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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Julie Shadoan
Chair University Senate

FROM: Barbara Burch
Provost and Vice President
For Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: December 13, 2007 University Senate Minutes

I endorse without exception the actions of the University Senate at its December 13, 2007 meeting.

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WKU UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

December 13, 2007

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the WKU University Senate was called to order Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 3:45 P.M. in the Garrett Ballroom by Chair Julie Shadoan. A quorum was present.

The following members were present: Kristina Arnold, Nedra Atwell, Johnathon Boles, Scott Bonham, Stuart Burris, Walter Collett, Eddy Cuisinier, Jerry Daday, Judy Davidson, Tim Evans, Michele Fiala, Douglas Fugate, Jim Fulkerson, R. Reagan Gilley, Denise Gravitt, Kathleen Hennessey, Michelle Hollis, Kate Hudepohl, Skylar Jordan, Kaveh Khatir, Aaron Kindsvatter, Debbie Kreitzer, Joan Krenzin, Dominic Lanphier, Scott Lasley, Yanmei Li, Jim Lindsey, Nathan Love, Karen Mason, Andrew McMichael, Richard C. Miller, Patricia Minter, Timothy Mullin, Sharon Mutter, Dan Myers, Steve Nagy, Holly Payne, Ken Payne, Heidi Pintner, Sherry Powers, Matt Pruitt, Jeff Samuels, Julie Shadoan, Vernon Sheeley, Carol Stowe-Byrd, Louis Strolger, Luella Teuton, Michelle Trawick, Rico Tyler, Christopher Wagner, Carol Watwood, and Jacqueline Wofford.

Alternates present were: Daniel Carter for Terry Dean, Michelle Lane for Shane Spiller, Beth Plummer for Richard Weigel.

The following members were absent: Cathy Abell, Mostafa Atici, Mike Binder, John Bonaguro, Richard Bowker, Barbara Brindle, Barbara Burch, Jeff Butterfield, Janice Chadha, Uma Doraiswamy, Constance Edwards, Niko Endres, Sam Evans, Blaine Ferrell, Andrea Grapko, James Gary, Kim Green, Anthony Harkins, Jens Harlander, Heather Johnson, Mary Kovar, David Lee, Sherry Lovan, Thanh Lan Nguyen, Katharine Pettit, Keith Phillips, Gary Ransdell, Sherry Reid, Angela Robertson, Sandra Starks, Tammie Stenger-Ramsey, Heather Strode, Don Swoboda, William Tallon, Samanta Thapa, Stacy Wade, Paul Woosley, and Zhonghang Xia.

II. Minutes

The Minutes of the November 15, 2007 meeting were approved as read with one correction: New Business Item #5, the spelling of Doug Newton's name was corrected.

III. Reports

a. Chair

Julie Shadoan, Chair of the Senate, reported that there will not be a January University Senate meeting.

b. Vice Chair

The Vice-Chair, Denise Gravitt, had no report.

c. Faculty Regent

The Faculty Regent, Patricia Minter, stated that she will attend the meeting of the Board of Regents in Frankfort on January 24 and 25.

d. Provost

Richard C. Miller expressed appreciation on behalf of Dr. Burch for all of the expressions of sympathy due to her husband's health. He also addressed the Senate about WKU Project Finish. The CPE initiated an activity with those who completed 90+ hours toward their degree at whatever institution they started at. Those who know of those who finished 90+ hours should call "1-877-WKUGRAD" for information about the program.

Standing Committee Reports

a. University Curriculum Committee

Andrew McMichael, Chair of the University Curriculum Committee, stated that the UCC met in November after the Thanksgiving break. There were two items that needed to be passed at the December meeting: (1) the Military Service Credit Revision, which Frieda Eggleton spoke on; and (2) the 5-page document that is a program change for university college. The Senate authorized the Executive Committee to act on its behalf temporarily relating to these items which will come to the Senate in February.

b. General Education

No report was presented.

c. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities

No report was presented.

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 Graduate Council agenda items for University Senate consideration. The consent agenda passed unanimously with no discussion on the items.

IV. Old Business

There was no old business.

V. New Business

A discussion of workload equity between the Community College and the Main Campus was initiated. The Community College teaching load was reduced to a 12/12 load. In the past it was 15 per semester, with a 90% workload and 10% service. The University workload is 12 hours, with a 75% workload and 25% for research and service. Dr. Miller stated that the change in workload took effect in 2005 and he brought up the fact that the Community College employees are only required to do service (meaning that there are no expectations of research and scholarship, even though many of the Community College employees engage in research and scholarship). He stated that there is no expected change in teaching load on the main campus.

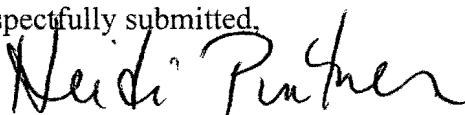
VI. Announcements

There were no announcements.

VII. Adjournment

A motion "that the meeting adjourn" was carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Heidi Pintner, Secretary