

Western Kentucky University
Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2022
Zoom

Introduction:

- **Members Present (Substitute):** Julie Lee, Janet Applin, April Murphy, Francesca Sunkin, Trish Jagers, Martha Day, Dawn Garrett-Wright, Tony Paganelli, Bangbo Yan, Matt Pruitt, Kirk Atkinson, Patricia Todd, Melanie Autin
- **Non-Voting Members Present:** Provost Bud Fischer, Shane Spiller
- **Guests Present:** D'Lee Babb, Jennifer Hammonds, Rob Hale, Beth Laves, Molly Kerby, Amber Scott Belt
- J. Lee called a regular meeting of SEC to order at 3:16 pm CST

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A. Approve minutes of previous month's SEC Meeting:

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes 3.7.22](#) M. Autin, F. Sunkin (10 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair – Julie Lee
 - a. Call for nominations for Senate Leadership
 - J. Lee reported that she is still looking for nominations for leadership. She reported that she would really like to have a ballot rather than making a request at the senate meeting and waiting.
 - b. Standing Committees – Request updated membership list (continuing and open seats for 22-23)
 - J. Lee requested an updated membership list for committees. Please email Julie or J. Applin by Friday, April 8th.
 - c. Standing Committees – Request elect chair and set schedule before concluding for the year
 - J. Lee requested that each committee have a May meeting, even if that is done via email, to elect a chair going into the next academic year so everyone knows who will be calling the meeting.
 - d. [2022-2023 Schedule discussion](#)
 - F. Sunkin had questions regarding schedules. Is it possible to move the UCC and GCC on the same week? J. Lee reported this is something that she wanted to ask GCC.
 - K. Atkinson reported that historically it was up to the Senate Chair and SEC to finalize a schedule to be voted on. Recommended that the chair sit down with each of the committee chairs.

- J. Lee discussed the necessity of having an August meeting – vote on continuing to have August meeting (5 y, 2 n, 2 abs). August meeting will continue.
 - J. Lee inquired as to whether we should have both a December and January meeting – vote on continuing to have both December and January meetings. Results were as follows: 4 – December only; 2 – January only; 3 – Split; 2 – both December and January
2. Vice Chair – Janet Applin
- J. Applin provided an update regarding the at-large senate results. She reported that she will send out a list to everyone on the senate list. PCAL had someone who was not eligible. Based on handbooks/charter, PCAL cannot have someone added at this point.
3. Secretary – April Murphy
- C. Standing Committee Reports
1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin (Chair): (Report posted)
- a. [March meeting minutes](#)
 - F. Sunkin motion to approve (10 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.
 - b. [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
 - F. Sunkin discussed proposal to revise academic integrity policy. F. Sunkin made motion to approve. M. Kerby made a friendly amendment to change his/her language to they. (11 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved with Friendly Amendment.
 - R. Hale ensured that Student Conduct
 - c. [Survey of Students on Advising, Results Interpreted](#)
 - i. [Advising Survey Default Report](#)
 - ii. [Participant Comments](#)
2. Budget and Finance, Kirk Atkinson (Chair): ([Report posted](#))
- K. Atkinson (10 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved with Friendly Amendments.
 - Provost Fischer made a comment regarding the language on “at least we have a model now.” The way it is written, it appears that he was flippant. K. Atkinson agreed that Provost Fischer was passionate and reported that he will modify comment. S. Spiller requested that his name be changed to be accurate.
3. Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd (Chair): ([Report posted](#))
- P. Todd (12 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Trish Jagers (Chair): (No report)
5. Graduate Council, Martha Day (Chair): ([Report posted](#))
- M. Day (9 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.
 - M. Day reported that Grad Council election email just went out and that will take place over the next 48 hours.
6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Melanie Autin (Chair): ([Report posted](#))
- M. Autin (11 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.
- D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (Chair): (No report)
 2. Budget Executive Committee, Kirk Atkinson ([Report posted](#))
 - K. Atkinson discussed meeting with college deans as well as a capital budget. Biggest discussion point is that people are questioning whether the BEC and AOC should be merged. K. Atkinson made motion to approve (12 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.
 3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Susan Eagle (President): (No report)
 4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby (Chair): (Report posted)
 - a. [Resolution 7-22-S. Resolution to Support the Creation and Posting of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement by every university department](#)
 - M. Kerby reported that this would require all departments to put a DEI statement on their websites.
 - b. [Resolution 8-22-S. Resolution to Support LGBTQ Outreach and Training by WKU Police](#)
 - M. Kerby reported this is part of the PRIDE index.
 - c. [Resolution 9-22-S. Resolution to Support the Participation of WKU Admissions in an LGBTQ Outreach Admissions Fair](#)
 - M. Kerby reported that this is also on our PRIDE index.
- E. Advisory Member Reports:
1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
 - S. Spiller reported that the next regents meeting is the 15th. If you have questions, please reach out.
 - M. Pruitt asked about article in the Herald about athletic foundation. Requested that Shane seek information regarding this matter.
 2. Provost, Robert “Bud” Fischer
 - Provost Fischer reported that the Title IX position has been posted and the search committee has been established.
 3. SGA President, Matthew Wininger
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
1. [Academic Affairs Policy 1.1092 Macebearer Selection](#)
 - M. Pruitt, M. Autin motion to approve (6 y, 5 n, 1 abs) Motion Approved.
 - R. Hale discussed that the Dean’s made a suggestion to shift to move the macebearer from the longest serving faculty member to the chair of one of the curriculum committees as a way to elevate the status of that body.
 - M. Pruitt asked if they did not agree, how that person would be selected. R. Hale reported that they could go through the committees as ask senior members. S. Spiller asked about how people who are in line for this feel and how faculty would perceive the cultural change.
 2. [Academic Affairs Policy 1.1336 University Distinguished Professor Selection](#)
 - M. Autin, M. Pruitt motion to approve (11 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.

- R. Hale reported that this is an effort to try and level the playing field so we have packets that are comparable. Cleans up the external reviewer process.
3. [Academic Affairs Policy 1.5042 Selection Appointment and Reassignment of Department Heads/Chairs/Directors](#)
- K. Atkinson, M. Pruitt motion to approve (11 y, 1 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.
 - R. Hale reported that this was brought back in February or March. There was some language regarding who could vote and whether non-tenured instructors should be able to vote. Language was added to this policy to provide an “at a minimum” language.

Discussion:

K. Atkinson reported on a resolution. He was approached by T. Jagers from Faculty Welfare regarding the compensation issue. Motion to approve was made by K. Atkinson, seconded by M. Pruitt (10 y, 0 n, 0 abs) Motion Approved.

F. Sunkin reported that faculty are asking what the time frame is for administrator evaluations. R. Hale reported they would be coming out in late April, early May.

Adjournment: Atkinson, Autin at 4:44pm