

**Western Kentucky University**  
**Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting**  
**Monday, September 12, 2022**  
**Zoom**

- **Members Present (Substitute):** Toni Szymanski, Sheila Flener, Stacey Forsythe, Marilyn Gardner, Anthony Paganelli, John Wright, Bangbo Yan, Julie Shadoan, Kirk Atkinson, Mac McKerral, Stacy Leggett, Dana Sullivan
- **Non-voting Members Present:** Provost Bud Fischer, Shane Spiller, Cole Bornefeld, Susan Eagle
- **Guests Present:** Jennifer Hammonds, Beth Laves, Molly Kerby, Amber Scott Belt, Rob Hale, Jessica Dorris
- **T. Szymanski called a regular meeting of SEC to order at 3:26 pm Central Time**

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- A. Approve minutes of previous month's SEC Meeting:
- Move to Bundle (Gardner, Atkinson) 8 y, 0 n.
    1. [SEC Meeting Minutes, 8.15.22](#)
    2. [SEC Special Meeting Minutes, 8.25.22](#)
    3. [SEC Special Meeting Minutes, 9.8.22](#)
  - Approval (Shadoan, Gardner) 7 y, 0 n 1 a
- B. Officer Reports
1. Chair - Toni Szymanski
    - Athletic Committee needs representatives
    - Search Committee for Vice-President for Student Engagement
    - Email Toni, Dan, Stacy committee meeting times
  2. Vice Chair - Dan Clark (no report)
  3. Secretary - Stacy Leggett (no report)
- C. Standing Committee Reports:
1. [Academic Quality, Amanda Drost \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)
    - a. [CITL Annual Report](#) (Drost) 10 y, 0 n, 0 a
  2. Budget and Finance, Kirk Atkinson (Chair): (No report)
    - K. Atkinson no longer chair, but will try to hold meeting to elect new chair.
  3. Colonnade/General Education, Stacey Forsythe (Chair): (No report)
    - Met last Tuesday. October meeting will be September \_\_.
  4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Kate Horigan (Chair): (No report)
  5. Graduate Council, Dana Sullivan (Chair): (No report)
    - The last graduate curriculum report from last year. T.Szymanski will add to Senate agenda and send out to everyone.

6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener (Chair): (No report)
    - Meet September 20.
  7. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (Chair): (No report)
    - Meet September 13.
- D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:
1. Budget Executive Committee, Kirk Atkinson (Chair): (No report)
    - 2% Salary Pool: No decisions, but a tight timeline.
  2. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Susan Eagle (President): (No report)
    - Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Allotted up to 4 representatives. COSFL representatives needed: S.Spiller, T.Szymanski are representatives.
  3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Robin Ayers, (Chair): (No report)
  4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby (Chair): (No report)
    - Will be sending out a newsletter twice a semester. The first one will be coming out soon.
    - T.Szymanski-looking for volunteers to work on micro-credentials on race, religion, gender, sexuality, generational diversity.
    - Inclusive teacher academy has been credentialed by the state.
    - Submitted staff cultural competence for approval.
- E. Advisory Member Reports:
1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
    - Number of regents attended the screening event this weekend.
    - Board leadership will be attending a conference with other boards from throughout the state next week.
  2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer
    - QEP invitations have been emailed. There is still room in all for more volunteers. Met with Student Senate last week.
    - Ombudsperson—Michelle Jones has accepted the role of ombudsperson. Working on the website related to this role.
    - Inclement weather committee—still need a faculty member on this committee. We met today (9/12) but still have a long way to go.
    - Calendar—we would like to look at changing the calendar provision related to August 15. We have looked at some different types of provision, so there will be full week before first day of class.
    - T.Szymanski-M. Jones will not serve on Senate and as ombudsperson. She was given choice. She will serve as ombudsperson, so we will need to fill her Senate seat.
    - M.McKerral-Clarity on Rob Hale's role and the ombudsperson's role. Carl has been doing this.

3. SGA President, Cole Bornefeld

- Meeting with Tougas on Big Red Backpack.
- K. Atkinson asked C. Bornefeld to bring back concerns from meeting.

F. Old Business:

None

G. New Business:

1. Other committees still missing Senate members

- T. Szymanski-D. Clark will be reaching out regarding missing Senate committee members.
- T. Szymanski-Senate members are needed for search committee for Assistant VP for Student Engagement
- T. Szymanski-request from Dean about resolution related to faculty compensation. The Dean suggested that these resolutions go through BEC instead of as Senate and Faculty Welfare resolution. March 22. J. Shadoan disagreed with limiting the power of Senate to make resolutions. M. McKerral-President has said he does not agree with the Senate resolutions.
- M. McKerral-2% pool just give everyone the 2%, no sound merit policy for very little money. K. Atkinson-not a flat 2% for everyone. The resolution came forward because the faculty have not because they ask not—that is why there was no raise. The faculty senate do not have a mechanism as a unit to bring forward a request related to salaries; thus, the resolution.
- S. Spiller the deans should be sharing budget information with their colleges. McKerral thanked S. Spiller for bringing this up and shared what is happening in Potter College.
- M. McKerral asked about golf carts/club cars around campus. One tied up behind GRH. (\$7,000-\$12,000 per cart). Who is paying for this? Provost Fischer-related to individuals unable to walk across campus, long process to gain approval. S. Forsythe-Athletic golf carts are often gifts, part of trade deals.

Adjourn Atkinson, Wright 4:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Leggett

Senate Secretary