



Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting
Draft Minutes
March 4, 2013 -- 3:15 p.m.
WAB 227 - AA Large Conference Room

A. Call to Order

The regular session of the WKU Senate Executive Committee was called to order on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 3:15 pm by Vice Chair Jennifer Hanley. A quorum was present.

In Attendance:

Charles Borders, Dana Bradley, Colette Chelf, Tucker Davis, Amanda Drost, Gordon Emslie, John Gottfried, Jennifer Hanley, Angela Jerome, Guy Jordan, Richard Keaster, Mac McKerral, Patricia Minter, Beverley Siegrist, John White

A. Approve February Meeting Minutes

- Approved

B. Reports

1. Chair
 - Evaluations of Administrators coming up soon
 - Items have been reviewed
 - Last year, only bulleted comments sent to admin, but this year we're going to send text comments as well
 - President will speak at March Faculty Meeting
2. Vice Chair—No Report
3. Secretary—No Report
4. Committee Chairs
 - a. **Academic Quality Committee: (Report posted)**
 - b. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibility Committee: No report
 - c. General Education Curriculum Committee: No report
 - d. **Graduate Council: (Report posted)**
 - Approved
 - e. University Curriculum Committee:
 - All changes listed
 - Full report will be sent to Mac

- Chair will distribute for electronic vote (email)

5. Advisory Reports

a. Faculty Regent (Regent Minter)

- Board will meet on March 29
- Big items: budget
- Don't have final enrollment numbers

b. Academic Affairs (Provost Emslie)

- *NOTE: This report was moved to the top of the agenda, directly after approving February minutes*
 - Must review Campus Mission statement annually, and then send to Regents for approval
 - Current set of revisions are minor, and
 - Would like to have it read on Senate Floor
 - Will send to Senate as information item, reading
 - Move to endorse--approved
- Move student production policy along
 - Provost Emslie: pressure from academic council to move forward
 - Both sides have legitimate points
 - Question from Academic Quality Chair: Could we make it explicit that it will not curtail free speech
 - Provost Emslie: difficult to cover every situation
 - Was written with input from Journalism & Broadcasting
 - Comment: current language could be unclear, misused
 - Comment: we should decide where it is to go, not whether to approve it or not
 - Provost Emslie: Intent is not to curtail free speech
 - Comment: need to insure that language cannot be perceived as curtailing free speech
 - Sent to chair of Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate chair for revision, then bring back to Senate Executive Committee

C. New Business:

1. Policy: Clinical Track Faculty Policy 1.1980 (Posted)

- Chair: one department brought forward new lines
- Offering university-wide what used to be open only for CHHS
- Occurred when nurses were moved to CHHS from University College
- Comment: standard practice
- Approved to go to Faculty Senate

2. Policy: Evaluations of Teaching Assistants Policy 1.3070 (Posted)

- No one currently on Academic Quality Committee currently oversees teaching assistants, so would like Graduate council to review policy
- Comment: trying to unify approaches
- Sent to Graduate Council
- Approved

3. Policy: Academic Program Review 1.4020 (Posted)

- Comment: "Relative or close friend" language is of concern
 - Could represent slippery slope—someone could be excluded arbitrarily
 - Someone with whom you share a financial interest?
 - This conflict policy could be transferred to other policies

- How would you define “close friends?”
 - Chair: what do we want to with it?
 - Remove “close friends”, replace with “domestic partner and/or relative (e.g., spouse, child)”
 - Comment: What about “collaborative projects”? Sounds too broad
 - Move to remove collaborative project bullet--approved
 - Motions to remove third and fourth bullets also approved
 - Policy as amended approved to be sent to Faculty Senate
4. **Policy: Evaluation of Faculty Credentials 1.1110 (Posted)**
- Chair: related to Provost’s presentation at Faculty Senate
 - Move to send to Senate--approved
5. **Revision of WKU Mission Statement (Posted)**
- Forward to Senate as information item
6. Handbook Committee Substantive Changes:
- a. **Continuance Committee (Posted)**
- Committee Chair reviewed current revision
 - Chair: if this is what the handbook committee wants, then we will work with this version as presented, and if others wish to reject it, they can
 - Question: so we’re going back to a continuance meeting very year?
 - Committee Chair: yes
 - Approved to send to Senate for vote on integration into the document
- b. **Continuance (Posted)**
- Comment: may be some discussion in Senate about the role of the Chair in the meeting, but willing to send to Senate as written
 - Cmte Chair: These are Provost Emslie’s original dates, to avoid bottlenecks (includes “last business day” language)
 - Comment: good, moves the date a little later
 - Approved to send to senate
- c. **Tenure denial date (Posted)**
- Moving dates to conform to previous revision
 - Approved
- General comment from Chair:
 - All of these Handbook changes will be brought to senate separately
 - Then in the end the corrected Handbook will be approved collectively
 - Previous report from Handbook Committee requires approval
 - Approved
 - Handbook presentation to Senate will probably occur in April

D. Information Items:

1. **SGA Endorsement of Policy 1.3070 (Posted)**
2. **Handbook Committee memo (Posted)**