

**MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY SENATE  
NOVEMBER 18, 2004  
GARRETT BALLROOM**

Chair Sherrie Serros called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. **The following members were present.** Lawrence Alice, Darlene Applegate, Ferhan Atici, Mustafa Atici, Jim Berger, Ray Blankenship, Charles Borders, Tim Brotherton, Barbara Burch, Robert Choate, Josh Collins, Eric Conte, Thad Crews II, Robert Dietle, Karin Egloff, Dana Emberton-Tinius, Sam Evans, Brittany Fausey, Jane Fife, Malia Formes, Jerry Gotlieb, Elmer Gray, Bill Greenwalt, Anthony Harkins, Kacy Harris, Kirk Heriot, Michelle Hollis, Tim Howard, Nezam Iraniparast, Terry Jepson, Pam Jukes, Danita Kelley, Kaveh Khatir, Soleiman Kiasatpour, Joan Krenzin, Amy Krull, David Lee, Deborah Lively, Kathleen Matthew, Margaret Maxwell, Andrew McMichael, Patricia Minors, Russell Moore, George Musambira, David Neal, Anne Onyekwuluje, Yvonne Petkus, Morgan Phelps, Matthew Pruitt, Heather Pulliam, Sylvia Pulliam, Eric Reed, Jeffrey Samuels, Roger Scott, Sherrie Serros, Vernon Lee Sheeley, Nelda Sims, Byron Sleugh, Mason Stevenson, Brian Strow, Stacey Wade, Jue Wang, Nedra Wheeler, Mary Wolinski, Uta Ziegler. **Alternates present were:** Debbie Paisley for Barbara Brindle, Andrew Ernest for Blaine Ferrell, Michael Carini for Richard Hackney, Robert Reber for Robert Jefferson, Pat Hodges for Connie Mills, Rick Grieve for Sharon Mutter, Richard Parker for Robert Sims, Patricia Minter for Douglas Smith. **Members absent were:** John All, Mike Binder, Ellen Bonaguro, John Bonaguro, Christopher Brown, John Bruni, Suzie Cashwell, Richard Dressler, William Howard, Dan Jackson, Wilma King-Jones, Minwoo Lee, John Moore, Elizabeth Paris, Les Pesterfield, Keith Philips, Gary Ransdell, Sherry Reid, Loren Ruff, Peter St. Pierre, Jim Stone, Richard Wilson, Edward Yager.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The Minutes of October 21, 2004 were approved as presented.

**University Senate Action Endorsement**

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Barbara Burch, endorsed without exception the actions of the University Senate at its October 21, 2004 meeting.

**Report from the Chair**

Chair Serros reported that the first meeting of COSFL for this semester is scheduled for December 4, 2004

**Report from the Vice Chair**

Vice Chair Jim Berger, reported that the elections for the University Student Complaint Committee will be held at the December meeting. He next requested that those departments that have not submitted names for the University Faculty Continuance and Grievance Committees to please do so as soon as possible.

**Report from the Faculty Regent**

(No report)

## **Report from the Provost**

(No Report)

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **University Curriculum Committee** (Report attached to Agenda)

Senator Andrew McMichael said at the request of the Department he would like to pull two items from the consent agenda: **GEOL 112** and **GEOL 114**. He then moved approval of the remaining agenda.

Chair Serros asked if any Senator wanted to move any item from the consent agenda to action. No such requests were made. She then called for a vote. The motion carried.

### **General Education Committee** (Report attached to Agenda)

Senator Brian Strow moved approval of the consent agenda.

Chair Serros asked if any Senator wanted to move any item from the consent agenda to the action agenda.

Senator Darlene Applegate noted that listed on the agenda were the two courses GEOL 112, and GEOL 114, which was removed from the University Curriculum Committee report, and moved that that they be pulled from the General Education (to be returned to the originating college curriculum committee) report as well.

The motion was seconded. The motion carried. Both items were pulled.

Chair Serros then called for a vote on the remaining agenda. The motion carried.

### **Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee** (Report attached to Agenda)

Senator Mary Wolinski moved approval of the proposed revisions to the Faculty Grievance Procedure in the Faculty Handbook.

Chair Serros opened the floor for discussion. The motion carried.

Senator Pamela Jukes moved approval of the following proposed procedure not as an amendment to the Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities proposed procedure, but however to accommodate any action that may now be pending. The accommodation reads as follows:

Using the grievance procedure now available, any categorical faculty member, other than regular full-time faculty, has until January 15, 2005 to file a grievance regarding an alleged violation happening on or after January 15, 2004. Beginning January 15, 2005, all faculty must file a grievance within 90 days of the alleged violation.

