



UNIVERSITY SENATE

Senate Executive Committee

Monday, August 15, 2011

3:15 p.m. – WAB 239

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the WKU Senate Executive Committee was called to order. A quorum was present

The following members were present: Ginger Bomar, Charles Borders, Pitt Derryberry, Gordon Emslie, John Gottfried, Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Debbie Krietzer, Kelly Madole, Mac McKerral, Patty Minter, Eric Reed, Francesca Sunkin, John White, Mary Wolinski, John Zimmer.

Guest: Doug McElroy

II. Minutes – Minutes from the May meeting are being located. They will be shared at the next SEC meeting.

III. Reports:

A. **Chair** – Kelly
No report.

B. **Vice-Chair** – Francesca Sunkin – Date of Regent Election will be October 12, 2011 and will be open 8-4:30. Poll open all day. Electronic ballot. Will send out email notification September 15.

C. **Secretary** – no report

D. Committee Chairs

The following people are chairing these committees:

1. **Graduate Council**

2. **University Curriculum Committee**—Interim – Pam Petty

3. **General Education Curriculum Committee** – Eric Reed

4. **Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibility Committee** – Mac McKerral

5. **Academic Quality** – Molly Kerby & Guy Jordan

E. Advisory

1. **Regent** – Patricia Minter

- i. Board of Regents met twice this summer. Special budget meeting in June. Increased tuition. In report to campus will share the tuition increase passed with a 9/1 vote. Deceiving, so may be worth it to listen to pod cast. Would like for us to take the next year to see what the market will bear. A loss of 100 students will affect our budget. Learned information such as 41% of our students are on Pell grants. Student loans – risk that student loans are going to take large hits. A lot of variables in the air on this. Report will be sent out to campus soon.

IV. Unfinished Business:

V. New Business:

1. **Suggested term limits for faculty regent**

- a. President suggested a committee to look into limits for the faculty regent.
- b. Conference call scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2011 with Kelly and Diane Carver (Chair of the Staff Council) and the President
- c. Discussion held within the SEC that as a body, we are not interested in an ad-hoc committee to discuss the term limits of the faculty regent. Looking further into this topic would be referred to the Faculty Welfare Committee.

2. **Ad hoc committee on WKU faculty governance**

- a. Suggestion that the SEC work with the Provost on developing this committee. Chair Madole has contacted faculty throughout the university (per college) to seek faculty representatives. Needing someone from Ogden and potentially CHHS. Does not need to be Senate members. Are additional people wanted? Suggestion of graduate faculty. Suggestion also of letting the group of faculty chosen to decide how to expand, or if they want to expand and add others to the group. Suggestions of keeping it small and non-administrative.

3. **At-large committee members**

- a. Those in bold on the committee membership list are considered approved by SEC. Need three for Gen-Ed, need two for Academic Quality.

4. **Academic Complaint Committee**

- a. Will end up doing this vote during the first Senate meeting.

5. **Resignation of at-large senator for Ogden College**

- a. Di Wu is taking a leave of absence. No runner-ups for the at-large position. Will ask him to appoint his alternate.

6. Senate input on strategic plan – Doug McElroy

- a. Discussing strategic planning at SEC, discussing retention initiatives at Senate.
- b. President would like to have a new 5 year strategic plan affective Fall of 2012. Would run until 2017-2018
- c. Plan would replace strategic guide and “Challenging the Spirit” plan.
- d. Key element in building effective strategic plan is engaging all of the constituents of university to talk through priorities of the institution, and agree on strategic priorities.

7. Handbook committee

- a. Need a permanent handbook committee, no provision in the charter for this committee. Handbook can be amended as time goes on, but what committee handles this? Do we create a committee or send it to Faculty Welfare?
- b. Senator Reed – suggests the committee be something that has institutional memory, such as a separate committee (not Faculty Welfare, which changes yearly). Could be some from the senate, and others who are interested in the handbook. This needs to be decided soon, as a new draft needs to be ready by February.
- c. Senator McKerral suggests that a standing committee would be a much more efficient way to deal with the handbook. The committee members should serve more than a year.
- d. Suggestion of 7 members.

8. Handbook amendment policy revision

- a. Issue: If a policy is created, at what point does that policy take affect? Does it take affect when the new handbook takes affect? Or does the policy begin to take affect immediately?
- b. Chair Madole added these two pieces to the Handbook Policy:
 - i. Amended 9.a.5 to “Upon written approval by the Provost, each policy or procedural revision/addition must be officially incorporated into the Handbook by June 30 of the same academic year.
 - ii. Added #6: Unless otherwise specified in the policy, all new revised policies become effective July 1 of the following academic year.
- c. Motion to approve to send forward to Senate. John White / Pitt Derryberry
- d. Motion passes.

9. Policy 1.4090: Course Equivalencies

- a. Provides guidelines for courses that are equivalent, but have different prefixes. Are we referring to a committee?
- b. Motion to refer to the University Curriculum Committee for review. Debbie Kreitzer / Pitt Derryberry
- c. Motion passes.

10. Policy 1.1181: Faculty/University Awards

- a. Pitt Derryberry moves to refer to Senate. Mac McKerral second.
- b. Motion passes.

11. Policy 1.1332: Revision to UDP policy

- a. Motion to send to Senate John White / Mac McKerral second
- b. Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Secretary