

**Western Kentucky University
Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting
Monday, October 4, 2021
Zoom**

Introduction:

- **Members present (Substitute):** Julie Lee, Janet Applin, April Murphy, Bangbo Yan, Trish Jagers, Francesca Sunkin, Provost Fischer, Shane Spiller, Dawn Garrett Wright, Anthony Paganelli, Matt Pruitt, Kirk Atkinson, Stacy Leggett, Tess Welch, Liz Sturgeon, Martha Day
- **Guests Present:** Molly Kerby, Jennifer Hammonds, Rob Hale, Bruce Shulte, Amber Scott Belt, Beth Laves, Julie Shadoan (Laura Bohuski)
- J. Lee called a regular meeting of SEC to order at 3:15 pm CST

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A. Approval of previous month's SEC Meeting:

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes 10.4.2021](#) Paganelli, Atkinson (9 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Julie Lee (no report)
 - Received a lot of questions about masking on campus; Plan is to see it through the term
2. Vice Chair - Janet Applin
 - Discussion regarding open committee positions
 - Randomly selected members of the ad hoc committees such as the Academic Complaint Committee and the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee was randomly selected using a list randomizer –
 - R. Hale – committee works best when they can work confidentially; therefore, the names have not been included in these minutes.
3. Secretary - April Murphy (no report)

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin (Chair): (No Report)
 - a. [October 21 Report](#) – Sunkin (9 y, 0n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.
 - b. [SITE Question Data](#)
 - c. [SITE Question Revisions Final Draft](#)
 - Discussion regarding whether SITE items should be revised. Data was presented, which indicated the percentage of respondents ($n = 29$, 49%) who felt items were clear, relevant, and effective. Suggestions were made to modify the results to clearly show which items were newly proposed items versus the older items. A. Murphy will make those changes and F. Sunkin will discuss at full Senate meeting

- Atkinson – bundle items to move forward to Senate (12 y, 1 n, 0 abs)
- 2. Budget and Finance, Kirk Atkinson (Chair): (No Report)
 - a. [September Report](#)
 - b. [October Report](#)
 - Atkinson – move to accept September and October reports (12 y, 0 n, 0 abs)
- 3. [Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd \(Chair\): \(Report Posted\)](#)
 - Atkinson (11 y, 0 n, 0 abs)
- 4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Trish Jagers (Chair): (No Report)
 - 158 COVID vaccinations, 58 supported proof of vaccination or testing, 115 supported neither
 - Applin – discussion regarding whether there is a point to picking this up given that numbers are declining
 - Discussion regarding whether a resolution needs to come from SEC. A resolution was written and put forward: Whereas Faculty Senate supports a vaccine mandate or negative test results twice weekly except in cases where there are religious or medical exemptions; Therefore, Faculty Senate requests that the University adopt a policy requiring vaccine mandate or negative test results twice weekly except in cases where there are religious or medical exemptions.”
 - Murphy, Pruitt (4 y, 6 n, 1 abs). Motion Fails.
- 5. [Graduate Council, Martha Day: \(Report Posted\)](#) –
 - Day, Atkinson
- 6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Liz Sturgeon (Chair): (No Report)
 - a. [UCC Minutes 9-28-21](#)
 - b. [UCC Minutes 10-19-21](#)
 - Sturgeon, Applin (11 y, 0 n, 0 abs) – Motion Approved.

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (Chair): (Report posted)
 - a. [Handbook Committee Bylaws](#)
 - First reading - Revision to handbook to composition of handbook committee and address whether at-large members will be allowed on the committee; added 3 at-large members to the committee
 - Shadoan, Jagers - (10y, 0 n, 0 abs) – Motion Approved.
 - b. [Handbook Appendix 5](#)
 - Addresses issue regarding who is eligible to vote for Faculty Regent elections
 - Shadoan, Atkinson – (10y, 0n, 0abs) – Motion Approved.
 - c. [Handbook II.P](#)
 - Cleaned up language regarding changing language to be congruent with new advising system
 - Shadoan, Pruitt (11y, 0n, 0abs) – Motion Approved.
 - d. [Handbook bundled set: II.A.1, II.X, III, IV, VII \(tabled from May 2021\)](#)

- Was tabled by Senate in May 2021 – formed an ad hoc group comprised of instructors to revisit
 - Shadoan, Atkinson (11y, 0n, 0abs) – Motion Approved.
2. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Robin Ayers (Chair): (No report)
 3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Susan Eagle (President): (No report)
 4. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby (Chair): (No Report)

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
 - Working on budget closeout; curious to see where we end up – carryover funds
 - Trying to get answers regarding what we can help with enrollment – are we doing everything we can on that front
 - Publicly thanked Provost Fischer for showing up and being involved in the community
2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer
 - SACS COC 2025 – beginning to ramp that up as we move into January
3. SGA President, Matthew Wininger
 - a. [Tess Welch: proposal to evaluate advisors](#)
 - Tess Welch – every committee for faculty senate should have a SGA rep; SGA is an open meeting and is inviting members to speak; We have begun conversations regarding what Title IX training for faculty would look like
 - Atkinson, Pruitt – motion to move proposal to Academic Quality (9y, 0n, 1 abs). Motion Approved.

F. Old Business:

G. New Business:

1. Proposal to move Handbook Committee to a standing committee (Julie Lee)
 - Motion made to move discussion regarding whether Handbook Committee should be moved to a standing committee by (10y, 0n, 0abs). Motion Approved.

Adjournment: Pruitt, Jagers at 5:31pm