

To: Freida Eggleton, Registrar

From: Barbara Burch, Provost

Cc: Dennis George, Lou Stahl-White, Sherry Powers, Beth Plummer, Julie Shadoan

Date: January 15, 2009

Re: Approval of Senate Actions

By my signature below, I hereby endorse the actions of the Senate, at its January 15, 2009 meeting, on all curriculum. All other actions are subject to my final review.



Barbara G. Burch, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

2/19/08

Dr Burch Approved
2/19/08 Curricular Items

WKU UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

January 15, 2009

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the WKU University Senate was called to order Thursday, January 15, 2009, at 3:45 P.M. in the Faculty House by Chair Julie Shadoan. A quorum was present.

The following members were present:

Cathy Abel, Janet Applin, Dorothea Browder, Barbara Burch, Stuart Burris, Audrey Cornell, Terry Dean, CiCi Edwards, Tim Evans, Michele Fiala, Dawn Garrett, Denise Gravitt, Anthony Harkins, Michelle Hollis, Kate Hudepohl, Skylar Jordan, Debbie Kreitzer, Joan Krenzin, Nathan Love, Paul Markham, Michael McIntyre, Patricia Minter, Roger Murphy, Dan Myers, Steve Nagy, Rachel Neal, Johnston Njoku, Jane Olmsted, Holly Payne, Ken Payne, Keith Philips, Heidi Pintner, Beth Plummer, Sherry Powers, Lisa Proctor, Matt Pruitt, Jeffrey Samuels, Julie Shadoan, Nevil Speer, Heather Strode, Francesca Sunkin, Samanta Thapa, Rico Tyler, Stacy Wade, Carol Watwood, Richard Weigel, and Kenneth Whitley.

Alternates present were:

Justin Thurman for Reagan Gilley, Tom Tutino for Andrea Grapko, and Nedra Atwell for Luella Teuton.

The following members were absent:

Kristina Arnold, Melanie Autin, Mark Berry, Mike Binder, John Bonaguro, Scott Bonham, Kim Botner, Richard Bowker, Barbara Brindle, Kelly Burch-Regan, Pitt Derryberry, Mark Doggett, Uma Doraiswamy, Molly Dunkum, Andrew Eclov, Ahmed Emam, Sam Evans, Blaine Ferrell, Douglas Fugate, Kim Green, Tom Hunley, Molly Kerby, Aaron Kindsvatter, David Lee, Qi Li, Jim Lindsey, Kathleen Matthew, Timothy Mullin, Sharon Mutter, Les Pesterfield, Yvonne Petkus, Mark Pickard, Gary Ransdell, Kelly Reames, Sherry Reid, Angela Robertson, Mark Schafer, Roger Scott, Vanessa Scott, Kayla Shelton, Shane Spiller, Sandra Starks, Louis Strolger, Donald Swoboda, William Tallon, Christopher Wagner, Paul Woosley, Zhonghang Zia, and David Zimmer.

II. Minutes

The Minutes of the December 11, 2008 meeting were approved as read with no additions or corrections.

III. Reports

a. Chair

Julie Shadoan, Chair of the Senate, had no report. She will address the President's task force in February.

b. Vice Chair

The Vice-Chair, Denise Gravitt, reported that there is no existing language in the faculty handbook or charter on how the grievance committee is formed. She opened the floor for suggestions on whether or not we want to change the past precedent in which new members are forwarded from previous members. Previously, some felt that representation was skewed and some requested more information about the candidates prior to voting. The current committee is still serving. Jeff Samuels suggested opening it up campus-wide for nominations and attaching bios to the ballot. Julie Shadoan had a suggestion offered in December that the pool could be nominated from the Teaching Award Nominees. Terry Dean offered that as an interim solution, we could have the same system in place for this term, but form an ad-hoc committee or have the handbook committee form the new system to resolve the issues.

There will be a comprehensive university energy policy that will address everything energy-related on campus (including transportation) along with specific sub-policies. This should be finished by August. Email Denise Gravitt or anyone on the sustainability or energy committee with suggestions.

c. Faculty Regent

The Faculty Regent, Patricia Minter, announced that there were two faculty appointments made on the energy policy committee. Eric Reed was put on this committee because of his specific ideas that he posted on the WKU Voice.

The next Board of Regents meeting is January 30th.

Since former state senator Guthrie was elected to congress, there is a special election for state senate. Minter urged that people vote on Feb. 10 and to communicate with the candidates, ask any questions of them, and let them know that WKU matters.

d. Provost

The Provost, Barbara Burch, stated that tenure and promotion notifications went out today. Sabbatical notifications already went out.

There is a CPE meeting on January 16, in which there is a new president. This is expected to be a longer meeting than usual.

The deans are working with the provost on how to implement the rewards template (the agreement was that if there was growth, tuition revenue that went above the budget would go back to the academic unit). The president intends to stay with this agreement, and the expected growth in the spring semester will go toward the academic division cut.

There is a new dean search for University College.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

a. University Curriculum Committee

No report was presented.

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

The graduate council agenda passed unanimously with no discussion.

V. Old Business

We will go forth with the current election procedure for the Grievance Committee for this year with the established ballot. It was decided that the policy for formation of the committee would go with either the handbook committee or a subcommittee to develop a ballot for the coming year. A motion to request further information about the candidates was seconded. A vote to reevaluate the procedures for forming the committee passed. A motion to untable the previous ballot was seconded and passed; the current ballot will be brought back next month with the possibilities of nominations from the floor. Shadoan asked the senators to be more specific about who the committee to reevaluate will be comprised of; a motion was made to place this in the hands of the executive committee. The motion was seconded and it was voted unanimously that the executive committee address this issue.

VI. New Business

There was no new business.

VII. Announcements

There were no announcements.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion "that the meeting adjourn" was carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Pintner, Secretary