



University Senate Executive Meeting (SEC)
Monday, December 1, 2025 -- 3:15 p.m.
Wetherby Administration Building 227
Minutes

Present: Matt Pruitt, Kandy Smith, Ashley Chance Fox, Kirk Atkinson, Brooke Gross, Dan Clark, Missy Travelsted, Susann DeVries, Robin Ayers, Sarah Scali, Eric Kondratoeff, Andy Mienaltowski, Mac MacKerral, Sebastian Leguizamon, Shane Spiller, Bud Fischer

Guest: Jennifer Hammonds, Rob Hale

Not Present: Sheila Flener, Eric Kondratoeff, and Bud Fischer,

Call to Order:

- A. Approve minutes of the previous month's SEC Meeting:**
Prurit/Atkinson motion passes (unanimous)

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes, 11.10.25](#)

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Dan Clark

A lot is going on.

2. Vice Chair - Brooke Gross

- a. Drawing for Advisory Committee on Tenure, Promotion, and Continuance
5 names were drawn, and an email will be sent to the five recipients asking whether they are willing to serve.
Lily Zhubadar from AIS
Kim Link from the School of Nursing and Allied Health
Dave Bell from English
Nancy Richey from Library Collection and Discovery
Sonia Young from Physical Therapy

3. Secretary - Sheila Flener (No Report)

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Missy Travelsted (Chair): (No Report)

2. **Budget and Finance, Eric J. Kondratieff (Chair): (Report Posted)**

Motion to include Atkinson; motion passes (unanimous)

3. **Colonnade/General Education, Andrew Mienaltowski (Chair): (No Report)**

4. **Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Ashley Orehek (Chair): (Report Posted)**

Motion to include Orehek; motion passes (unanimous)

- Orehek: Faculty concerns about the course schedules and syllabi are available to anyone and everyone on the internet, not behind a firewall or password. Faculty have found that syllabi are being copied verbatim on other institutions' websites. Did everyone know this? The concern is protecting intellectual property, addressing course liabilities related to the political atmosphere in Kentucky, and ensuring safety, including information such as times, days, classroom numbers, and the number of students in the course.
- Mac explained the Kentucky Open Meetings Act. This only applies to committees whose decisions are binding. He has not had a chance to delve into this more.
- Spiller mentioned that faculty without office phones have their cell phone numbers on the syllabi
- Clark stated that there were graduations to this. Is it just the syllabi that needs to be behind the firewall?
- Orehek stated that both the syllabi and schedules were a safety issue. Orehek contacted the registrar to see if this was possible.
- Hammonds: The faculty wanted this to be password-protected. She has asked IT what can be turned off and on. Allow prospective students to view available classes. Transfer students can provide the syllabus to the transfer institution.
- Mienaltowski: Is it possible to see the class schedule stripped down?
- Hammonds: This is what I have contacted IT about
- Gross:
- Hammonds:
- Clark: Is your committee going on with this?
- Mienaltowski recommends that the committee reach out to department chairs about this.

5. **Graduate Council, Kirk Atkinson (Chair): (Report Posted)**

Motion to include Atkinson; motion passes (unanimous)

6. **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Ashley Fox (Chair): (Report Posted)**

Motion to include Fox; motion passes (unanimous)

7. **Faculty Handbook, Mac McKerral (Chair): (Report Posted)**

Motion to include McKerral; motion passes (unanimous)

a. **Sexual Relations Policy (Action Item Posted)**

Motion to include McKerral; motion passes (unanimous)

- Mac: The handbook language was inconsistent with the university policy. Quite a discussion about different scenarios. Discussions on age, "what age can a person be when this is not a problem?"
- Pruitt: Could college fees pay for the staff

- Gross: Is there anyone on campus 24 hours a day right now? It is easier to hire within that department than to reinvent the wheel.
- Clark: SGA is just asking for a commitment from the university to look at.
- Adkinson: All buildings are locked down at 7:00 pm. Students have to go off campus to have student organization meetings.
- Hale: It is a facility decision when buildings are open and closed.
- A survey was sent to 1000 students, and 150 students responded.
- Spiller: The new Gordon Ford hangout spaces are being used for sleeping, watching movies, and sports. What if we do dorms?
- Pruitt: That is a good idea because all dorms have a check-in desk and security.
- SGA: Students don't want to study in their dorms, and the study space can have only eight seats. Roommates have different sleep schedules
- Gross: Having space in dorms further siloing students. We are really endorsing the idea.
- Mienaltowski: Not just study space, need for specialty equipment, etc.

b. Full Professorship Policy (Action Item Posted)

Motion to include McKerral; motion passes (unanimous)

- Clarification on the number of members: 5 members
- Distinguished professors will not be eligible for college boards. The handbook refers to the university policy. Will be working on this.

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

2. American Association of University Professors (AAUP) (No Report)

2. Budget Executive Committee (BEC)

- Getting unit reports.
- In the cycle where not a lot of juicy stuff is happening
- Mac: Athletics need more money to pay for staff.
- Clark: BEC is starting to look at how proposals should be formatted. Then, groups can bring forth budget requests.
- Pruitt: How much money does the university need to come up with to pay for student athletics? Does the university know?
- Spiller: No one has any information yet.

3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL) / ONE WKU (No Report)

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

- The board of regents meets on the same day as the faculty senate. He is hoping that the meeting will be complete so he can make an appearance at that time.
- Pruitt asked about housing and the agenda has not been set

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer (No Report)

3. SGA President, Rush Robinson (No Report)

Two items are being brought forth for the faculty endorsement.

a. Accessible 24-Hour Space Resolution (Action Item Posted)

Motion to include Pruitt/DeVries; motion passes (unanimous)

- Research component
- Staffing issues
- MAC: The plan needs to have supervised space.

b. Residence Hall Amenities Resolution (Action Item Posted)

Motion to include McKerral/Pruitt; motion passes (unanimous)

- SGA is asking for water filler stations.
- Computer study spaces, including computers and printers. Staff is in place to have this overseen by that staff. There are programs required by classes that won't run on Macs,
- An issue was brought up concerning printing waste.

F. Old Business: None

G. New Business: None

H. Adjourn

Motion to include Atkinson/Pruitt; motion passes (unanimous)