



## **UNIVERSITY SENATE**

**Thursday, January 21, 2010**

**3:45 p.m. – Faculty House**

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

The regular meeting of the WKU University Senate was called to order Thursday, January 21, 2010, 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, Eileen Arnold, Kristina Arnold, Melanie Autin, Lauren Bland, Scott Bonham, Dorothea Browder, Barbara Bush, Aaron Celestian, Pitt Derryberry, Mark Doggett, Scott Droege, Melanie Duke, Molly Dunkum, Sam Evans, Douglas Fugate, Andrea Grapko, Anthony Harkins, Kate Hudepohl, Randy Kinnersley, Joan Krenzin, Alex Lebedinsky, Qi Li, Nathan Love, Kelly Madole, Paul Markham, Michael McIntyre, Vicki Metzgar, Steve Miller, Patricia Minter, Yvonne Petkus, Keith Phillips, Beth Plummer, Lisa Proctor, Kelly Reames, Mark Schafer, Richard Schugart, Roger Scott, Kevin Smiley, Nevil Speer, Mark Staynings, Heather Strode, Liz Sturgeon, Megan Thompson, Justin Thurman, Dave Vickery, Carol Watwood, Richard Weigel, Kenneth Whitley, Dawn Wright, David Zimmer

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

H. Terry Leeper for Greg Arbuckle, Liza Kelly for Mark Berry, Richard Miller for Barbara Burch, Jack Montgomery for Uma Doraiswamy, Angela Jones for Nikolai Endres, Andrew Ernest for Blaine Ferrell, Karen Mason for Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Kristi Branham for Molly Kerby, Douglas Smith for Kumiko Nemoto, Kumi Ishii for Holly Payne, Eric Reed for Heidi Pintner, Mary Wolinski for Gary Schallert, Bruce Battles for Tadayuki Suzuki, Eric Bain-Selbo for Adrian Switzer

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

Mike Binder, John Bonaguro, Kim Botner, Richard Bowker, Kelly Burch-Regan, Audrey Cornell, Jill Duba, Ahmed Emam, Dennis George, Johnston Njoku, Stuart Kenderes, David Lee, Jim Lindsey, Mac McKerral, Roger Murphy, Steve Nagy, Ivan Novikov, Les Pesterfield, Mark Pickard, Sherry Powers, Gary Ransdell, Sherry Reid, Angela Robertson, Christy Spurlock, Francesca Sunkin, Donald Swoboda, William Tallon, Samanta Thapa

Chair Markham announced that he is amending the agenda by adding to Old Business consideration of two ESL items tabled definitely at the December meeting:

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

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

## **II. Minutes**

Before consideration of the December minutes, Chair Markham announced that with regard to the November 19, 2009 minutes, Dr. Burch has now endorsed the revision to the Associate of Science in Nursing (ref. #273) program with the Math requirement continuing.

December 17, 2009 Senate minutes approved as posted.

## **III. Reports:**

### **A. Chair – Paul Markham**

Chair Markham announced that the provost search is progressing. Candidate interviews are scheduled to start on January 28, 2010. Search Committee Chair Dr. Sharon Mutter arranged a thirty-minute time slot for senators to meet each candidate. Chair Markham has posted the candidates' schedules and biographical sketches on the Senate website.

Chair Markham announced that because there has been some debate about the role of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) in approving standing committee reports, the SEC discussed the matter at their January meeting. Two motions emerged from that discussion, one of which resulted in the formation of an ad hoc committee to clarify the issue. The other motion established temporary SEC procedure to deal with standing committee reports until the ad hoc committee issues a policy and it is approved by senate. See attachment to agenda for ad hoc committee members and the two SEC motions.

### **B. Vice Chair – Holly Payne**

No report.

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

#### **Representative – Molly Kerby**

Senator Kerby not present. Senator Hudepohl indicated that she and Senator Kerby would be attending the January COSFL meeting which would take place at CPE headquarters in Frankfort. The main topic of discussion is expected to be the Rollins Bill.

Chair Markham encouraged senators to provide feedback to Senators Kerby and Hudepohl.

### **D. Advisory**

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

Regent Minter stated that she plans to attend the COSFL meeting via ITV.

Regent Minter echoed Chair Markham's encouragement to senators about participating in the provost search in terms of providing feedback to search committee members and attending forums with the candidates.

Regent Minter announced that the Board of Regents will meet at 9:00 a.m. on January 27<sup>th</sup> in the Regents' Room, MMTH. She noted that the meeting has been moved to the WKU campus instead of in Frankfort as originally scheduled. The agenda will be sent out on the faculty-all listserv. One item expected to be included on the agenda is the compensation for athletic director Dr. Wood Selig. This item had been postponed from the October 2009 meeting. At the October 2009 meeting Regent Chair Meyer agreed that only athletic funds would be used to provide compensation for Dr. Selig. Accordingly, Dr. Selig's base salary is expected to be scaled back. The difference will be made up from athletic money. Technically nothing can be done about that at the board level, but there are things to be said about it. A second item expected to be back on the agenda is the raise for Dr. Dean Kahler. She plans to object to both raises because of a basic fairness issue. As someone noted on the faculty/staff petition that circulated in advance of the October 2009 Board of Regents Meeting, "the captain doesn't eat until the troops are fed". Regent Minter stated that the justification for the proposed Kahler raise expected to be on the agenda this time is that Dr. Kahler has been assigned extra duties, gets credit for enrollment growth, and helped bring about the Navitas deal. She is withholding judgment until she knows more, but many faculty have written her with concerns. Regent Minter stated that the message is that those who do the work on this campus do not matter. Regent Minter stated that she will vote "no" to the Kahler raise if it

appears on the agenda for the January meeting. She urged faculty to show up to the Regents meeting. She feels faculty (and staff) presence has an impact on the board. "Vote with your feet. [It] gives the board the signal that maybe the voices of the elected regents should be taken seriously on this matter."

