have representation.”
 - Motion / Second / Discussion ensued
 - Call the question
 - Second
 - Voting to end debate
 - Motion passes
- Voting on Ms. Petkus’ subsidiary motion to amend amendment with:
 - “Units with faculty whose tenure lines reside in the college rather than the department or division may choose a representative as a collective to ensure all such units in the department have representation.”
 - Vote 32 YES / 18 NO Motion passes.
- Motion to accept charter revisions
 - Move to divide the motion to exclude the item just amended from the vote today and include all other items in our vote today. (Vicki Metzger)
 - Seconded.
 - Discussion
 - Motion passes
- Motion to refer the first portion of the charter changes back to the SEC (Holly Payne)
 - Second
 - Discussion – no
 - Motion passes
- Motion to consider remaining revisions
 - Second
 - Discussion – no
 - Motion passes

c. Policy on extension of the probationary period

- Stop tenure clock policy
- Motion – Eric Reed moves to approve
- Seconded
- Discussion – no
- Motion passes

VII. New Business:

- To create an academic policy having to do with honors and 2nd degrees
 - This will be brought forward to the UCC

Meeting adjourned at 4:49

Respectfully submitted by Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Secretary