



**UNIVERSITY SENATE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 15, 2012
3:45 p.m. – Faculty House**

I. Call to Order

- The regular meeting of the WKU Senate was called to order on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 3:45 p.m. in the Faculty House by Chair Mac McKerral. A quorum was present.
- **The following members were present:** Cain Alvey, Charles Borders, Kristi Branham, Christa Briggs, Amy Cappiccie, Ashley Chance-Fox, Chris Costa, Bruce Crawley, Brittany Crowley, Tucker Davis, Patricia Desrosiers, Robert Dietle, Cory Dodds, Amanda Drost, Marc Eagle, Gordon Emslie, Joseph Evans, Barbara Fiehn, John Gottfried, Peggy Gripshover, Jennifer Hanley, Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, Nancy Hulan, Guy Jordan, Debra Kreitzer, Qi Li, Ingrid Lilly, Mac McKerral, James May, Richard Miller, Steve Miller, Patricia Minter, Samangi Munasinghe, Matt Nee, Ngoc Nguyen, Shura Pollatsek, Kristin Polk, Beth Pyle, Kelly Reames, Jonghee Shim, Beverly Siegrist, Mark Staynings, Dana Sullivan, Janet Tassel, Paula Trafton, Carrie Trojan, Rico Tyler, Tamara Van Dyken, Aaron Wichman, Mary Wolinski
- **Alternates present were:** Janet Applin (Sam Evans), Danita Kelley (John Bonaguro), Bryan Reaka (Shahnaz Aly), Mark Revels (Evelyn Thrasher)
- **Absent:** Darlene Applegate, Lauren Bland, Chris Brown, Diane Carver, Ismail Civelek, Connie Foster, Ron Gallagher, Mary Jane Gardner, Dennis George, Steven Gibson, Becky Gilfillen, Frederick Grieve, Angela Jerome, Roberto Jimenez-Arroyo, Jeffery Kash, Jeffrey Katz, Richard Keaster, Randy Kinnersley, Ed Kintzel, Joan Krenzin, Allison Langdon, Suellyn Lathrop, Alex Lebedinsky, David Lee, Sonia Lenk, Kelly Madole, Gustavo Obeso, Keith Phillips, Matt Pruitt, Gary Ransdell, Kateri Rhodes, Nancy Rice, Richard Schugart, Vernon Sheeley, Janice Smith, Cheryl Stevens, Fred Stickle, Samanta Thapa, John White

II. October 2012 Faculty Senate minutes approved

III. Reports:

A. Chair – Mac McKerral

- Endorse appointments for various committees
- Benefits committee is very important, appreciate willingness of Dr. Richard Gelderman to serve
- Everyone: Welcome to view committees and senate membership on Senate site
- Jennifer Hanley: proposal to encourage Provost Emslie to visit branch campuses

B. Vice Chair – Jennifer Hanley

- A brief report from Glasgow Campus:
 - Thanks to Cory Dodds and Christopher Costa of SGA for being active at Glasgow
 - Invitation to all: Glasgow Student Body meeting

C. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership for Higher Education (COSFL)

Representative – No report

D. Advisory

1. Faculty Regent—Patricia Minter

- Board of Regents activity
- Presentation on preventing abuses such as seen at Penn State athletic program
- Action item: exchange fraternity property with existing campus property
 - We are paying off mortgage on the property, \$60,000 loss
 - Is this a purchase? Seems to be part of Honors College project---see Faculty Regent Report for more information
 - Faculty Regent voted against
- Action item: Raises for Athletic and other administration
 - Large raises for these personnel
 - Should not do this before increasing faculty salaries to benchmark levels
 - Discussed this with several people after meeting; will continue to pursue later

2. Provost – Gordon Emslie

- Senate recommendations approved:
 - Workload Policy
 - Syllabus Policy
 - Sabbatical Leave Policy
- Phase II of staffing plan approved
 - 15-20 additional faculty for 2013/2014
 - Fall enrollment has been strong
- Agreement for Research Grant
 - Rough points have been largely worked out
 - agreement is online
- CPE starting dialogue on adult learning program
 - emphasis on persons with 45 credits or more, but no degree
 - will offer credit for life experience
 - has been under discussion for a number of years

- has now become a priority
- Associate Provost/Graduate Dean search—choice will be made soon
- Library Dean Search under way

3. SGA President – Cory Dodds

- Discussed possible Honors College
 - does deserve to be done
 - but there are other priorities
- Glasgow—SGA has been active, encouraging relationship
- Scholarship process
 - \$20,000 given out for study abroad and other rsch
 - Also: program to recognize outstanding academic performance by seniors

IV. Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Graduate Council Report

- approved

B. UCC Report Posted

- approved

C. General Education/Colonnade Reports

- Colonnade courses approved:
 - HIST 101/HIST 102: Information
 - ENG 100: Information
 - ENG 200: Information
 - ENG 300: Information

D. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee: no report

E. Academic Quality Committee—no report

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm

Respectfully submitted, John Gottfried, Secretary