

**University Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 12, 2013 -- 3:45 p.m.**  
**Faculty House**

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**Call to Order:**

- Chair Margaret Crowder called the regular meeting of the WKU Senate to order on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 3:51 pm in the Faculty House. A quorum was present.
- **Members Present:**  
Heidi Álvarez, Lauren Bland, Jill Brown, Mike Carini, Yining Chen, Robert Choate, Ismail Civelek, Krystal Clayton, Margaret Crowder, R. Tucker Davis, Patricia Desrosiers, Robert Dietle, Marc Eagle, Frieda Eggleton, Karin Egloff, Gordon Emslie, Joseph Evans, Jody Evans, Ann Ferrell, Barbara Fiehn, Lloren Foster, Marilyn Gardner, Jennifer Hanley, Don Hoover, Nancy Hulan, Angela Jerome, Richard Keaster, Stephen A. King, Alison Langdon, Sonia Lenk, Qi Li, Sean Marstin, Greg McAmis, Patricia Minter, Isabel Mukonyara, Yvonne Petkus, Pam Petty, Attila Por, Matt Pruitt, Beth Pyle, Mark Reeves, Jeff Rice, Janet Nicky Seay, Junghee Shim, Beverly Siegrist, Dick Taylor, Rico Tyler, Tamara Van Dyken, Adam West, and Dawn Gannett Wright.
- **Alternates Present:**  
Danita Kelley for John Bonaguro, Jack Montgomery for Tammara Race, Ron Mitchell for Julie Shadoan, and Eric Reed for Mary Wolinski.
- **Guests Present:**  
Sylvia Gaiko, Danita Kelley, Ron Mitchell, Wade Pinkard, and Beth Plummer.
- **Absent:**  
Cain Alvey, Shahnaz Aly, Keyana Boka, Kristi Branham, Imelda Bratton, Christa Briggs, Chris Brown, Amy Cappiccie, Diane Carver, Ashley Chance-Fox, Christopher Costa, Bruce Crawley, Brittany Crowley, Laura Delancey, Amanda Drost, Sam Evans, Connie Foster, Ron Gallagher, Dennis George, Steven Gibson, Becky Gilfillen, John Gottfried, Frederick Grieve, Samantha Johnson, Dean Jordan, Jeffrey Kash, Jeffrey Katz, Suellen Lathrop, David Lee, Ling Lo, Gayle Mallinger, Alexandria Manglaris, Catherine Martin, Lauren McClain, Doug McElroy, Richard Miller, Steve Miller, Samangi Munasinghe, Ngoc Nguyen, Jane Olmstead, Inma Pertusa, Shura Pollatsek, Gary Ransdell, Kelly Reames, Kateri Rhodes, Nancy Rice, Nancy Richey, Janice Smith, Michael Smith, Cheryl Stevens, Dana Sullivan, Janet Tassell, Kevin Thomas, Carrie Trojan, Aaron Wichman, and Blairanne Williams.

**A. Approve September Minutes**

- A motion to approve the November minutes with a friendly amendment by Marilyn Gardner was made by Richard Taylor was seconded by Jennifer Hanley. The minutes were approved as amended.

## **B. Reports:**

### 1. Chair – Margaret Crowder

- No report

### 2. Vice Chair – Jennifer Hanley

- No report

### 3. Secretary - Heidi Alvarez

- Sign-in process was clarified

### 4. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership for Higher Education – Molly Kerby

- No report

### 5. AAUP Report – Eric Reed

- This is the national professional organization of faculty and professional standards, and promotes national advocacy for faculty.
- The chair of the University of Cincinnati chapter visited WKU. It is the oldest chapter.
- The forum gave ideas about what we can be doing at WKU. (forums, newsletters, legislative action body, lobbying state and local representatives)
- Dr. Reed will be in touch with those who came to the November forums and he hopes it will be the start of something new.
- Dr. Reed welcomes questions.

## **C. Advisory:**

### 1. Faculty Regent – Patricia Minter

- Regent Minter highlighted a topic for tomorrow's meeting: (1) Academic Affairs book discussion of College (Un)Bound: The Future of Higher Ed and What it Means to Students by Jeff Selinger, editor at-large for the Chronicle of Higher Education. Minter is interested in seeing what Academic Affairs has to say about it.
- Graduation is Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The full board meeting is the Friday after the Senate meeting. Regent Minter urged Senators to please continue giving their thoughts, and thanked them for their excellent work this semester.

