

# Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting

## Monday, January 15, 2023 -- 3:15pm

Members present: S. Eagle, D. Strunk, P. Todd, E. Kondratieff, S. Forsythe, J. Shadoan, L. Elkind, S. Bonis, S. Flener, S. Bonis, J. Shankweiler, M. Nee, M. Pruitt, S. Spiller

Guests: R. Plemons, J. Hammonds

### [Copy of Agenda](#)

A. Approve minutes of previous month's SEC Meeting:

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes, 12.4.23](#)

- Motion to approve: S. Bonis | J. Shadoan; motion carries (10-0-0)

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Susan Eagle

- No report

2. Vice Chair - Doug Smith

- No report

3. Secretary - Dan Strunk

- No report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Patricia Todd (Chair): (No Report)

2. [Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include: E. Kondratieff; motion carries (10-0-0)
- No discussion

3. Colonnade/General Education, Stacey Forsythe (Chair): (Reports posted)

a. [Report: December 5, 2023](#)

b. [Report: January 9, 2023](#)

- Motion to include both reports: S. Forsythe; motion carries (11-0-0)

c. [Academic Policy Revision for International Experience \(Faculty Led Programs\)](#)

- Motion to include: S. Forsythe; motion carries (11-0-0)
- S. Forsythe and J. Hammonds discussed how faculty can opt out and that a course only needs to meet one of the competencies.

d. [Academic Policy Revision for International Experience \(Military Credit\)](#)

- Motion to include: S. Forsythe; motion carries (11-0-0)
- Must complete form where student outlines how experience meets student learning outcomes.
- Students must provide joint service transcript, active duty transcript, or DD214.

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Landon Elkind (Chair): (No Report)

5. [Graduate Council, Sara Bonis \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include: S. Bonis; Motion carries (7-0-0; graduate faculty only)

6. [Graduate Council Curriculum Committee, Whitley Stone \(Chair\) \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include: S. Bonis; Motion carries (7-0-0; graduate faculty only)

7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener (Chair): (No Report)

- No Report

8. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (Chair): (No Report)

- No Report

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

- HB 228 was discussed with focus on tenure.

2. Budget Executive Committee (BEC), Kirk Atkinson (Chair)

- No Report

3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL)

- No Report

4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby (Chair)

- No Report

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

- Discuss HB 228 which adds performance appraisals for tenured faculty and SB 6 which focuses on DEI. Believes HB 228 is due to some universities not having an appraisal for tenured faculty like WKU has. Recommends J. Smith be invited to speak to senate and encouraged faculty to check the government relations website.
- Board of regents meeting this week with focus on program suspensions, new programs, auditor reports, and approval of personnel actions. BOR reports will no longer list names for personnel actions. Names and salaries can be found on other budget documents.

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

- No report

3. SGA President, Sam Kurtz

- No Report

F. Old Business:

1. Senate meeting modality

- Discussion
  - S. Eagle and S. Forsythe supportive of remaining hybrid
  - L. Elkind states that hybrid lacks value, would like to see all online now and face to face next year
  - E. Kondratieff agrees with L. Elkind and adds that it would help future senators be better aware before agreeing to serve.
  - J. Shadoan points out that midterm senators will be surprised and that SEC must decide by March for at-large. Believes hybrid is best option.
  - M. Pruitt believes face to face adds value
  - D. Strunk points out that face to face better for making point of unity and with the few number of meetings each year, should not be a problem to attend in person.
  - S. Spiller mentions that hybrid is difficult and the perception is that a lack of engagement exists.
- Motion to remain hybrid for remainder of year: M. Pruitt | M. Nee; motion carries (7-4-0)
  - E. Kondratieff suggests having a technical person present to assist
  - S. Bonis would like to disengage the chat or have the chat read aloud so those in person are not missing out on important discussion.
  - L. Elkind does not see value.
- Motion to move 2024-2025 academic year to face-to-face: M. Pruitt | S. Bonis; motion carries (8-2-1)
  - No discussion

Motion to adjourn: S. Forsythe | M. Pruitt: 5:01PM

G. New Business: