



## UNIVERSITY SENATE

Thursday, December 17, 2009  
3:45 p.m. – Faculty House

### **I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the WKU University Senate was called to order Thursday, December 17, 2009, at 3:45 pm in the Faculty House by Chair Paul Markham. A quorum was present.

#### **The following members were present:**

Darlene Applegate, Janet Applin, Greg Arbuckle, Kristina Arnold, Melanie Autin, Mark Berry, Mike Binder, Lauren Bland, Scott Bonham, Dorothea Browder, Barbara Burch, Barbara Bush, Audrey Cornell, Pitt Derryberry, Mark Doggett, Uma Doraiswamy, Scott Droege, Jill Duba, Melanie Duke, Molly Dunkum, Douglas Fugate, Dawn Garrett, Andrea Grapko, Anthony Harkins, Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Kate Hudepohl, Molly Kerby, Randy Kinnersley, Joan Krenzin, Alex Lebedinsky, Qi Li, Nathan Love, Kelly Madole, Paul Markham, Michael McIntyre, Mac McKerral, Vicki Metzgar, Steve Miller, Patricia Minter, Roger Murphy, Steve Nagy, Holly Payne, Yvonne Petkus, Heidi Pintner, Mark Schafer, Gary Schallert, Nevil Speer, Christy Spurlock, Mark Staynings, Francesca Sunkin, Tadayuki Suzuki, Megan Thompson, Justin Thurman, Dave Vickery, Richard Weigel, Kenneth Whitley

#### **Alternates present were:**

Angela Jones for Nikolai Endres, Douglas Smith for Kumiko Nemoto, Marc Eagle/Julie Shadoan for Beth Plummer, Di Wu for Richard Schugart, Therese D. Baker for Carol Watwood

#### **The following members were absent:**

Eileen Arnold, John Bonaguro, Kim Botner, Richard Bowker, Kelly Burch-Regan, Aaron Celestian, Melanie Duke, Ahmed Emam, Sam Evans, Blaine Ferrell, Dennis George, Johnston Njoku, Stuart Kenderes, David Lee, Jim Lindsey, Ivan Novikov, Les Pesterfield, Keith Phillips, Mark Pickard, Sherry Powers, Lisa Proctor, Kelly Reames, Sherry Reid, Angela Robertson, Roger Scott, Heather Strobe, Liz Sturgeon, Adrian Switzer, Donald Swoboda, William Tallon, Samanta Thapa, David Zimmer

### **II. Minutes**

Chair Markham announced that Dr. Burch has approved the minutes of the October 15, 2009 meeting (Senate previously approved the October minutes at the November meeting). The Senate approved the minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting. Dr. Burch approved the November 19, 2009 minutes with the exception of the UCC agenda item noted below:

- Revise Program: Associate of Science in Nursing (ref. #273) submitted by the Bowling Green Community College

### **III. Reports**

#### **A. Chair – Paul Markham**

Chair Markham announced that the senate office is almost ready for use.

Chair Markham announced that in the matter of promotable instructors ranks referred to the Senate Executive Committee by Senator Keith Phillips at the November Senate meeting, the SEC chooses not to consider the issue at this time.

#### **B. Vice-Chair – Holly Payne**

No report.

#### **C. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership for Higher Education (COSFL)**

Representative – Molly Kerby

Senator Kerby stated that one issue that came up at the November COSFL meeting was the persistent issue of transferability. One concern expressed by COSFL members about transferability was how it might affect academic freedom particularly in light of the fact that there are very few actual problems associated with transferability.

Senator Kerby announced that COSFL will be meeting with CPE in Frankfort at the end of January.

#### **D. Advisory**

##### **1. Faculty Regent – Patti Minter**

Regent Minter announced that the Board of Regents' meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27 in Frankfort.

##### **2. Provost – Barbara Burch**

Provost Burch suggested that Chair Markham might ask Dr. Gaiko to prepare a summary on several changes related to reporting programs. There were two graduate certificate programs that came through last time. The Council defines a certificate program to be: 18 hours or less graduate; and 24 hours or less undergraduate. We had several programs that moved from 18 to 22. Those are "reportables."

Provost Burch stated that we will want Dr. Miller to talk about guidelines related to on-line programs. We have a number of on-line programs in which more than 50% of the program is available on-line. We have a SACS mid-point review coming up in spring 2011. The requirements have not changed, but the specificity on how we report them has become more stringent. Any program with more than 50% of its offerings on-line has to be reported.

