University Senate Executive Meeting (SEC)
Monday, August 17, 2026- 3:20 p.m.
Wetherby Administration Building 227
Minutes

Present: Anne Heintzman, Gihan Edirisinghe, Missy Travelsted, Andrew Rosa, Robin Ayers, Whitley Stone, Sarah Scali, Mac McKerral, Matt Pruitt, Andria Henry, Caden Lucas, Shane Spiller, Ashley Fox, Dan Clark Brooke Gross, Jennifer Walton-Hanley, Jennifer Hammonds

Guest: Bud Fischer

Call to Order: 3:20 pm

A. Approve minutes of the previous month's SEC Meeting:

1. SEC Meeting Minutes, 4.6.26

Approved Unanimously

Officer Reports

Chair - Dan

Clark

a) Committee chairs: Please give a brief update even if you have no report.
b) Academic Sustainability task force is still working
c) Standing Committee Chairs please send out a poll for meetings
d) August agenda is fairly light, but wanted senate to meet and get to know each other by introducing ourselves; wants to encourage broad participation
e) Wants to establish guidelines for senate processes and procedures

Vice Chair: Brooke Grosse

a) Willing to schedule calendar invites for the dates of SEC and full faculty senate meetings
b) Graduate Council needs a Senate representative, must be graduate faculty
c) Faculty Handbook: needs an Ogden College representative as well as 2 at-large members

Secretary- Jennifer Hanley

a) Please state your last name clearly
b) No report

Standing Committee Reports

University Budget and Finance Committee, Eric Kondratieff

a) Motion to Approve Report: Pruitt
   Approved Unanimously

Academic Quality, Missy Travelsted

b) No report

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

Motion to Approve Report: First, Fox/Second, Pruitt

No Questions, Approved Unanimously

Report on business matters

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

c) No August meeting

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Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Andrew Rosa (Chair): No Report

Graduate Council, Whitley Stone (Chair): (Report Posted)

Approved Unanimously

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Ashley Fox (Chair): (No Report)

Faculty Handbook, Mac McKerral (Chair): (No Report)

d) Main project for this year is addressing and correcting discrepancies within the handbook

Reports

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

- Landon Elkind is the local AAUP rep, and does anyone have any questions for him? None

Budget Executive Committee (BEC)

- Have not officially met, but will meet soon
- Eric Reed has joined the committee

Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL) / ONE WKU: Robin Ayers, No report

Advisory Member Reports:

1. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer
   - Working on student success and engagement
   - There is a new Honors curriculum coming, new general education plan, there is an academic advising committee getting ready to make recommendations, plans for assessment.
   - We are working towards getting a PhD program
   - Wants to create a more systematic faculty mentoring program
   - Working to help staffing issues

- Wants to modernize the schedule
- Faculty development related to systems in the works, will provide a copy of the report

2. SGA President, Caden Lucas:
    - New SGA President, focusing on the 60th anniversary of the SGA
    - Wants to engage with alumni, particularly SGA alumni
    - They are working on the issues with academic advising as well.

3. Staff Senate Liaison, Andria Henry
    - Nothing to report
    - They have had two staff senate meetings
    - Leadership change: Tonya Vincent will now be the chair of Staff Senate

4. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
    - Over the summer, BOR voted on personnel actions which was the most important issue
    - Shane had a conversation with Terrance Brown regarding the PCAL restructuring
    - Analyzed the bond issues related to housing and they are doing well
    - In August, there was a board retreat
    - Wanted to address some of the confusion over changing to an R2 university—this is going to be a long process and it is one that takes time to develop
    - Last three BOR meetings covered new certificates
    - The BOR has concerns about AI and there is a committee working to assess AI including barriers

New Business
Clark: Any issues from Convocation?
- President Caboni wanted us to double external research funding

Fischer: Over a 5-10 year period
Clark: This is a big hill to climb given resources, we are already doing R2 work without enough faculty.

Motion to adjourn: 3:45pm