

**MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
JANUARY 20, 2005
GARRETT BALLROOM**

Chair Sherrie Serros called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. **The following members were present:** Lawrence Alice, John All, Ferhan Atici, Mustafa Atici, Jim Berger, Ray Blankenship, Ellen Bonaguro, Charles Borders, Barbara Brindle, Barbara Burch, Christopher Brown, Michael Carini, Suzie Cashwell, Robert Choate, Josh Collins, Thad Crews II, Robert Dietle, Richard Dressler, Karin Egloff, Dana Emberton-Tinius, Sam Evans, Jane Fife, Malia Formes, Elmer Gray, Kacy Harris, Michelle Hollis, Nezam Iraniparast, Robert Jefferson, Terry Jepson, Pamela Jukes, Danita Kelley, Kaveh Khatir, Joan Krenzin, Amy Krull, Deborah Lively, Kathleen Matthew, Margaret Maxwell, Andrew McMichael, Connie Mills, John Moore, Russell Moore, George Musambira, Sharon Mutter, David Neal, Anne Onyekwuluje, Les Pesterfield, Yvonne Petkus, Keith Philips, Matt Pruitt, Heather Pulliam, Sylvia Pulliam, Eric Reed, Jeffrey Samuels, Roger Scott, Sherrie Serros, Vernon Lee Sheeley, Nelda Sims, Douglas Smith, Peter St. Pierre, Jim Stone, Brian Strow, Stacey Wade, Mary Wolinski, Edward Yager, Uta Ziegler. **Alternates present were:** Johnston Njoku for Darlene Applegate, Stuart Burris for Eric Conte, Beth Plummer for Anthony Harkins, Lynn Austin for William Howard, Jim LeTourneau for Wilma King-Jones, Becky Gilfillen for Byron Sleugh. **Members absent were:** Mike Binder, John Bonaguro, Tim Brotherton, John Bruni, Brittany Fausey, Blaine Ferrell, Jerry Gotlieb, Bill Greenwalt, Kirk Heriot, Tim Howard, Dan Jackson, Soleiman Kiasatpour, David Lee, Minwoo Lee, Patricia Minors, Elizabeth Paris, Morgan Phelps, Gary Ransdell, Sherry Reid, Loren Ruff, Robert Sims, Mason Stevenson, Jue Wang, Nedra Wheeler, Richard Wilson.

Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of December 16, 2004 were approved with the following corrections:
Kathleen Matthew – Present. Les Pesterfield – Spelling of name corrected. Jim Stone – Present.
Roger Scott – Spelling of name corrected on the last page of the minutes in the ballot results.

University Senate Action Endorsement

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Barbara Burch, endorsed without exception the actions of the University Senate at its December 16, 2004 meeting.

Report from the Chair

No Report

Report from the Vice Chair

Vice Chair Jim Berger, Reported that according to the Charter of the University Senate, the election of Departmental Senators is held the first week in March, Senator Berger asked that elections be held before this time. Next, Senator Berger reported that he has not received nominations from all departments for the University Faculty Continuance and Grievance Committees and urged them to do so as soon as possible, as it is past time for this Committee to be in place for the 2005-07 year.

Report from the Faculty Regent

Regent Robert Dietle also reported that the Board of Regents would meet January 26, 2005

Report from the Provost

(No Report)

Standing Committee Reports

University Curriculum Committee (Report attached to Agenda)

Senator Andrew McMichael moved approval of the consent agenda.

Chair Serros asked if any Senator would like to move any item from the consent agenda to action. Senator Jeffrey Samuels asked that Item # 6 under the report from the Ogden College, (Creation of a BA in Geology, Reference # 676) be moved to action. Regent Robert Dietle asked that under the report from the College of Education (UCC 375 and 376) be moved to action. The motion was seconded.

Next the Chair called for a vote on the remaining consent agenda. The motion carried.

Chair Serros opened the floor for discussion of the creation of a BA in Geology.

Senator Samuel asked for a definition of standards that constitutes a BA in Geology. After discussions, Senator Andrew McMichael said it is his understanding that Provost Burch will appoint a committee this semester comprised of Deans and Dean's representatives from each college along with representatives from Academic Affairs, to write definitions for standards, which will constitute a BA and a BS. He also pointed out that there was an informal agreement with Dr. Keeling of the Department of Geography and Geology before the UCC met on December 17, 2004 that they would codify language into the proposal and into the Catalog description that would state, "This program is subject to University standards". The Department of Geography and Geology opted not to put this language in its description; therefore the decision will lie with the Committee that the Provost will appoint this semester

After discussions, Chair Serros called for a vote on the creation of a BA in Geology, Reference Number 676.

The motion carried.

Next the Chair opened the floor for discussion of UCC 375 Seminar in Peer Mentoring and UC 376 Practicum in Peer Mentoring.

Regent Dietle opened discussion by asking the appropriateness of having 300 level courses residing in University College, which is a paper entity, and was created for Freshmen Experience classes. Provost Burch said the courses were created to find ways to get upper class students involved in tutoring and mentoring in helping other students, she said the upper division numbering would draw on upper division students in programs where they

could benefit and be peer mentors. Next cross-listing these courses and where the courses would be housed were discussed. Mark May, Director of University College said the courses would be administered from the University College, which is an entity under Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Next Chair Serros called for a vote on UCC 375 and UC 376. The motion carried.

