

Faculty Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2023 -- 3:45 p.m.

Members present: B. Elliott, N. Jones, S. Forsythe, A. Kirk-Jenkins, A. Patsfall, M. McKerral, A. Elledge, J. Maddox, M. Day, T. Seguin, J. Shankweiler, L. Plumlee, N. Nguyen, P. Gunter, C. Basham, J. Erickson, K. Neelly, M. Pruitt, S. Bonis, J. Wilson, J. Shadoan, T. Jenkins, D. Smith, L. Elkind, A. Heintzman, M. Nee, M. Jackson, M. Salvator, P. Todd, K. Madole, S. Herbert, S. Flener, K. Hudepohl, S. Im, K. Atkinson, E. Kondratieff, D. Tolusso, M. Aram, P. Rusli, S. Eagle, D. Strunk

Guests: M. Kirby, J. Lux, L. Delancey, D. Kelley, R. Hale, J. Dorris, A. Jerome, B. Laves, S. Spiller, S. Kurtz, B. Fischer, J. Hammonds, Y. Petkus

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A. Approval of previous months Senate Meeting:

1. [Faculty Senate Minutes 8-24-23](#) J. Wilson, S. Flener (37Yes 0No 0Abs)

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Susan Eagle

a. Standing Committees that need members: Academic Quality, Budget & Finance, Faculty Welfare, UCC

- Academic Quality needs two at large members
- Budget & Finance needs SGA rep and alternates
- Faculty Welfare needs part-time faculty member and regional
- UCC needs GFCB and two at large

b. University committees that need Senators: Parking and Transportation Appeals Board, Strategic Planning

- Parking and transportation appeals board needs three representatives to go into a pool and alternate service
 - Kelly Madole, Todd Seguin, and Anne Heintzman volunteered
- Parking and transportation advisory board – Sheila Flener volunteered
- Strategic Planning needs a senator

2. Vice-Chair - Doug Smith

- Need submissions for faculty complaint continuance, tenure, and promotion committee; nominees are added to a pool for selection
- Discussed regent election procedure including SEC to confirm nomination in a special called session; Shane Spiller only nomination

3. Secretary - Dan Strunk

- No report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Patricia Todd, Chair (No Report)

2. Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff, Chair (No Report)

- Mentioned upcoming meeting with internal auditor Bruce Weisman

3. Colonnade/General Education, Stacey Forsythe, Chair (No Report)

4. [Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Landon Elkind, Chair \(Report posted\)](#)

Motion to approve (40Yes 0No 0Abs)

- Survey to be prepared for next senate meeting
- Discussed missing representatives

5. [Graduate Council, Sara Bonis, Chair \(Report posted\)](#)

Motion to approve (only graduate faculty; 26Yes 0No 1Abs)

- Provided summary of report

6. Graduate Curriculum Committee, Chair (No Report)

7. [Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener, Chair \(Report posted\)](#)

Motion to approve (41Yes 0No 0Abs)

8. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan, Chair (No Report)

- There were no action items at first meeting

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), (Election Needed)

2. Budget and Executive Committee (BEC), Kirk Atkinson, Chair

BEC in final stages on recommendations for 2% pay raise pool

3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), (Representative Needed)

4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby, Chair

- Look for email with Lunch and Learn series for October
- DEI related groups were discussed including WKU Staff Cultural Competence Certificate

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

- Next Board of Regents meeting in October
- This month was focused on training Regents

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

- Dean searches are being conducted for GFCB and Libraries using Parker Search Firm.
- Second SACS internal review to be completed in October. External review will occur in January or February.
- Program coordinator compensation will be moved to a pilot program.
- Inclement weather policy will be at next senate meeting.
- M. McKerral asked about compensation tiers and review. Provost Fischer responded that tiers are reviewed every 3-5 years by human resources.

3. SGA President, Sam Kurtz

- Breast cancer awareness event on October 5 at 5:30.

F. Old Business:

- None

G. New Business

1. President Caboni to attend October 19 Faculty Senate meeting

- Questions will be submitted in advance to President's team.
- 40 minutes of senate meeting will be dedicated to President Caboni which includes 30 minutes for prepared questions and 10 minutes for questions from the floor.
- All questions from anonymous survey will be compiled by S. Eagle and given to President's staff.

2. Hybrid meetings starting in October in DSU 2081. Zoom link will change but will be distributed.

Motion to adjourn Pruitt, Heintzman