## **2. Provost – Dr. Richard Miller for Dr. Barbara Burch**

Dr. Miller stated that Dr. Burch has no report to share.

Dr. Miller did have one matter to share that he feels will occupy much time in the foreseeable future as it relates to curriculum. Dr. Miller is the SACS representative for WKU. SACS has focused attention recently on the proliferation of on-line courses. Certain levels of on-line courses constitute a substantive change as far as SACS is concerned. A degree program with less than 25% of credit-hours generated by on-line courses is fine according to SACS. If a degree program has 25-49% of total credit hours on-line, they have to notify SACS prior to implementation. If a degree program has 50% or more of its courses on-line then it must submit a prospectus and undergo a 6-month notification/review with SACS prior to implementation. Dr. Miller stated that this is a concern because when WKU looked at the numbers of programs with on-line courses, there are a number that fall outside the 50% limit, and we have not notified SACS about them. The other concern is whether or not we have to include on-line general education courses. SACS stated that we do. A further complication is if a faculty member offers a class on-line and it shifts the balance of whether or not SACS has to be notified. Dr. Miller stated that any new on-line courses need to be reported to the department head who then needs to report it to administration. It may get to a situation in which we institute a series of checks before implementing new on-line courses. We do not want to run the risk of violating SACS policy.

Discussion followed.

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

SGA President Kevin Smiley reported that SGA is involved in the following activities:

- encouraging students to participate in the selection process for the new provost.
- initiating a new campaign, the Concern Campaign, which will use a website to respond to student concerns. Basically SGA will encourage student input to a "talk box" on the web, and SGA representatives will respond to every concern much like in a senator's office in Washington.
- planning a rally for higher education on February 9, 2010. This event builds on the fall "dine with decision makers" event. It provides an opportunity for our organization and students to be involved in the governance of our state and the future of our university funding.

## **IV. Standing Committee Reports:**

### **A. Graduate Council – Nevil Speer (see report)**

Chair Nevil Speer moved approval of the Graduate Council report. No discussion. Approved as posted.

### **B. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – Beth Plummer (see report)**

Chair Beth Plummer moved approval of UCC report.

Senator Darlene Applegate requested to pull some proposals for further consideration:

ARC 401 (new course proposal in the Asian Religions and Cultures major)

ARC 498 (new course proposal in the Asian Religions and Cultures major)

Proposal to create a new major: Asian Religions and Cultures

Proposal to revise minor: Political Science

Regarding ARC 401 & ARC 498, Senator Applegate indicated that staffing is unclear in both of those proposals. The proponent, Dr. Eric Bain-Selbo agreed to make a friendly amendment to the proposal that staffing will be drawn from existing staff in ARC teaching pool.

Regarding the ARC major, Senator Applegate noted four issues:

1. ANTH 341 Peoples and Cultures of Asia, which counts as an elective in the new major, is cross-listed with FLK 341 and both should be included to ensure that students receive appropriate credit
2. the new ARC major includes virtually the same courses as the existing Asian Studies Minor and that students could get credit for both the ARC major and the Asian Studies minor with the same courses
3. what will be the administrative structure for the new major given its interdisciplinary nature
4. minor issue of typo in the proposal where a section was accidentally duplicated

Discussion ensued and the proponent, Dr. Bain-Selbo, responded:

1. will indicate that ANTH/FLK 341 are cross-listed so that students get credit for either
2. provided context – original intent was to introduce both ARC major and minor and ARC minor would have replaced the Asian Studies Minor. Dr. Burch pulled the ARC minor. Intent now is to revise Asian Studies Minor, including the title, to reflect that it is the minor associated with the new ARC major. Expects changes to Asian Studies Minor to go through curriculum committees this spring. Agrees to add a friendly amendment to the ARC major that students completing the major may not also get credit for the Asian Studies Minor.
3. Indicated that he and Dr. Jeff Samuels had considered the issue of administrative oversight. The new major will be housed in the department of Philosophy and Religious Studies and, though have not decided yet, the committee charged with oversight will probably be interdisciplinary because the major is.

Regarding the revisions to the Minor in Political Science, Senator Applegate asked for clarification about the rationale for dropping two courses from the core required courses. No proponent is present to speak to the changes. Senator Applegate indicated that the question is not of sufficient concern to delay approving the changes.

UCC report was approved with friendly amendments as proposed by Senator Applegate to ARC 401, ARC 498 and the proposal for a new major: Asian Religions and Cultures.

UCC Chair Plummer commented that the UCC agenda is posted ahead of time on the UCC website and there is a period of about a week in which people can comment on proposals. It would be better to do these types of comments at the UCC meeting rather than Senate unless there are large concerns.

Senator Applegate pointed out that what is posted to the UCC site for its meeting is not necessarily the same as what appears before Senate.

UCC Chair Plummer responded that the UCC agenda is posted to the Senate website ahead of Senate meetings and that bookkeeping is easier at the UCC level.

#### **C. General Education Committee - Richard Weigel (see report)**

Chair Rich Weigel moved approval of the General Education Committee Report. No discussion. Report approved as posted.

#### **D. Faculty Welfare & Professional Responsibilities – Jim Fulkerson & Vicki Metzgar** No report.

#### **E. Academic Quality – Tony Harkins** No report.

**V. Old Business:**

Chair Markham announced that Dr. Alex Poole is here to address the question about how the ESL endorsement and ESL certificate are different given that the coursework is identical. Dr. Poole states that one is an endorsement and one is a certificate. One is relevant to public school level. (*listen to audio*)

Items approved with no changes.

**VI. New Business:**

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Hudepohl, Secretary