Finally, Provost Burch announced that departments are receiving authorization for new positions approved as a result of the enrollment growth this fall. She stated that there will be some additional approvals for non-recurring funding based on where the enrollment growth occurred in fall.

##### **3. SGA President – Kevin Smiley**

SGA President Smiley provided information about SGA activities which have included:

- working to translate the successful "dine with decision makers" event into a lobbying effort in Frankfort
- creating stamped blue books from SGA for final exams
- implementing extended library hours during finals week with support from Dean Binder
- expanding the availability of graduation stoles to deserving seniors
- creating scholar development grants

### **E. Standing Committee Reports:**

**1. Graduate Council** (see report) – Nevil Speer, Chair

Chair Nevil Speer moved approval of the Graduate Council report.

Senator Darlene Applegate moved that two items be moved to action items for further consideration:

Endorsement to Teach English as a Second Language, ref# KE36

Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, ref.# 0416

Motion seconded and passed.

The remaining Graduate Council agenda was approved before consideration of the two action items.

Regarding the two action items, Senator Applegate questioned why the two ESL items appear to be identical. No proponent was present to explain the courses.

Senator Applegate moved that the two action items noted above be tabled definitely until the January Senate meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

**2. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee** (see report) – Julie Shadoan, Acting Chair

Chair Shadoan moved approval of the UCC report.

Senator Metzgar asked to see the full UCC Committee report, and stated that LTCY 199 was missing from the report. Discussion followed. Some comments included:

- the proponent of the course voluntarily withdrew the course
- Parliamentarian Joan Krenzin stated that LTCY 199 was unfairly removed from the UCC agenda by the SEC
- UCC amended its report because the proponent withdrew the course

Senator Metzgar moved that the entire UCC report be pulled and tabled definitely until the January Senate meeting. Motion seconded by Senator Applegate. Discussion over motion followed. Some comments included:

- Parliamentarian Krenzin stated that the course cannot be added to the current UCC agenda

Senator Metzgar amended her motion and moved to consider the UCC agenda as presented today with LTCY 199 to be considered at January meeting; seconded by Senator Applegate. Discussion followed. Some comments included:

- suggestion that LTCY 199 be brought forth as new business

Senator Metzgar withdrew her motion, with agreement from Senator Applegate.

Senator Metzgar moved that Senate should consider the UCC agenda as presented today with LTCY 199 to be considered during the new business portion of the meeting today; seconded by Senator Janet Applin. Discussion followed. Some comments included:

- confusion over debate because LTCY 199 will be offered in spring 2010 as a third “one-time only” course and an agreement has already been reached in which questions about the course will be addressed
- proponent stated that she withdrew the course because she was misled
- question over whether Senate Charter allows for action taken by SEC
- Parliamentarian Krenzin stated that the SEC did not have the right to withdraw the action of another committee, but that the proponent did have the right to withdraw her own proposal
- proposal was vetted by curriculum committees and that should have been sufficient
- suggestion that Sturgis (The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure by Alice Sturgis) does not allow for the SEC action

Senator Nevil Speer moved to vote immediately. Motion to vote immediately was seconded and passed unanimously

Amended motion “*to consider the UCC agenda as presented today with LTCY 199 to be considered during the new business portion of the meeting today*” failed (27 against; 24 in favor; 1 abstention).

The remaining UCC report was then considered.

Senator Kelly Madole moved that the newly proposed Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership be moved to an action item for further consideration. Motion seconded.

Senator Darlene Applegate moved that the UCC Steering Committee Proposal to Revise an Academic Policy (Undergraduate student enrollment in graduate courses) be moved to an action item for further consideration. Motion seconded.

The remaining UCC agenda passed with one opposition before the two action items were considered.

Regarding the Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership, Senator Madole questioned whether the courses in the program would be readily available to students, and she asked for further clarification of why the major is only available to students with associate’s degrees. The proponent, Dr. Cecile Garmon, provided context for the major and responded to the questions. The major passed.

Regarding the UCC Steering Committee Proposal to Revise an Academic Policy (Undergraduate student enrollment in graduate courses), Senator Applegate noted that only one of the changes to the policy is explained in the rationale section of the proposal. The proponent, Dr. Nevil Speer, agreed that the rationale section of the proposal is incomplete.

Senator Applegate moved that the proposal be returned to the proponent for further work. The motion, seconded by Dr. Weigel, passed.

