

## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

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**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 23, 2025 -- 3:45 p.m.**  
**IN PERSON**  
**Senate Chambers - DSU 2081**

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Present: K. Liang, K. Glenn (for M. Salvator), S. Pollatsek, K. Reames (for P. Otto), K. Smith, C. Basham, S. Bonis, M. Day, G. Ellis-Griffith, M. Crowder, P. Rusli, J. Shankweiler, T. Seguin, A. Jerome, J. Logsdon, S. Flener, S. Scali, D. Boamah, M. Pete (for T. Jenkins), K. Neelly, R. Ayers, D. Clark, L. Plumlee, J. Maddox, M. Yates, J. Lindsey (for J. Erickson), Y. Petkus, M. Pruitt, C. Trojan, B. Thomas, B. Elliott, M. Peterson, S. Riehn, M. Travelsted, J. Burton, P. Bera, A. Mienaltowski, J. Stewart, L. Lo (for M. Aram), P. Todd, E. Kondratieff, D. Strunk (+ proxy for P. Gunter), S. Spiller, M. McKerral, B. Fischer

Guests: B. Laves, J. Hammonds, J. Klemm, D. Kelley, R. Hale, C. Shaw, A. Lee, J. McMahon

A. Approval of previous months Senate Meeting:

1. [Faculty Senate Minutes 12-12-24](#)

1<sup>st</sup> Pruitt/2<sup>nd</sup> Ayers; motion passes (unanimous)

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Mac McKerral

If you are on a committee, send your charter/bylaw to Mac. If you want to go through the Senate charter and review for anything of interest/revisions – feel free to and send ideas to Mac.

2. Vice-Chair - Dan Clark

Election process for departmental senators for the 2025-2027 term are coming up in the next few weeks. There should be opportunities for everyone to put their names forward.

3. Secretary - Sarah Bonis (No Report)

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Tracy Jenkins (Chair): (No Report)

2. Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff (Chair): (See H1)

3. Colonnade/General Education, Angie Jerome (Chair): (No Report)

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Stephanie Riehn (Chair): (No Report)

5. [Graduate Council, Jeremy Logsdon \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)

Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Logsdon; motion passes (unanimous)

6. [Graduate Curriculum Committee, Whitley Stone \(Chair\): \(Report Posted\)](#)

Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Logsdon; motion passes (unanimous)

7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener (Chair): (No Report)

8. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (Chair): (No Report)

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

CPE is having their student success summit Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and are trying to get faculty to include the graduate profile academy in syllabi (QEP is based off of this). Ten essential skills that can show employers that students are workforce ready (e.g., communicate effectively, quantitative reasoning). Faculty are encouraged to find ways for students to demonstrate they have those skills within classes and experiences.

2. Budget and Executive Committee (BEC)

3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL)

4. ONE WKU

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

Reminder that board didn't meet in January but will meet in February for committee & quarterly meetings. Previously asked, and yes – this is a contract year for the

President. There is an executive committee on board that handles the negotiations, contract writing, etc. and then brings to full board to vote on.

## 2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

Associate Provost for Research search is underway. Please attend meetings for those campus visits. Participation is appreciated.

Discussion of R2: Will be a slow move forward. Will re-evaluate in 3 years but we won't be ready to achieve numbers at that time point. At earliest, we are looking at six years. Bill is in legislation for opportunity to offer 3-5 PhDs. List of programs provided is just general and possible, noted to be feasible through a feasibility study, but any actual curricular proposals or changes would be developed after, go through the process etc.

Enrollment and Student Experience restructuring continues, getting closer. Money will not move anywhere until July to keep better track of the budget.

Dean review year for Drs. Dave and Terrance Brown. PCAL and Ogden participation is encouraged.

SACSCOC –written responses are ready to go back to SACSCOC. QEP has been externally reviewed and included in response document. SACSCOC will be on campus March 10-14, and faculty will be called to meet with them.

Will go back and send data to Dan Clark.

Great job as an institution with the P&T process. If you come from a department who hasn't gone through a P&T package in the past 3-5 years, may want to review your documents and procedures.

## 3. SGA President, Sam Kurtz

Start meetings of SGA next week. Students have a lot of questions about all the things happening in the world. Students understand everyone is on edge. There are reports of teachers going off the rails and yelling at students in classroom.

Encourage faculty to be kind and compassionate to students.

F. Old Business:

G. New Business:

H. Informational Items:

## 1. Budget and Finance, Jan 9, 2025

### I. Items for the Benefit of the Body:

Provost has asked if we could put a list together of membership of Colonnade workgroup.  
See below.

#### **Voting**

Colonnade Director – Stacey Forsythe  
PCAL – Andrew Rosa  
OCSE – Melanie Autin  
GFBC – Indudeep Chhachhi  
CEBS – Rheanna Plemmons  
CHHS – Dawn Wright  
Advising – Marrissa Bryant  
WKU Transfer Center – Jarrett Murphy  
Colonnade Committee – Angie Jerome

#### **Advisory**

Academic Affairs: Molly Kirby  
CITL: Micah Logan  
Registrar: Jennifer Hammonds  
QEP: Wrenn Mills  
Astra: Jessica Steenbergen

Handbook committee has been meeting on a regular basis. They are making progress.  
Expect recommendations for changes will be coming soon.

Calendar has been approved

### J. Motion to Adjourn

1<sup>st</sup> Jerome/2<sup>nd</sup> Flener; motion passes (unanimous)