October 25, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Julie Shadoan
Chair University Senate

FROM: Barbara Burch
Provost and Vice President
For Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: October 18, 2007 University Senate Minutes

I endorse without exception the actions of the University Senate at its October 18, 2007 meeting.

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WKU UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES
October 18, 2007

I. Call to Order
The regular meeting of the WKU University Senate was called to order Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 3:45 P.M. in the Garrett Ballroom by Chair Julie Shadoan. A quorum was present.

The following members were present: Cathy Abell, Kristina Arnold, Nedra Atwell, Johnathon Boles, Scott Bonham, Barbara Brindle, Barbara Burch, Stuart Burris, Walter Collett, Eddy Cuisinier, Jerry Daday, Terry Dean, Niko Endres, Same Evans, Michele Fiala, Douglas Fugate, Jim Fulkerson, Andrea Grapko, R. Reagan Gilley, Denise Gravitt, Michelle Hollis, Heather Johnson, Skyler Jordan, Mary Kovar, Debbie Kreitzer, Joan Krenzin, Scott Lasley, Jim Lindsey, Kim Green, Sherry Lovan, Nathan Love, Karen Mason, Patricia Minter, Sharon Mutter, Steve Nagy, Holly Payne, Keith Philips, Heidi Pintner, Matt Pruitt, Jeff Samuels, Julie Shadoan, Vernon Sheeley, Shane Spiller, Heather Strode, Louis Strolger, Michelle Trawick, Rico Tyler, Carol Watwood, Richard Weigel, Jacqueline Wofford, Zhonghang Xia.

Alternates present were: Johnston Njoku for Tim Evans, Brittany Ann M. Wick For Kathleen Hennessy, Darlene Applegate for Kate Hudepohl, Steve Kenworthy for Yanmei Li, Thea Browder for Andrew McMichael, David Zimmer for Dan Myers, Ryan Arnold for Tammie Stenger-Ramsey.

The following members were absent: Mostafa Atici, Mike Binder, John Bonaguro, Richard Bowker, Jeff Butterfield, Janice Chadha, Judy Davidson, Uma Doraiswamy, Constance Edwards, Blaine Ferrell, James Gary, Anthony Harkins, Jens Harlander, Kaveh Khatir, Aaron Kindsvatter, Dominic Lanphier, David Lee, Yanmei Li, Richard C. Miller, Timothy Mullin, Roger Murphy, Thanh Lan Nguyen, Ken Payne, Katharine Pettit, Mark Pickard, Gary Ransdell, Sherry Reid, Angela Robertson, Saundra Starks, Carol Stowe-Byrd, Don Swobod, William Tallon, Luella Teuton, Samanta Thapa, Stacy Wade, Christopher Wagner, Paul Woosley.

II. Minutes
The Minutes of the September 20, 2007 meeting were approved as read with no additions or corrections.

III. Reports
a. Chair
Julie Shadoan, Chair of the Senate, reported that she met with Robin Taylor to discuss the statute as related to the Regent election. It is a state statute problem and cannot be fixed at our institution. This issue will be brought up at the January 2008 Legislative Session.
We still need volunteers/recommendations for some University Committees. The Environmental Committee needs department heads/deans/administrators. Faculty Welfare needs part time and extended campus members. The Prof. Ed. Council needs one senator. The Senate Charter Committee still needs someone.

The Senate website has been updated and standing committee membership needs to be verified by each senator.

b. Vice Chair
The Vice-Chair, Denise Gravitt, reported that the Grievance and Continuance Committees have representation from every department except for two.

c. Faculty Regent
The Faculty Regent, Patricia Minter, stated that there will not be a report until after November 2.

d. Provost
The Provost, Barbara Burch, congratulated Denise Gravitt and the Senate Executive Committee on how the Regent election was run.

There was a meeting in Frankfort to establish preliminary parameters for the budget cycle for the upcoming year. There will be some parameters on tuition with the budget increase.

The “Doubling the Numbers” brochure was printed.

We will receive less money for students who enroll and more for those who actually complete bachelor degrees.

Construction on the new education building will begin in January and the Visiting Scholar Residence will need to be replaced.

There is no endorsement or suggestion that it is OK to miss class for the SGA walkout. This is up to the students and professors to work out.

Standing Committee Reports
a. University Curriculum Committee
Andrew McMichael, Chair of the University Curriculum Committee, was not present. In his place, Vice-Chair Jackie Wofford moved for approval of the agenda with one friendly amendment regarding the Geography proposal that was sent out over email. The course proposals passed unanimously as presented without discussion.

b. General Education
Patricia Minter, Chair of the General Education Committee, stated that she will be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Senate beginning on November 2. Richard Weigel will be the new Chair of the General Education Committee effective
immediately. She also noted that Andrew McMichael will have a new posting on the UCC Website next week. After Patricia Minter moved approval for the agenda, the items passed unanimously without discussion.

c. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities
No report was presented. A meeting will take place next week.

d. Committee on Academic Quality
No report was presented.

e. Graduate Council
Sherry Powers, the Chair of the Graduate Council, made a motion for support and approval of the three Graduate Council agenda items with one friendly amendment (a changed wording to discipline on p. 159) for University Senate consideration. The consent agenda with amendment passed unanimously with no discussion on the items.

IV. Old Business
Sharon Mutter has convened the SITES Committee except for needing a member from University College. She would like those with a burning desire to serve or with some knowledge to come forth. The committee will meet in a few weeks and will have a report at the next meeting. They will discuss what they want to do for revisions. They will find a campus sentiment and develop a plan. Skyler Jordan (SGA) volunteered to be the student representative on this committee.

V. New Business
Skyler Jordan clarified the plans for the SGA walkout that will take place Thursday Oct. 25 at 12:20. Students will walk out of class; the empty seats will represent those who won't be able to afford to come to school in the coming years due to tuition increases. The students, who will gather at the colonnade, will be educated on the lack of funding from Frankfort and will be encouraged to be politically active. Media attention is expected and Skyler Jordan requested faculty/staff support for this event. Skyler will attend the meeting in Frankfort in January.

VI. Announcements
There were no announcements.

VII. Adjournment
A motion "that the meeting adjourn" was carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Pintner, Secretary