



UNIVERSITY SENATE

Thursday, August 25, 2011

3:45 p.m. – Faculty House

*Recording problems

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the WKU Senate was called to order on Thursday, September 16, 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, Erika Brady, Christa Briggs, Ginger Bomar, Charles Borders, Amy Cappiccie, LeAnne Coder, Pitt Derryberry, Robert Dietle, Amanda Drost, Marc Eagle, Karin Egloff, Gordon Emslie, Jerry Daday, Joseph Evans, Jim Fulkerson, Ron Gallagher, Becky Gfillen, John Gottfried, Peggy Gripshover, Jennifer Hanley-Walton, Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Sonya House, Jan Hunt-Shepherd, Angela Jerome, Guy Jordon, Molly Kerby, Mikhail Khenner, Randy Kinnersley, Ed Kintzel, Debra Kreitzer, Joan Krenzin, Suellyn Lathrop, Kelly Madole, Mac McKerral, Andrew Mienaltowski, Steve Miller, Patricia Minter, Matt Nee, Gustavo Obeso, Yvonne Petkus, Pam Petty, Keith Phillips, Kristin Polk, Matt Pruitt, Beth Pyle, Kelly Reams, Eric Reed, Richard Schugart, Aly Shahnaz, Vernon Sheeley, Mark Staynings, Francesca Sunkin, Janet Tassell, Carrie Trojan, Huanjing Wang, Maribeth Wilson, Mary Wolinski, Dawn G. Wright, John White.

Alternates present were: Danita Kelley (for J. Bonaguro), Ernest (no last name; for B. Ferrell), Patricia Dessosiers (for D. Sullivan), Qi Li (for Di Wu).

II. Approve Minutes

-May 2011 – stand approved as posted.

-June 2011 – stand approved as posted.

III. Reports:

A. Chair – Kelly Madole

a. Proposed term limits for faculty regent by BOR

- i. SEC discussed this issue and the SEC felt that the University Senate was the appropriate body to make any recommendations on Regent term limits. President agreed.
- ii. Issue has been referred to Faculty Welfare for now. Any thoughts need to be sent to Mac McKerral, head of Faculty Welfare.

b. Ad hoc committee on WKU faculty governance

c. At-Large committee members

- i. Need part time rep and an SGA rep for Faculty Welfare Committee.

d. **Upcoming charter change for Handbook Committee**

e. **Strategic plan**

i. **CAD strategic priorities**

1. Senate will be asked for input on this document. Senators need to discuss this document with faculty members in their department.

ii. **Challenging the Spirit progress report**

B. Vice Chair – Francesca Sunkin

- a. Regent Election. Tentative date is October 13. Departmental Senators will need to help with this process.
 - i. Question: Who is eligible to vote? Clinical positions, full time, benefits eligible faculty are available to vote. Instructors are able to vote also, but not serve as Regent.

C. Coalition of Senate & Faculty Leadership for Higher Education (COSFL) Representative- Molly Kerby - No report.

D. Advisory

1. **Faculty Regent** – Patti Minter (see report on Senate webpage)

- Committee meetings September 30.
- Governor and CPE's trustees conferences is Sept 22nd and 23rd.
- Any questions, please contact her at any time.

2. **Provost** – Gordon Emslie

- Eight page document trying to send over email – it is coming during the week and targets progress, goals, priorities, etc.
- Recommendations from Senate. There were 5:
 - 1st Grad Council & 2nd UCC approved
 - 3rd - Access to educational resources (Policy 1.3030) approved with recommendation to proceed with forming as a policy regarding drop dates and re-instatement, etc. Generally felt the spirit of the original policy is that students should not be denied access to the class. It will go forward one more semester until the policy is worked out.
 - 4th -- Dual Career Hiring Policy; recommendation accepted, policy still pending.
 - 5th Upper level division hour requirement approved. As part of this, the 2010-12-02 waiver unit recommendation 7 was left pending, it is now approved.
- New ABP for Enrollment Management: Bryan Meredith
- Emily Dillard – Special Events Coordinator; Senate Liaison as well
- Faculty Staffing Plan – Phase 1 has already occurred. 45 searches authorized last week. That is approximately 75% of vacant positions. The remaining 25% vacant positions plus any funds accrued from transitional retirement plus enrollment growth plus other funds he can find, will be applied to phase 2. This will be a CAD wide / university discussion. This will occur mid-October. Part of phase 2 will hopefully include, if enrollment growth funds are available, will include a minority hiring plan.
- Action plan – will be looked at based on rows and columns. Columns are CAD, Deans, Department Heads to Faculty and rows would be bodies like the Senate. This will hopefully result in an agreed upon set of goals and objectives.
- Summer 2012 schedule. Try and get a schedule for summer 2012 well enough in advance that everyone knows what is coming. CAD agreed to do a 4 ½ hour day, which means that Friday would be removed from the course schedule. CAD will discuss this next week. Please weigh in using the column structure (this means let your Department Head know of any concerns and ideas).
- Question: Faculty concerns regarding productivity during summer due to the summer schedule. Faculty should submit their comments via department heads using the rows and columns.

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

V. University Committee Reports

VI. Unfinished Business:

a. Election of Academic Complaint Committee

- i. Pool of candidates come from each college's Academic Complaint Committee
- ii. Voting for the Academic Complaint Committee occurred during the Senate meeting.

VII. New Business:

a. Doug McElroy – Retention initiatives

- i. Two documents on Senate website
- ii. Email address: Retention@wku.edu If you have any suggestions about retention strategies, please email. Interested in perceived challenges as well.
- iii. Many questions asked and a detailed discussion was had.

b. Handbook Amendment policy revision / Policy 1.0001

- i. **Motion to send to Provost: Moved (unintelligible) Second/White**
- ii. Amendment – Motion to amend policy with effective date of July 1 in that statement. (Motion McKerral / Second White)
- iii. Motion to send policy forward to Provost
- iv. Motion passes

c. Policy 1.1332: Revision to UDP policy

- i. Motion to recommend this revision be forwarded to Provost. Motion White / Second McKerral
 - 1. Amend striking addition under II. Policy, C. "...including a level of peer-reviewed sponsored research, when appropriate to their discipline". Dietle / Second Reams.
 - 2. Motion passes
- ii. Applegate motion to add to III. Procedure, A. Nomination; 2. "f. and other services as appropriate.." motion passes.
- iii. Motion passes

Motion to adjourn: John White

Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm

Respectfully submitted by Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Secretary