



UNIVERSITY SENATE

Senate Executive Committee

Monday, December 5, 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 T. Borders, Pitt Derryberry, Gordon Emslie, John Gottfried, Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Debbie Kreitzer, Kelly Madole, Patti Minter, Eric Reed, Nevil Speer, Francesca Sunkin, John White, Mary Wolinski

Guests: Kinchel Doerner

II. Minutes

Approved as posted.

III. Reports:

A. Chair – Kelly Madole

1. Ad-Hoc Governance Committee decided to put out a preliminary report / outline and some idea of the membership of those committees. Julie is going to get a document Kelly can post on Senate webpage. She will keep us abreast as to when that is available.

B. Vice-Chair – Francesca Sunkin – No report

C. Secretary – Darbi Haynes-Lawrence – No report.

D. Committee Chairs:

1. **Academic Quality Committee – No report**
2. **Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibility Committee – No report**
3. **General Education Curriculum Committee –Eric Reed**
 - i. Met early last week to work on Gen-Ed proposal.
 - ii. Recommending a few changes to the overall Gen-Ed plan.

- iii. Want to have a few forums when the new semester starts. This will occur Tuesday/Wednesday forum the first few weeks of Spring semester. A report will be compiled from the results of these forums.
- iv. Would like to get this report to Senate as early as February.

4. **Graduate Council Report** (see posted report)- Nevil Speer

- i. John White moves to accept report.
- ii. Report passes.

5. **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee** (see posted report) – John White

- i. John White – move acceptance, excluding the Music 583 proposal
- ii. Report approved and sending forward without the Music 583

E. Advisory

1. **Regent** – Patricia Minter

- i. No report at this time. Will have a report at the Senate meeting.
- ii. Board committees will meet on December 16. No agenda yet, so nothing to report.
- iii. If there is anything she would like us to consider, she will send to SEC.
- iv. January 20th will have first Board of Regents meeting / winter retreat.
- v. Benefits committee received a hand-delivered letter by President Ransdell which indicated Brian Strow had been added to the Benefits Committee as an additional faculty member representative.

2. **Provost** – Dr. Emslie

- i. We are meeting with department head meetings to discuss workload.
- ii. Getting some editorial tweaks – no major push-back yet.
- iii. He has completed the Sabbaticals already. Had 23 applications so far this year.
- iv. Tenure and promotion files have arrived and are in his office. February 1 is now the deadline of informing the candidate of promotion and/or tenure result. Would like the handbook committee to review the dates and the processes that surround the tenure and promotion procedure.

IV. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Handbook Committee Charter Change (2nd reading before Senate)

B. Master of Public Health, Ref. #152 (Navitas) *postponed definitely until December 2011 meeting*

- i. *Guest Kinchel Doerner to speak about NAVITAS*
- ii. Confusion about Navitas and the requirements of the program (for example, no GRE, or a difference of scores as compared to other WKU students).
- iii. Proposals put through UCC in order to have clearer admissions.
- iv. Concern throughout the process is that Navitas company officials would like to use language that says, “If you come to Navitas, you are more or

less guaranteed admission in any program that you want.” However, there could be a number of reasons as to why a student didn’t get into the program (full program, etc.). This has always been a concern. With these proposals, that started to precipitate, when Navitas was writing agreements with programs, that didn’t come through any formal agreement process, and more or less said that those students were going to be admitted period, in to those programs. He wanted to put a stop to that. They are like any other student for admission. These are supposed to be a tip of the hat to Navitas and waive the GRE for students. The waiving of GRE is implied in these agreements with external recruiters. We are obligated to abide by things like not having to take the TOEFL if that is written in the contract. No program has been asked to take Navitas students if they do not want them. The programs at WKU are in control of their admissions.

V. New Business:

1. University Senate Resolution Requesting an Increase in Employer Contributions to Health Care Benefits
 - a. Charles Borders – Moves to send resolution to Senate for consideration
 - b. Motion passes.
2. University Senate Resolution on Variable Employer Contribution for Health Plan
 - a. Charles Borders – Moves to send resolution to Senate for consideration
 - b. Motion passes.
3. Revision to Policy 1.1301, Sabbatical Leave
 - a. Motion to accept – Haynes-Lawrence (second Charles Borders)
 - b. Motion to amend:
 - i. B1 Department head transmits recommendation by Oct 15.
 - ii. B2 College Sabbatical Review committee submits recommendation to Dean by November 5.
 - iii. B3 Dean will review recommendations and submit to Provost by November 15.
 - iv. Amendment approved.
 - c. Motion to submit to Senate as a consent item: Motion passes.
4. Policy 1.2090 Faculty Workload and Compensation
 - a. Motion to submit to faculty welfare committee for review (Haynes-Lawrence / Second Sunkin).
 - b. DS: Dr. Emslie would like to discuss a timeline. Senate Borders said February should be fine.
 - c. Motion passes.
5. Policy 1.1990, Pedagogical Track Faculty

- a. Faculty Welfare moves to send it to Senate (Charles Borders).
 - b. This will be a 'first reading' at the Senate.
 - c. Chair Madole will ask Senator McKerral to provide a presentation to Senate to clarify information about this proposed track.
 - d. Motion passes.
6. Policy 3.1202, Moving Expense Reimbursement Policy
- a. Motion to consider – Eric Reed / Haynes-Lawrence
 - b. Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn Haynes-Lawrence

Meeting adjourned at 4:49

Respectfully submitted by Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Secretary