



UNIVERSITY SENATE

Senate Executive Committee

Monday, March 12, 2012

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, Guy Jordan, Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Mac McKerral, Kelly Madole, Richard Miller, Eric Reed, Nevil Speer, John White, Mary Wolinski, David Zimmer.

Absent: Francesca Sunkin

Guest: Dan Myers

II. Minutes

February minutes approved as posted.

III. Reports:

A. Chair – Kelly Madole

1. Recommendation 2012-02-04 having to do with Academic Quality recommendation.
 - i. Motion to send this back to the Academic Quality Committee (Madole second Haynes-Lawrence).
 - ii. Motion passes.
 - iii. Does IT or IR pilot? IT. Thus, it needs to be approved by the President. Request something from Bob Owen to help this process.
 - iv. McKerral – you have referenced some research regarding participation rates. Is there any way to get some of this info out to people? Maybe on Senate website?
 - v. Provost – has anyone talked to SGA about this? Jordan – yes – emailed Billy Stephens 8-9 days prior to Senate meeting, and has not heard back. We will keep them informed.

B. Vice-Chair – Francesca Sunkin – absent

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

D. Committee Chairs:

1. **Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibility Committee – Mac McKerral**
 - i. Informational item from FWPRC. Resolution that deals with faculty compensation.
 - ii. Solely geared towards present faculty, not new hires.
 - iii. Resolution tries to remind administration, we are the “tree;” athletics is the “Spanish moss.”
 - iv. Questions, changes, or concerns about the resolution, please email Mac.
2. **General Education Committee (report) – Eric Reed**
 - i. Motion to send to Senate - (Eric Reed) Motion passes.
3. **Graduate Council Report (see posted report)- Nevil Speer**
 - i. Move to approve (Haynes-Lawrence / White). Motion passes.
4. **University Curriculum Committee – (John White)**
 - i. Move to approve (White) –
 - ii. Reed -- Post-pone definitely until the documentation is reviewed by the SEC. (Second White) Dr. White will send the information to the SEC. A vote is required by the body to Chair Madole by Thursday morning. Motion passes.
 - iii. Vote via email – motion passes.

E. Advisory

1. **International Education Council (Dan Myers)**
 - i. Distributed the ‘Charter for the International Education Council (IEC).’ This charter outlines the responsibility and membership of the IEC. The ‘roles’ of the IEC are still in draft form. The IEC spring 2012 study abroad schedule was distributed.
 - ii. Chair Madole recommended reporting to the Senate as opposed to the SEC. A written report would be fine.
 - iii. Dr. Emslie stated that the IEC body would be an excellent body to look into all concerns relating to TOEFL.
 - iv. Monies are available through the IEC, which are matched by colleges faculty come from, were touched upon.
2. **Benefits Committee Report (Jerry Daday/written report only/posted Senate webpage)**
3. **Athletics Committee Report (Jerry Daday/written report only/posted Senate webpage)**

4. Regent – Patricia Minter

- i. Board committees are meeting day after Senate meeting. Do not have meeting agenda but will be in touch if she feels we need to know anything.
- ii. Gavel to order 1:30 on Friday, March 23.
- iii. New board chair committed to fact that people who are coming in, are educated in the processes of the university. Had discussion with three major boards at WKU, able to hear about their government structure. Anne Meade is going to make a presentation on how the university budgeting system works.
- iv. COSFL members met with Dr. Bob King & Dr. Aaron Thompson and had a lengthy discussion on the possibility that University of Pikeville might join the state system. As of today, an agreement is being made that will provide scholarships funded by coal severance funds for students from Eastern Kentucky to attend other colleges and universities in Eastern Kentucky. The proposal to make University of Pikeville the ninth state university is currently off the table.

5. Provost – Dr. Emslie

- i. We are not going to have a DPT program in place this fall.
- ii. Shutting university down due to weather. This wasn't done lightly. A great deal of thought went in to this. There were two votes for, and two votes against. The recommendation is to err on the side of safety for students.
- iii. Faculty Undergraduate Student Engagement (FUSE) program. \$5000/award. \$1500 goes to department of faculty mentor. Rest goes to student stipend, travel to meetings, creative activity.
- iv. Drop dates – students get first warning they have been dropped for non payment. Asked to leave dorm rooms. Have 2 weeks (27 of March) where they can be reinstated and have access to Blackboard. On 27th, dropped from Blackboard, not to be in class, not reinstated.
- v. Course equivalency policy – still in John White's committee. Still working on it.
- vi. Tony Glisson – report on dual career hiring forthcoming.

V. New Business:

- 1. Program Articulation policy 1.4120
 - a. Revised agreement is coming from UCC. White / Haynes-Lawrence.
 - b. Motion approved.
- 2. SACS substantive change policy 1.4010
 - a. Motion to send to Senate (White / McKerral). Motion passes.
- 3. At-Large faculty representatives for Campus Library Advisory Council
 - a. One volunteer (Steve Laniger). Need two. Will hold this for awhile longer and announce at the Senate.

4. Questions and concerns from senators/colleges
 - a. Propose late withdrawal policy
 - b. Voting in abstentia
 - c. Senate status of MILS faculty
 - i. For senate purposes, they have the same status as visiting or adjuncts.

Motion to adjourn John White

Meeting adjourned at 5:07

Respectfully submitted by Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Secretary