



**University Senate Meeting  
Dec. 13, 2012 -- 3:45 p.m.  
Faculty House**

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**Call to Order**

- Chair Mac McKerral called the regular meeting of the WKU Senate to order on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 at 3:45 p.m. in the Faculty House. A quorum was present.
- **The following members were present:** Cain Alvey, Shahnaz Aly, Lauren Bland, Kristi Branham, Amy Cappiccie, Ashley Chance-Fox, Ismail Civelek, Chris Costa, Bruce Crawley, Brittany Crowley, Tucker Davis, Patricia Desrosiers, Robert Dietle, Cory Dodds, Amanda Drost, Marc Eagle, Gordon Emslie, Joseph Evans, Barbara Fiehn, John Gottfried, Peggy Gripshover, Jennifer Hanley, Nancy Hulan, Angela Jerome, Guy Jordan, Richard Keaster, Randy Kinnersley, Debra Kreitzer, Allison Langdon, Alex Lebedinsky, Kelly Madole, James May, Mac McKerral, Steve Miller, Patricia Minter, Matt Nee, Richard Schugart, Vernon Sheeley, Jonghee Shim, Beverly Siegrist, Mark Staynings, Fred Stickle, Dana Sullivan, Janet Tassel, Paula Trafton, Rico Tyler, Tamara Van Dyken, John White
- **Alternates present were:** Janet Applin (Sam Evans), Mark Berry (Mary Wolinski), John Faine (Carrie Trojan), Danita Kelley (John Bonaguro), Gary Schaller (Kristin Polk), Martin Stone (Becky Gilfillen)
- **Absent:** Darlene Applegate, Charles Borders, Christa Briggs, Chris Brown, Diane Carver, Connie Foster, Ron Gallagher, Mary Jane Gardner, Dennis George, Steven Gibson, Frederick Grieve, Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Roberto Jimenez-Arroyo, Jeffery Kash, Jeffrey Katz, Ed Kintzel, Joan Krenzin, Suelllyn Lathrop, David Lee, Sonia Lenk, Qi Li, Ingrid Lilly, Richard Miller, Samangi Munasinghe, Ngoc Nguyen, Gustavo Obeso, Keith Phillips, Shura Pollatsek, Matt Pruitt, Beth Pyle, Gary Ransdell, Kelly Reames, Kateri Rhodes, Nancy Rice, Janice Smith, Cheryl Stevens, Samanta Thapa, Evelyn Thrasher, Aaron Wichman

**A. Approve November Minutes**

**B. Reports:**

**1. Chair – Mac McKerral**

- Wade Pinkard reports that the [Employee Wellness Program](#) is up and running—find more on the website
- University Curriculum Committee, Faculty Welfare and Academic Quality Committees are collaborating on a report on the concept of Bi-Term Scheduling, currently under discussion at WKU; Guy Jordan is writing up a draft

**2. Vice Chair – Jennifer Hanley (No report)**

**3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership for Higher Education Representative – Molly Kerby (No report)**

**4. Advisory:**

**a. Faculty Regent – Patricia Minter**

- Board of Regents Forum—MMTH
  - New contract for new athletic personnel
    - Faculty Regent would like input from faculty

**b. Provost – Gordon Emslie**

- Attended SACS meeting in Dallas, TX
  - Very productive
  - One take-away point — must justify faculty credentials, credentials must be relevant
- Bi-term forums — very productive
- Commencement ceremonies coming up
- Graduate Council report, UCC report, Colonnade Class Proposals — approved
- Online SITE evaluations:
  - 65.4% response rate; excellent response
  - Incentives offered seemed to have worked
- Faculty hiring, phase II —16 tenure-eligible positions filled
  - Some replacement hires, net gain of 6 faculty

**c. SGA President – Cory Dodds**

- Value-added Grading policy — SGA will endorse
- SGA will draft document on teaching experience policy

**C. Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations**

**1. Graduate Council: (Report Posted: Endorsed by SEC)**

- Report approved by Faculty Senate

2. **[UCC: \(Report Posted: Endorsed by SEC\)](#)**

- Report approved by Faculty Senate

3. **Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee: (No report)**

4. **Academic Quality: (No report)**

**D. New Business:**

1. **[Research Faculty Policy \(Posted: Endorsed by SEC\)](#)**

- Clarification of various details of the evaluation and reporting procedures for Research Track Faculty
- Corrections highlighted; explanation of changes at end of document
- Approved by Faculty Senate

2. **Colonnade Implementation Committee Proposals: [MATH 109](#), [MATH 117](#), [MATH 136](#), [MATH 142](#), (Foundation Courses)**

- All approved
- Two more math courses will submitted for approval at next Faculty Senate session

**G. Information items:**

1. **[Grading proposal \(Posted: Referred to Academic Quality Committee\)](#)**

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Adjourned at 4:04 pm

Respectfully submitted, John Gottfried, Secretary