

## Faculty Senate Meeting

Thursday, March 23, 2023 -- 3:45 p.m.

Voting members: Toni Szymanski, Dan Clark, Stacy Leggett, Sheila Flener, Kate Hudepohl, Kurt Neelly, Kevin Schmaltz, Kirk Atkinson, Dana Sullivan, Ahmet Ozkan Ozer, Patrick Todd, Amanda Drost, Eric Warfel, Phillip Gunter, Jason Wilson, Matt Pruitt, Michelle Jackson, Julie Lyn Barber, Matt Nee, Neena Jones, Julie Shadoan, Laura Bland, Kristi Branham, Andy Paganelli, Donna Schiess, Paula Burt, Cole Bornefeld, Kara Haughtigan, Bangbo Yan, Susan Eagle, John Cipolla, Kate Horgan, Eric Kondratieff, Nancy Richey, Andrea Kirk-Jenkins, Danilo Tulusso, Sungjin Im, Ngoc Nguyen

Nonvoting members: Bud Fischer, Shane Spiller

Guests: Evelyn Thrasher, Stacey Forsythe, Laura Delancey, Stuart Burris, Leslie Nort, Janet Tassell, Beth Laves, Molly Kerby, Rob Hale, David Brinkley, Jace Lux, Jennifer Hammonds, Bruce Schulte, Yvonne Petkus

ZOOM LINK: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/5940316448>

A. Approval of previous months Senate Meeting:

1. [Faculty Senate Minutes 2-16-23](#) S. Flener, L. Bland (29 y, 0 n, 1 abs) approved

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Antonia (Toni) Szymanski

- Announced she would not be able to continue as president of the Senate next year. Elections will be next month.

2. Vice-Chair - Dan Clark

- Departments are voting. Caucuses and elections will be next month.

3. Secretary - Stacy Leggett

- No report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. [Academic Quality, Amanda Drost, Chair](#) A. Drost (33 y, 0 n, 2 abs) approved

2. Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff, Chair E. Kondratieff (36 y, 0 n, 5 abs) approved
    - E. Kondratieff said he would tentatively be chair.
  3. Colonnade/General Education, Stacey Forsythe, Chair S. Forsythe (38 y, 0 n, 3 abs) approved
  4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Kate Horigan, Chair K. Horigan (36 y, 0 n, 1 abs) approved
    - April 18, 10-12, workshop with CITL on neurodiversity among faculty and staff as part of “Everybody Belongs” week.
  5. Graduate Council, Dana Sullivan, Chair D. Sullivan (26 y, 0 n, 2 abs) approved
  6. Graduate Curriculum Committee, Dana Sullivan, Chair D. Sullivan (26 y, 0 n, 2 abs) approved
  7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener, Chair S. Flener (37 y, 0 n, 2 abs) approved
  8. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan, Chair J. Shadoan (37 y, 0 n, 2 abs) approved
    - a. Proposal II.P Academic Advising J. Shadoan (37 y, 0 n, 3 abs) approved
      - Ensure academic advising responsibilities are commensurate with faculty workload.
    - b. Proposal II.T Notification of Absence J. Shadoan (37 y, 1 n, 1 abs) approved
      - Notifying department chair of absences, friendly amendment add “as planned” to indicate a temporary shift of modality due situations listed.
    - c. Proposal IV.B.3a Committee Memorandum (Continuance and Tenure) J. Shadoan (37 y, 0 n, 3 abs) approved
      - Proposal came from ad hoc committee. Some departments were providing memo and some were not. Sometimes the feedback from the committee was being “softened.”
    - d. XII.W. Institutional Publications J. Shadoan (36 y, 0 n, 3 abs) approved
- D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:
1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Susan Eagle, Chair
    - No report
  2. Budget and Executive Committee (BEC), Kirk Atkinson, Chair

- Discussion around potential raise pool, but nothing definite.

3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL), Susan Eagle, Chair

- No report

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

- No report

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

- Board met March 3. Quarterly meeting. New items-auditor report on WKU PBS radio and TV-improved their audit. Audit of NCAA agreed-upon procedures. Approved admissions policy and student conduct policy. Legislative update. Importance of enrollment and good financial stewardship going forward.

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

- Working on program coordinator compensation guidelines
- Admissions policy passed and can be found at [Information Item 6.2000 University Admissions Policy](#)
- Reminder about new inclement weather policy (T. Szymanski will email out to everyone.)

3. SGA President, Cole Bornefeld

- SGA went to Frankfort to rally for higher education needs and spoke against the concealed carry that was pulled.

F. Old Business:

G. New Business:

Adjourned M. Pruitt, K. Atkinson 4:22.