Chair Serros called for a vote. The motion carried.

**Graduate Council Report** (Report attached to the agenda)  
Dean Elmer Gray presented the report and moved approval.

Chair Serros asked if any graduate faculty would like to move any item from the consent agenda to action. No such requests were made.

The Chair then called for a vote from the graduate faculty. The motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Serros opened the floor for discussion of the second reading of the proposal to amend the charter concerning the copy editor position of the University Curriculum Committee. The motion carried.

Next, Chair Serros opened the floor for discussion of the second reading of the proposed charter change (Section IV, Letter B, Number 5) of the charter concerning the standing committee chairs which now reads:

5. Each committee, except the Executive Committee shall elect its own chair. The chairs of all standing committees shall be members of the Senate, with the exception of the Graduate council.

Senator Uta Ziegler offered an amendment recommended by the Graduate Council to add the words "and Graduate Council" after the phrase, "...except the Executive Committee,..." The proposed charter change would then read as:

5. Each committee, except the Executive Committee and Graduate Council, shall elect its own chair. The chairs of all standing committees shall be members of the Senate, with the exception of the Graduate council.

Chair Serros opened the floor for discussion of the amendment. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Next, Chair Serros said the Graduate Council has requested an additional charter change as follows which was listed on a handout at the meeting. The motion reads as follows:

### **Changes in the functions of the Graduate Council**

**The functions of the Graduate Council shall be:**

#### **1. To make proposals to the University Senate concerning university-wide graduate academic polices.**

- a. **To receive, review, and act upon academic course and program proposals being submitted through the approval process;**
- b. **To review existing graduate programs and new program proposals in light of the university's mission statement;**

- c. To review any graduate academic matters such as degree and graduation requirements, standards of scholastic achievement, rules and regulations governing faculty-student relations;
- d. To review existing graduate courses and new courses having significant consequences that cross college lines;
- e. To study any graduate curricular matter it chooses;
- f. To study graduate matters assigned to it by the Executive Committee.

**2. To make proposals directly to the Vice President for Academic Affairs concerning university-wide administrative and personnel policies.**

- a. Recommendations on stipends and benefits for graduate assistantships;
- b. Recommendations on graduate student research grants;
- c. Requirements for appointment and continuation on the Graduate Faculty;
- d. Hearing and acting upon student appeals of graduate requirements;
- e. Establishment of standing and ad hoc committees;
- f. Responding to requests about graduate matters from the Academic Vice President and for Council of Academic Deans.

Chair Serros opened the floor for discussion. Hearing none, the Chair declared the above charter change has had its first reading.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposed Resolution from the Executive Committee Regarding Privacy of Student Names and Grades.**

Whereas the Western Kentucky University Senate takes the position that:

- 1) Information about students is their own property, to give or to share at their own discretion.
- 2) Students have a basic right to confidentiality.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Western Kentucky University Senate opposes:

- 1) The release of student names and their grades by course and section number to any other organization, including but not limited to, the Council on Postsecondary Education
- 2) The release of identifying student data without explicit understanding and consent on the purpose for which it is to be used.

Chair Serros opened the floor for discussion of the proposal.

Senator Uta Ziegler moved to amend Item 2 of the opposed section by adding .....understanding and consent 'by the student' .....

The motion was seconded.

Senator Yvonne Petkus moved to amend the amendment and have the sentence to read:

"The release of identifying student data without explicit and sufficient reasons for which it is to be

used and institutional consent of such reasons.”

The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

It was noted that this resolution is not a policy being proposed; it is intended merely to support the administration in its decision on the type of student data that will be released on WKU students.

The motion was seconded.

The Chair called for a vote on the amendment to the amendment. The motion carried.

Senator Ziegler yielded her amendment in favor of Senator Petkus’s amendment  
The Chair called for a vote on the proposal as amended. The motion carried.

**Report from the Student Government Association**

Senator Joshua Collins presented SGA Resolution 02-04-F, Faculty SITE Plus Evaluation  
(Resolution attached to the agenda.)

The SGA and its representation, as well as the University Senate body held considerable discussion.  
(The entire debate is on tape as an official record in the office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.)

A motion to end debate was seconded and passed.

Chair Serros called for a vote on the resolution. The resolution was defeated.

There was no other business to come before the Senate at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Minors, Interim Secretary

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Lou Stahl, Recorder

**NOTE:** The agenda with its attachments for this meeting can be found on the University Senate website: <http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Org/FS/meetings.htm>