Senator McMichael next moved approval of the following proposal to create a New Academic Policy to establish specific criteria for the identification of specializations within majors: (attached to agenda)

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Senator McMichael moved to amend the second paragraph under “Concentration” as follows:

Concentration: A specialization within a major accounting for at least 30% but less than 50% of the major requirements. The Specific concentration will be printed on the transcript. Majors programs with multiple concentrations must have 50% of the core major courses in common for each concentration.

For consistency and clarity the terms “option,” “emphasis,” “track,” “sequence,” “specialization,” or any other word describing the ~~sub-unit~~ concentration within a major may not be used in the catalog or other publications describing academic programs.

The motion to amend was seconded. The motion carried.

Chair Serros called for a vote on the proposal as amended. The motion carried.

Next Senator McMichael moved approval of the proposal from the Division of Enrollment Management, Office of Academic Affairs, to eliminate Program Matriculation Requirements for undergraduate students to move from pre-major status to degree-seeking status established as a function of the University College. (Proposal attached to agenda)

Chair Serros called for a vote. The motion carried.

General Education Committee

No report

Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee

Senator Mary Wolinski said there is a link on the Senate website to the survey results for faculty Worklife and the evaluation of President Ransdell.

Academic Quality Committee

(No Report)

Graduate Council Report (Report attached to the agenda)

Dean Elmer Gray said there was a correction to the title of ART 590 under Item VI Creation of new courses, the correct title should read: ART 590 Workshop in Art and Humanities Education.

Chair Serros asked if any graduate faculty Senator would like to move any item from the consent agenda to action. No such requests were made.

The Chair then called for a vote from the graduate faculty. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Serros referred to the draft (attached to agenda) of Recommendations for “Implementation of Winter Term proposal” Chair Serros noted that the detailed report is available on the Senate website.

Provost Barbara Burch encouraged Senators to read the complete report, and said this proposal has been before the Administrative Council, Council of Deans, and the proposal would be back before the Administrative Council this next week, and to Department Heads January 25, 2005.

After considerable discussions, Dr. Burch did reiterate that the term, which is designed to go into effect in the winter of 2006, would function solely independently from the May and summer term in that the University is allowing us to keep revenue generated and we in turn are responsible for direct pay of all instruction. Provost Burch said in terms of faculty compensation, it would work much like the summer term. It will be up to each department to determine what, if anything, they feel they want to offer based on pedagogical soundness and student need and interest. The Provost also said one of the things the Committee was extremely sensitive to in drafting the Winter-Term, and that is that this will not extend the nine-month faculty contract period. She said official leave-days, or days in which you may be called upon by your department head or dean will not change. Spring break, holidays, and no less than two-weeks Christmas break time have been fully protected. However department heads and deans will determine the three-week term.

Senator McMichael asked if faculty is engaged in research out-of town, is the potential there for continuance reviews to reflect the fact one does not attend departmental meetings during the winter term.

Provost Burch, said if faculty is away doing research or for some other purpose and unavailable prior to the starting day of the semester, the current policy would expect you to file that intent to be away so that that plan would be knowledgeable by the department head, and if approved there would not be any expectation beyond any that is in place now. Burch reiterated that days beyond the two-weeks holiday break are not considered holidays and, you could be asked to do certain things, or be present for advising, etc. She said again, this would be at the discretion of department heads

and deans.

The question was raised that if those faculty that are not teaching in the winter term, would be expected to be here for the full three-weeks of the winter term. Provost Burch answered with two points: 1) Winter term was designed in a way that it would not ask of anyone to do more than they are now doing under their present contract and terms without compensation. 2) Whatever is the way in which your department or college works presently in terms of the degree to which you may be asked to be present or do other things between terms (spring and fall) and now (fall and winter) will not be any different. She asked that before assumptions are made that extra demands will be placed on faculty, wait for the final document and assured Senators that demands that are not presently put on faculty will not be put on them in the winter term. Provost Burch also reiterated that the full policy states is that in some instances where it is to the benefit of the department or program, or if this is something that a faculty member would like to do, then this will be agreed upon and supported by the department head and dean, and faculty could conceivably teach a course in January and be credited for the load in the spring. However, this has to be fully agreed upon by the faculty, department head and dean.

Eric Reed circulated the following Resolution and moved approval: The motion was seconded.

**University Senate Resolution Regarding Faculty Compensation for Study Abroad Courses
During Winter Session and Summer Sessions**

Whereas the implementation plan for Winter Session indicates that Winter Session courses and Summer Session courses shall be seen as equivalent; and

Whereas the implementation plan for Winter Session states that faculty who teach Winter Session courses shall be compensated in the same manner as those who teach Summer Session courses; and

Whereas Winter Session and Summer Session study abroad courses are defined as three credit hour courses, just as other courses offered during the Summer Sessions; therefore

The University Senate resolves that all faculty who teach study abroad courses during the Winter Session and Summer Sessions must be compensated in the same manner as other faculty who teach courses during Summer Sessions.

Chair Serros opened the floor for discussion.

After considerable discussion, the Chair called for a vote on the motion to approve the resolution. The motion carried.

OTHER

Senator Andrew McMichael moved that the senate support President Ransdell 's move to make WKU fraternities' "dry".

The motion was seconded and Chair Serros opened the floor for discussion.

The motion carried to support the President's action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Josh Collins said that on February 16, 2005, the Student Government Association would travel to Frankfort for their annual rally for higher education funding. Senator Collins said they would travel by charter bus, and invited other members of the community to go with them and support their efforts. Senator Collins said they would also have fund-raising activities next week and asked for Senate support.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie Cashwell Secretary

Lou Stahl, Recorder

NOTE: The agenda with its attachments for this meeting can be found on the University Senate website: <http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Org/FS/meetings.htm>