



UNIVERSITY SENATE

Thursday, April 21, 2011

3:45 p.m. – Faculty House

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the WKU Senate was called to order on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 3:45 p.m. in the Faculty House by Chair Kelly Madole. A quorum was present.

The following members were present: Darlene Applegate, Greg Arbuckle, Kristina Arnold, Mike Binder, Nathan Bishop, Lauren Bland, Robert Dietle, Uma Doraiswamy, Jill Duba, Marc Eagle, Keith Egloff, Gordon Emslie, Jim Fulkerson, Peggy Gripshover, Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Sonya House, Jan Hunt-Shephard, Colton Jessie, Molly Kerby, Mikhail Khenner, Randy Kinnersley, Debra Kreitzer, Joan Krenzin, Alex Lebedinsky, Kelly Madole, Michael McIntyre, Andrew Mienaltowski, Steve Miller, Patti Minter, Kumiko Nemoto, Jane Olmsted, Holly Payne, Yvonne Petkus, Pam Petty, Matt Pruitt, Eric Reed, Mark Schafer, Gary Schallert, Richard Schugart, Vernon Sheeley, Mark Staynings, Martin Stone, Liz Sturgeon, Francesca Sunkin, Adrian Switzer, Travis Taylor, Samanta Thapa, Megan Thompson, Evelyn Thrasher, Huanjing Wang, Carol Watwood, Rich Weigle, Maribeth Wilson, Mary Wolinski, David Zimmer.

The following members were absent: Eileen Arnold, Mike Binder, John Bonaguro, Richard Bowker, Erika Brady, Barbara Bush (Alt. Joseph Evans), Pitt Derryberry, Vladimir Dobrokhotov, Scott Droege, Melanie Duke, Nikolai Endres (Alt. Kelly Reames), Sam Evans, Blaine Ferrell (Alt. Andrew Ernest), Nathan Fisher, Dennis George, Charlie Harris (Alt. Billy Stephens), David Lee, Nathan Love, Mac McKerral, Vicke Metzgar (Alt. Rico Tyler), Roger Murphy, Steve Nagy (Alt. John White), Ivan Novikov, Keith Phillips, Mark Pickard, Gary Ransdell, Angela Robertson, Michael E. Smith, Christy Spurlock, Heather Strode, Dana Sullivan, Donald Swoboda, Dawn G. Wright, Di Wu.

II. Approve March, 2011 Minutes

Approval: March, 2011 Senate minutes approved as posted.

III. Reports:

A. Chair – Kelly Madole

- **New Parliamentarian** – We will be in need of a new parliamentarian for the 2011-2012 academic year. If you have, or someone you know has, the skill and interest please let one of the officers know. The parliamentarian need not be a senator.
- **Guidelines to policies on Academic Affairs webpage** -- There are a number of “Academic Guidelines” which may, or may not, deserve the status of “policy”. Please look these over and suggest revisions to a member of the SEC
(<http://www.wku.edu/aa/AcadAdministrativeHandbook.htm>)

- **Special called meeting of Senate** – We are committed to having a new version of the Faculty Handbook in place before new faculty start their appointments. Approval will require a special called meeting of the University Senate (current departmental and at-large senators) for a second reading. Chair Madole is proposing Tuesday, June 7. If this represents a major conflict of which she is unaware, please let her know.
- **UCC At-Large representatives (not necessarily Senators)** -- Having a full complement of UCC members ready for business at the start of the new academic year is always problematic. In addition to the Senate college representatives and the college curriculum committee representatives, we will need three at-large representatives for the UCC. Please send suggestions to Pam Petty or to the Senate Chair.
- **Advisory Committees Pool** – Every other year the University Senate is charged with facilitating the establishment of the pool from which faculty are selected to serve on the Advisory Committee on Continuance and Tenure and the Advisory Committee on Faculty Grievance. This pool is composed of one tenure faculty member from each department. According to the Faculty Handbook, each department elects the faculty member (by secret ballot) who will serve in the pool. All faculty holding academic rank may vote, but the candidates must be tenured. From this pool, 5 individuals will be selected (by lot) for each advisory committee; the remainder will serve as alternates. Thus, election to the pool does not guarantee that the elected individuals will serve on either advisory committee. Chair Madole contacted department heads, requesting that they forward to me the names of the elected faculty members. Please help facilitate this process. These are obviously extremely important committees.
- **President's response to resolution:** President Ransdell responded to our resolution. See posted response:
<http://www.wku.edu/senate/wpcontent/uploads/2011/02/PresRansdellReplytoResolution.pdf>
- **Diversity Plan:** The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) Statewide Diversity Policy requires that each postsecondary public educational institution establish its own Diversity Plan. The WKU Diversity Enhancement Committee workgroups were tasked with the responsibility of drafting a Diversity Plan. The plan is now posted on the Senate blog for comment and feedback. Because of miscommunication, the University Senate representatives, Aaron Wichman and Betsy Shoenfelt were not included in the process. I have asked them to provide feedback on the plan. I will incorporate their feedback and any other comments I receive into a Senate response that will be reviewed by the Senate Executive Committee.

