UNIVERSITY SENATE  
Senate Executive Committee  

Monday, April 9, 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, Gordon Emslie, John Gottfried, Debbie Kreitzer, Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Guy Jordan, Kelly Madole, Mac McKerral, Patricia Minter, Eric Reed, Nevil Speer, Francesca Sunkin, Mary Wolinski, John White

II. Minutes  
March SEC minutes were approved as posted. Make change to minutes to reflect Patricia Minter was here.

III. Reports:  
A. Chair –  
   • Senate meeting in April.  
   • Reminder of nominations for officers. She does not wish to be re-elected as chair.  
   • Would like to revise the agenda to discuss the general education points.

B. Vice-Chair – No report.

C. Secretary – No report.

D. Committee Chairs  
1. Academic Quality Committee (Guy Jordan)  
   i. Course Shopping Suggestion – (rejected by Academic Quality)  
   ii. Revised Course Evaluation Resolution (Report attached)  
      1. Guy Jordan motions to forward to Senate as information item.  
         (Second McKerral).

2. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibility Committee – McKerral  
   i. Bringing back revised compensation resolution for May Senate meeting.
ii. Met last week and talked in general about items. One idea is to take a look at how transitional retirement is affecting projects and staffing in departments.

3. **General Education Curriculum Committee** (see attached reports/recommendations)  
   – Eric Reed  
   Chair Madole would like to have a recommendation for procedures of how the Colonnade Plan will be discussed.  
   Motion – To refer recommendation of document back to Gen Ed committee (White). Second (Reed). Motion passes.
   i. Gen-Ed Proposal  
      1. Add course proposal (Journalism 154) (Motion / Reed). Motion passes.
   ii. GEC April Report on Colonnade Plan & four motions  
      1. GEC has been in communication with Provost. Issues that were covered were:  
         • Motion #1 The GEC moves that the WKU Colonnade Program Implementation date will be Fall semester, 2014.  
         • Motion #2 The GEC moves that the World Language Proficiency standard in the WKU Colonnade Program be changed to read:  
            i. “Admitted students are expected to demonstrate language proficiency at the ‘novice high’ level before completing 60 hours of coursework. Additional course may be taken to meet proficiency.’  
         • Motion #3 The GEC moves that the WKU Colonnade Program’s “Connections” guidelines that relate to the level of “Connections” courses be changed to read:  
            i. Although they may be counted toward major or minor program degree requirements, Connections courses are classes at the 200-level or above designed for the general student population, and should be taken after students have completed 21 hours of WKU Colonnade Program coursework or achieved junior status.’  
         • Motion #4 The GEC moves that the following language be added to the WKU Colonnade Program’s “Connections” guidelines, in order to better define what a “discipline” is:  
            i. Courses selected must be from three different disciplines (usually defined by course prefixes).
      2. Forwarding these four recommendations for changes  
      3. Considered rolling all 30+9 hours is a complex issue and wanted more time to discuss it and discuss with faculty. Will now discuss with task force as well. Idea has been tabled until next meeting. There is no problem postponing four motions until May if it seems more logical to do that. The last issue (39
hours) will be discussed at the next meeting and presented at next meeting.

4. Dr. Reed – Motions to pass the April Gen Ed committee report on to Senate (with no motions) to indicate they have been working. Motion passes.

5. Dr. Reed motions to put the four recommendations on the MAY Senate agenda. (Second White)

6. Dr. Reed – Motions to postpone definitely the four recommendations to the MAY SEC meeting. (White / Second).

   (See GenEd Committee motions, April 2012 sheet).

   iii. GEC Recommendations April 2012
   iv. Provost’s Response to 2012-03-04

4. **Graduate Council Report** (see attached report)- Nevil Speer
   i. Haynes-Lawrence move to approve. White/Second
   ii. Motion passes.

5. **University Curriculum Committee** (see attached report) – John White
   i. February 2012 UCC report “Delete a Course” had incorrect prefixes. On the report, three courses are listed as “HON” when they should have been COLL. Question by Chair Madole – do we change the prefixes? Do we send it back to Senate? HON 104, 400, 401 do not exist. Thus cannot be deleted.

   1. Motion (White) to fix the issue of incorrect prefixes and send it to Provost.

   ii. **Report**

      1. Pull one item #288 under revise a program Business Management Prep Concentration.
      2. Eric Reed – sent an email regarding SPM 330 (From Kinesiology Rec & Sport) requesting a course be pulled because it replicates a course in the History Department.
      3. Motion to send UCC report forward to Senate, minus #288 Business Management Prep Concentration.

   iii. **Course Equivalency Policy**
   • White Move to send to Senate. Motion passes.

E. **Advisory**

1. **Regent** – Patricia Minter
   i. Board is evaluating the President. First four years of his contract from 2008-2012, Dr. Ransdell received whatever pittance the faculty and staff received that year (a bonus, or 1% to base salary). This year we have to do a real evaluation. Haven’t done one since been she has been on the board. Will keep us posted how that goes.

2. **Provost** Emslie
   i. Faculty awards dinner will be April 26
   ii. Dual career policy is making progress. Meeting with Anne Meade and Tony Glisson tomorrow. If a suitable employment opportunity (faculty
or staff) the appropriate colleges will work with each other on this. Has approval from Dr. Ransdell to float one time funds as necessary.

iii. Dr. Ransdell was going to come to Senate on April to present conundrum. Working on action plan, identified priorities and funding streams. End up with $5million dollar conundrum. Issue is: Could use money to raise faculty salaries (to benchmarks and beyond) or we can raise the number of faculties through additional hires.

“Professorial/student ratio now is 33. With same number of dollars can rise to 37. Can’t do both. Would be disingenuous to do. How do I get faculty input? Dr. Ransdell said, “I’ve never asked faculty before. Guessing what response might be.” Needs faculty to know that by choosing one or the other, are making a choice.

IV. New Business:

a. Study Abroad Compensation Policy 1.2200
i. Sent by Dan Myers (International Education Council)
ii. Guy Jordan – Would it not make sense to make this a Study Away and Study Abroad (check recording on that).
iii. Eric Reed – motions we put this on the April Senate Agenda. Second / Kreitzer.
iv. Motion passes.

b. Access to Educational Resources Policy 1.3090
i. White - Motion to put on senate agenda for April. Second / Borders.
ii. Motion passes.

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c. At-large faculty representatives for Campus Library Advisory Council
i. McKerral Motion: Appoint Wininger (Psychology) & Lafantasie. (White/Second)
ii. Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn – Borders. Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Secretary