

Western Kentucky University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023 -- 3:45 p.m.

Voting members: Sonia Lenk, Kate Horigan, Julie Shadoan, Pavel Vasiliev, Eric Kondratieff, Lulie Lyn Barber, Donna Scheiss, Sara Thomason, Stacy Leggett, Qin Zhao, Toni Szymanski, Cort Basham, Kirk Atkinson, Patrica Todd, Sebastian Lequizamon, Lauren Bland, Danilo Tolusso, Susan Eagle, Daniel Boamah, Kara Haughtigan, Kurt Neelly, Amanda Dross, Tony Paganelli, Nancy Richey, Ivan Novikov, Kevin Schmaltz, Chris Groves, Ozkan Ozer, Bangbo Yan, Austin Elledge, Kate Hudepohl, Landon Elkind, Mac McKerral, Matt Pruitt, Andrea Kirk Jenkins, John Wright, Sungjin Im, Sheila Flener, Dawn Garrett-Wright, Neena Jones, Marilyn Gardner, Phillip Gunter, Matthew Nee, Michelle Jackson, Dan Clark, Ngoc Nguyen, Jason Wilson, Dana Sullivan, Cole Bornefeld

Non-voting members: Bud Fischer, Shane Spiller

Guests: Dennis George, Jace Lux, Mark Staynings, Rob Hale, Kevin Williams, Merrall Price, Molly Kerby, Jennifer Hammonds, Stuart Burris, Elizabeth DeLozier, Preston Romanov, Darlene Applegate, Jeanine Huss, Danita Kelley, Michael Frohling, Simon Funge, Mohsen Mollagholamali, Beth Laves, Leslie North, Jessica Dorris.

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

T. Szymanski called meeting to order at 3:45 pm

A. Approval of previous months Senate Meeting:

1. Faculty Senate Minutes 1-26-23 D. Clark, M. Gardner, approved (31 y, 0 n, 2 abs)

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Antonia (Toni) Szymanski

2. Vice-Chair - Dan Clark

- D. Clark: Department elections should be soon if they have not occurred.

3. Secretary - Stacy Leggett

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Amanda Drost, Chair (No report)

- A. Drost: meeting next week.

2. Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff, Chair E. Kondratieff, approved (41 y, 0 n, 3 abs)

- M. Nee asked about the staff turnover data. E. Kondratieff responded they are still compiling information on items such as staff leaving and their exit salaries.
- M. Pruitt suggested a question regarding obligations for funding for athletics for Todd Stewart. Also, is there any shortfall on covering stipends for athletes? E. Kondratieff asked him to send the questions in email to him. Questions about rights in asking for foundation records. M. McKerral shared court ruling that said we had this right. Discussion regarding revenues from licenses.

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

- S. Forsythe: There should be some new Colonnade courses for Senate to consider after the March meeting.

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Kate Horigan, Chair K. Horigan, approved (43 y, 0 n, 3 abs)

5. Graduate Council, Dana Sullivan, Chair D. Sullivan, approved (27 y, 0 n, 2 abs)

6. Graduate Curriculum Committee, Andy Paganelli, Chair D. Sullivan, approved (27 y, 0 n, 1 abs)

7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener, Chair S. Flener, approved (42 y, 0 n, 0 abs)

a. Graduation with Academic Honors Proposal S. Flener, T. Paganelli, approved (43 y, 0 n, 2 abs)

- M. Pruitt asked about GPAs and transfers. J. Hammonds responded the policy would require both overall and WKU GPAs to meet the requirement.

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

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Susan Eagle, Chair

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

- K. Atkinson: Review proposals from support units. Provided ratings on each.

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

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

- Catharsis Training: Workshops March 9 and 10—over 150 people have already registered. Catharsis will also provide some webinars, White Papers with brown bag lunches. Jonesville Symposium on April 14 and 15. Link for registration will be coming out soon.

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

- Met January 20-committee meetings. They will meet again on March 3. Four Regents attended Kentucky Chamber event in Lexington last week. The President shared the increased retention data with Regents. They have sent emails praising faculty/staff for this work.
- M. McKerral asked if there were any data related the increase in retention. S. Spiller shared the one strategy that has been credited has been the LLC because retention rates were higher among LLC participants. B. Fischer mentioned LLCs, expansion of some advising, FirstGen efforts. M. McKerral asked about opportunities to expand LLC efforts across campus. B. Fisher shared they are looking for ways to expand to include all Freshmen.
- K. Atkinson asked about the current legislation related to capping tuition. B. Fischer shared the challenges predicted with this policy, especially with CPE discretion on increases in tuition. M. McKerral: need for more faculty and students on the board.

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

- Program coordinator compensation guidelines. Surveyed program coordinators to get their ideas about their tasks and ideas.
- Working on QEP.
- Academic Program Review has been going forward.
- Praised the Catharsis trainings.
- Ideas on expanding the FirstGen program.

3. SGA President, Cole Bornefeld

- SGA passed resolution to place NARCAN in all residence halls. NARCAN provides 30 minutes for emergency help to arrive. When accessed, this should trigger alert to police and fire departments.
- L. Elkind suggested grant applications should go to SGA email, not individuals' emails.

F. Old Business:

G. New Business:

Adjourned, 4:40