

**Western Kentucky University  
Faculty Senate  
Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting  
Monday, March 6, 2023**

Voting Members: Toni Szymanski, Stacy Leggett, Kirk Atkinson, Bangbo Yan, Cole Bornefeld, Anthony Paganelli, Amanda Drost, Mac McKerral, Kate Horigan, Stacey Forsythe, Sheila Flener, Marilyn Gardner

Non-Voting Members: Shane Spiller

Guests: Rob Hale, Jennifer Hammonds, Beth Laves

**Zoom Meeting: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/5940316448>**

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A. Approve minutes of previous month's SEC Meeting: M. Gardner, S. Forsythe (10 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

- [SEC Meeting Minutes, 2.6.23](#)

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Toni Szymanski (no report)
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. Drost (12 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

- M. McKerral asked the committee to further look into data on the latest retention numbers.

2. [Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#) E. Kondratieff (12 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

3. [Colonnade/General Education, Stacey Forsythe \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#) S. Forsythe (12 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

- S. Forsythe shared responses about term limits.

- S. Forsythe shared committee work particularly investigating looking at Colonnade in general. (Currently, 39 hours plus the foreign language requirement) Shared the number of appeals when students take Connections courses with the same prefix.
- M. McKerral provided some historical perspective on Colonnade courses.

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Kate Horigan (Chair): (Report posted) K. Horigan (12 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

- K. Horigan committee is working with Mike Crow and a group off-campus to provide a training regarding access on campus for individuals with disabilities the week of April 15.
- K. Horigan-there will be a presentation at Senate next monthy.

5. Graduate Council, Dana Sullivan (Chair): (Report posted) D. Sullivan (7 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

6. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee, Andrea Paganelli: (Report posted) D. Sullivan (7 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

- D. Sullivan asked to be involved in work on the master calendar.

7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener (Chair): (Report posted) S. Flener (12 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

8. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (Chair): (Report posted) M. Gardner (12 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

a. Proposal II.P Academic Advising M. Gardner, S. Flener (11 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

b. Proposal II.T Notification of Absence M. Gardner, K. Horigan (11 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

- S. Forsythe: Change meet classes to meet with their classes.
- R. Hale: Recommended change, “The department chair should be notified immediately of illness, death in the family, or other emergencies if the faculty member is unable to meet classes or needs to change the course modality.” K. Horigan, “The department chair should be notified immediately of illness, death in the family, or other emergencies if the faculty member is unable to meet classes as planned.”

c. Proposal IV.B.3a Committee Memorandum (Continuance and Tenure) M. Gardner, A. Drost (9 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

- Changing to share committee memorandum with faculty member instead of at request of faculty

d. Proposal XII.W Institutional Publications M. Gardner, K. Horigan (10 y, 0 n, 0 a) approved

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Susan Eagle (President)
  - No report
2. Budget Executive Committee (BEC), Kirk Atkinson (Rep)
  - BEC made recommendations that are going forward within constraints we were given.
3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Susan Eagle (Chair)
4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby (Chair)
  - No report
  - T. Szymanski reminded the SEC regarding Catharsis Training

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
  - Board of Regents meeting was Friday.
  - Presentations by faculty have been positive change, most recent was the research by Dr. Keith Phillips.
  - Approved budget reports were included, new was the audit report for WKU TV and Radio. We saw an increase in their position.
  - We received updates from the national champion cheerleading team and toured the innovation campus.
  - Pay attention to the joint resolution which is requesting a study of higher education.
  - M. McKerral shared news report about the removal of college degree requirements for jobs. S. Spiller said they were looking at what jobs we were preparing students for without college degree.
2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer
  - Continuing to work on inclement weather policy
  - Getting close to completing the program coordinator compensation policy
  - Need someone from faculty senate to site on SACS governance committee

a. Information Item 6.2000 University Admissions Policy

3. SGA President, Cole Borenfeld
  - C. Bornefeld shared SGA scholarship that had been awarded.

F. Old Business:

G. New Business:

- Vickie Phillips presenting tomorrow as part of the Wedge Seminar 11:15, 6 pm

Adjourned 4:27 (K. Horigan, M. Gardner)