B. Vice Chair – Molly Kerby –

- We have all departmental senators except for four appointed now. Need four before August of next year and your department will be represented.

C. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership for Higher Education (COSFL) Representative – Molly Kerby

- Meeting April 11. Meeting discussed budget cuts, plans on campus. Dual credit hours and dual enrollment from high schools came up as well and the checks and balances of that enrollment.

D. Advisory

1. Faculty Regent – Patti Minter -

- Posted on senate website the longer regent report. Please see the links on this report.
 - 1) CPE – meeting April 28. WKU agenda items linked. Specifically the tuition increase. Please take a look at this.

 - 2) Student fee – to finish DUC is one of the big issues coming up at the full BOR meeting Friday April 29. All fees are subject to CPE approval as well.

 - 3) Bond-Debt Issues – presentation on that at BOR committee meeting. Please check that out through the links on her longer report on the Senate webpage.

 - 4) Benefits Committee report – please take a look at that report linked through her long report on the senate website Please check out the above four points prior to the BOR meeting, Friday, April 29. Please share comments with her.

To conclude:

1) Follow up forum is tomorrow at 3 (Friday).

2). Thank you on behalf of faculty on benefits committee. President Ransdell's response is on the Senate webpage. This response would not have happened without the University Senates support.

2. Provost – Dr. Emslie

- Two recommendations – both approved
- Follow up forum tomorrow
- April 26 Faculty awards meeting
- First five doctoral students will graduate May 13.

3. SGA President – Colton Jessie

- Last presentation of Colton Jessie. New SGA Elect Billy Stephens.

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Graduate Council (see attached report) –Nevil Speer

- Nevil Speer moved approval of the GC report. Report approved.

B. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (see attached report) –Pam Petty

- Pam Petty moved approval of the UCC report. The report was approved as posted.

C. General Education Committee (see attached report) – Rich Weigel

- Chair Rich Weigel moved approval of the GEC report. The report was approved as posted.

D. Faculty Welfare & Professional Responsibilities – Eric Reed

- Next meeting we will consider 17 revisions from Faculty Handbook. He would like to get an idea of how to vote on this. Requested a straw vote on the handbook (up or down) instead of floor revisions. Vote on the entire handbook as a document, rather than a long process of floor revisions and amendments.
- Would you like to have a vote on the entire handbook and a whole body of revisions? A yes vote would move on to a second reading. A no vote would mean that it gets sent back to committee for further reading and revision. Can I ask for a straw vote on this?
- Chair Madole – let me clarify this does not mean there won't be debate. There will be debate and discussion.
- If you would like to proceed with that up or down process, please raise your hand.

- If you are opposed to that process, please raise your hand.
- Discussion.

Section by section (up or down on each section).

E. **Academic Quality** – Kristina Arnold – No report

F. **Ad-Hoc committee report on SEC and curricular procedures**

- Darlene Applegate moves approval of recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Committee.
- Second Robert Deitle
- DS: None; Accepted unanimously

V. **Unfinished Business:**

a. **Proposal to Revise a Program – Honors (see proposal)**

- Motion was to accept the revised Honors College Program. The motion was tabled definitely during March Senate meeting. The motion is open for discussion now.
- DS – Lengthy discussion was held regarding concerns about this course and offering times.
- Motion to approve the revised HON 251 program.
- 15 yes / 30 no
- Motion did not pass.

b. **FWPR Research Track Report, Policy 1.1960 Research Track (Second Reading)**

- Motion to approve and second occurred at last meeting.
- Discussion: No.
- Motion passes.

VII. **New Business:**

1. **Information Items**

a. **Syllabus Policy 1.4060 (see SEC response)**

2. **Consent Items**

3. **Action Items**

a. **Dean Selection and Review (Policy 1.5030)**

- Motion to approve
- Discussion: No
- Motion passes.

b. **Faculty Review of Personnel File (Policy 1.1061) (see revised policy, followed by current policy)**

- Motion to approve
- Discussion: No
- Motion passes

This portion of the Senate Meeting adjourned at 4:47

The remaining portion of the meeting was to hold elections.

- Motion to nominate Secretary:
 - Darbi Haynes-Lawrence for Secretary (so moved)

- Motion to Nominate: Vice Chair
 - Mac McKerral
 - Francesca Sunken ** won

- Motion to Nominate: Chair
 - Kelly Madole (so moved)

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Secretary