



UNIVERSITY SENATE
Senate Executive Committee

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, Nov. 5, 2012
Wetherby Administration Building, Room 239

I. Call to Order

Chair Mac McKerral called the regular session of the WKU Senate Executive Committee to order on Monday, Nov. 5, 2012 at 3:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

The following members were present:

Kirk Atkinson, Charles Borders, Amanda Drost, Gordon Emslie, John Gottfried, Jennifer Hanley, Angela Jerome, Guy Jordan, Rick Keaster, Debbie Kreitzer, Mac McKerral, Patricia Minter, Beverly Siegrist,

II. Approve October Meeting Minutes

- Minutes approved as posted

III. Reports:

A. Chair: Mac McKerral

- Benefits Committee Member Needed
 - Need to gather nominees (per President)
 - Comment: we only need to fill one of these positions
 - Pass nominations and suggestions to Chair
 - Chair will also send out email to all faculty
- Eric Reed needs to find a replacement member for the Master Plan Committee

B. Vice-Chair: No report

C. Committee Chairs

1, Academic Quality Committee (Guy Jordan)

- Concurrent Degrees
 - Committee currently reviewing related literature
 - Two majors should suffice, no minor required

- New consensus: 150 credits
 - New consensus: no overlap of credits
 - This proposal goes to UCC
 - Provost: What about 3rd degree...maybe 30 credits more for each?
 - Currently no provision for more than 2 degrees in the proposal
2. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibility Committee (Tucker Davis)
 - Committee met, putting together survey
 3. General Education Committee: no report
 4. Graduate Council (Kirk Atkinson, alt.)
 - In current report: Klein, 049, 159 recorded as action items but should be information items
 - Chair reviewed Graduate Council materials; seemed to be complete
 - Motion approved: Send report to full Senate for approval
 5. University Curriculum Committee: No report filed
 - Chair is trying to arrange meeting to discuss UCC issues
 - Chair has concerns about reports not arriving in time for SEC meetings
 - Provost: Ad Hoc Governance committee has not met; aspects of the work of this committee might help with this type of problem
 - Comment: term limits rules might need review. This is a cyclical problem, and if term limits for Senate positions were relaxed or removed, a greater number of qualified, willing faculty would be available for needed work.
 - Chair: We could have Faculty Welfare look at possible changes.
 - Approved Motion to send term limits review to Faculty Welfare
 - Comment: Grad Council should have voting seat in SEC

D. Advisory Reports

1. Faculty Regent (Patti Minter)
 - Complete report will be posted on Faculty Senate site
 - Board report
 - Purchase of fraternity house property being discussed
 - WKU loses \$60,000 on deal
 - Tough questions were asked
 - Motion passed: Regent voted “no,” and SGA abstained and spoke strongly concerning reservations, all other votes “yes.”
 - Large raises given to some Administrators and Sports Administrators

- Board not working to raise faculty salary adequately in relation to raises offered to administrators and sports administration
 - Have not reached faculty salary benchmarks for decades
- Other construction and budgeting issues discussed (see report)
- Other issues from Faculty Regent
 - Bi-term: this is a difficult issue, and we should encourage all Faculty members to be vigilant and active
 - South Campus Food Court: this is an important issue to the people at South Campus; it is our duty to remain persistent
 - Stay on message, and make sure issues are taken seriously
- 2. Academic Affairs (Provost Gordon Emslie)
 - No Report

IV. New Business:

A. Faculty Handbook Committee Chair (Discussion)

- Senate Chair: chair of handbook committee should be previous chair of faculty senate
- Our previous chair (Kelly Madole) is fulfilling a temporary administrative post, but has expressed willingness to serve
- Senate Chair previous to Kelly Madole has agreed to stay temporarily
- He is now leaving, and wants replacement as soon as possible
- Few valid candidates
- Chair suggests:
 - asking committee to elect temporary chair
 - Kelly Madole (outgoing chair of FS) is willing to step in when her temporary administrative term is concluded in July
 - Suggestion: ask former chairs, or former vice chair
 - Preference is to do this by the book, using former chair
 - If none can do it , SEC will have to revisit

B. Benefits Committee Membership (Discussion)

- Discussed in Chair Report (see above)

V. Information Items:

- History 101 proposal
 - These are course proposals for the Colonnade Program, Foundations Programs

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John Gottfried, Secretary