### 2. Provost – Gordon Emslie

- Also thanked the University Senate for a great academic semester.
- All three sections of the UCC Colonnade (Foundations, Explorations, Connections) were approved at the UCC; it was a lengthy list.
- Spring enrollment is flat compared to last year. There is a new flux of international

and out-of-state students. We are in contact with 80,000 prospective students with ACT's over 20. We are in touch through social media, and if they express interest, we make contact with them. We try to make students who "pop up" feel welcome. The Provost feels confident that we can turn this around.

- The SACS COC (Commission on Colleges) is a 500-page draft report. The document has many marginal notes; the general report addresses all policies and things we have to do.
- 25% Credits: 30 credits of every baccalaureate degree have to take place at WKU. We need to show this. The Board approves degrees; we need to insert an excerpt to show we have been doing this.
- Faculty competence: Zero colleges were compliant in the last cycle. The Provost thinks WKU will be OK with documenting this.
- QEP: Three forums were held two weeks ago. There were good ideas and suggestions shared at the forums. Compliance documentation will be coupled with the connections and colonnades program. A two-page concept document will turn into a 75-page document. Send your name to Doug McElroy if you want to serve on this committee.

### 3. SGA President – Marc Reeves for Keyana Boka

- Marc Reeves stated that he appreciates the Provost and Regent for joining the Dime and Decision Makers event last month.
- The SGA is wanting to remain engaged on the IT policies and will address this in the spring.

## **C. Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations**

### 1. Graduate Council (Beth Plummer): Report posted; endorsed by SEC

Beth Plummer presented the November 14<sup>th</sup> Graduate Council report and the Graduate Council's Temporary Course Policy for Senate consideration. Eric Reed made a motion to approve the Graduate Council report as posted; the report was approved unanimously with no discussion.

### 2. University Curriculum Committee: Report posted, endorsed by SEC

Molly Kerby requested a motion to approve the November UCC report as posted. Dick Taylor said that some items are not listed as approved. Molly Kerby stated that these items passed and that this was an oversight. Robert Dietle made a motion to remove AFAM from consent and then place the new, revised course proposal on as an action item. Changes include a rewording to the course proposal. (1) "Historical focus" to "more contemporary focus"; (20) list suggested text "with more contemporary focus". The history department worked out concerns with African American Studies due to some overlap. Revisions are being put forward now. Matt Pruitt made a motion to approve as amended; it was seconded by Hanley, and the motion as amended was approved unanimously.

### 3. Academic Quality:

The November 25<sup>th</sup> Academic Quality report was approved unanimously.

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibility (R. Tucker Davis):  
No report.

5. General Education: (Lloren Foster)  
No Report.

**D. Old Business**

No old business to report.

**E. New Business:**

- Guest: Wade Pinkard (Health and Wellness) gave an overview of the 2014 wellness program. The 2013 statistics show that 45% of the eligible population participated. 70% were female and 44 was the average age. 48% of eligible staff participated. CHHS & CEBS had the highest participation rate. Wku.edu/employeeewellness has a powerpoint presentation of all of the data. 2014 is structured as an incentive, participatory nature and offers \$180 in premium credit. Step One (60 points, \$100 out of \$180) is completing an online health assessment & health screening on campus before March 31. Step two (100 points \$180) has seven ways to earn the incentive: 1. Lifestyle management coaching; 2. Condition management coaching; 3. Three- to four-week health challenges; 4. Three- to four-week aerobic challenges; 5. Weight watchers; 6. Smoking cessation; 7. Seminars/colloquiums.
- Policy 1.1310: Revised and approved by SEC; Motion to approve (Langdon), seconded (Hanley), Approved unanimously with one minor revision (one typo was clarified).
- Election: Legislative Advisory Committee: ballots were passed out and the results will be announced over email.
- Provost Emslie stated that 15 people are on the committee. Meetings will be on Mondays and on call. It will be created as a web discussion board. Legislation opens up in January: January 7<sup>th</sup>, governors; 2 weeks later, budget matters will be addressed. Emslie went over WKU's budget agenda (see previous minutes) and other issues not related to budget.
- Colonnade courses: Motion to approve (Dietle), seconded (D. Taylor), approved unanimously.

**F. Information items:**

1. SEC charged current colonnade committee with putting together a draft document for how the Colonnade Committee would function in the place of the current General Education standing committee of Senate starting Fall 2014. Further discussion of the transition will take place in the spring.

2. Please join the blackboard faculty discussion board. The Nov. 13 and Nov. 19 forums are posted, notes are posted, and links to the recordings are posted.

A motion to adjourn by D.Taylor was seconded by J. Hanley. The meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Álvarez, Secretary