### **3. General Education Committee** (see report) – Richard Weigel, Chair

Dr. Weigel moved approval of the General Education Committee report which passed unanimously with no discussion.

### **4. Faculty Welfare & Professional Responsibilities** – Vicki Metzgar, Co-Chair

No report.

### **5. Academic Quality** – Tony Harkins, Chair

No report.

## **IV. Old Business:**

### **A. Update on motion to investigate the distribution of revenue generated from use of the WKU logo** (see supporting documents)

Chair Markham noted that supporting documents related to the issue accompanied the agenda. Discussion followed. Some comments included:

- a \$100,000 average annual profit equals \$1 million in ten years
- every department is WKU and every department rises and falls with the university
- need to be cautious about letting athletics operate autonomously from the university

### **B. Update on insurance fund reserve**

Chair Markham announced the list of ad hoc committee members (see list below). The ad hoc committee is scheduled to begin work in Spring 2010.

1. Alex Lebedinsky (Chair)

2. Nevil Speer
3. Indudeep Chhachhi
4. Mac McKerral
5. Kelly Reames
6. Tony Glisson/Jim Cummings (Advisory)

## V. New Business:

A. **Senate Resolution: Inflation for Library Resources** (see attached resolution and supporting background documents)

Senator Tony Harkins introduced the resolution, read it into the record (see resolution dated 12/7/09 attached to the agenda), and ceded the floor to Dean Binder to address questions that arose during discussion. Some comments included:

- Dean Binder agrees to friendly amendment to change “...*consistently request monies for inflationary needs...*” to “...*consistently requests money for inflationary needs...*” and “...address additional monies...” to “...address additional money...”. See revised amendment below:

Senate Resolution: Inflation for Library Resources  
12/07/2009

Whereas the Library is currently considered as a strategic initiative in Challenging the Spirit, and

Whereas, the rate of inflation for the Library resources over the past 5 years has averaged 9.3% per year for serials subscriptions and the HEPI indexing has been 3.4-5%, and

Whereas, the Library consistently requests money for inflationary needs that exceed the HEPI indexing for inflation, and

Whereas a regular, inflationary adjustment, treated as an annual fixed cost, would greatly assist in library budget planning to support curricular and research needs, and

Whereas, not having funding to offset inflation in the cost of library acquisitions, necessitates cutting the library materials budget matching the amount unfunded, in order to balance the budget,

Whereas, the current Student Library Fee of \$12 passed in 2003 by the Board of Regents began to address additional money for library resources and services beyond normal budgetary resources,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Library Materials Budget for subscriptions be tied to an inflationary index based on historical price analysis and industry projections and be allocated yearly as a fixed cost supporting the academics, similar to utilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Library Fee be tied to an inflationary index based on historical price analysis and industry projections.

- question about source of money to increase funding
- several senators including the SGA representative expressed interest in seeing a precise breakdown of the beneficiaries of student fees
- tying something to an inflationary index can be harmful

Resolution passed with a vote of 29 to 14.

**B. Senator Metzgar brought forth an item:**

Senator Metzgar made a motion that LTCY 199 be considered for senate approval; motion seconded by Janet Applin. Discussion on motion to consider the course followed. Some comments included:

- question about fate of students already enrolled in course
- risk being out of compliance with state law
- pre-existing agreement to offer as third “one-time only” in spring negates compliance issue

Provost Burch provided additional context about the course:

- WKU has to do assessment and placement on skills; has been doing placement for a long time; we do “remedial” and “supplemental” (e.g. “e” courses)
- every state institution has had time to develop a plan on how to meet mandate on Senate Bill 1: have to assess every student coming in and place students in appropriate classes
- current WKU plan calls for placement/assessment and documenting student success in other courses as a result of interventions
- literacy is the one aspect that has challenged everyone; there are some “remedial” pieces, being done by the Bowling Green Community College, and some “supplemental” (LTCY 199); LTCY 199 was the linchpin
- decision made to do a pilot of LTCY 199 in summer 2009; summer 09 = 1<sup>st</sup> one-time offering, fall 09 = 2<sup>nd</sup> one-time offering; spring 2010 will be 3<sup>rd</sup> one-time offering
- anyone who could have answered questions about LTCY 199 raised by the SEC at their December meeting was not available to be present

Senator Greg Arbuckle called quorum. Quorum confirmed. Discussion continued. Some additional comments included the following:

- concern about precedent set by considering a course for approval under new business

Motion to consider as an item of new business failed by a vote of 28 to 12.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Hudepohl, Secretary