

Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes



Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting Monday, April 7, 2025 -- 3:15pm (Zoom)

Present: M. McKerral, S. Bonis, S. Flener, M. Pruitt, J. Logsdon, S. Spiller, B. Fischer, A. Jerome, R. Ayers, D. Clark, E. Kondratieff, Smith, S. Legiuzamon

Guests: R. Hale, M. Kerby, J. Hammonds

A. Approve minutes of previous month's SEC Meeting:

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes, 3.3.25](#)

1st/2nd: Flener/Pruitt; motion passes (1 abstention)

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Mac McKerral

Received a number of emails related to parking changes – spaces being converted to reserved, reducing the # of FS3 and student parking spots. Provost suggestion – take pictures if spots are unused and send in, makes a change.

2. Vice Chair - Dan Clark

Departmental elections are complete. Will elect officers and then do college caucus after at April full Senate meeting.

3. Secretary - Sarah Bonis

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. [Academic Quality, Tracy Jenkins \(Chair\): \(Report Posted\)](#)

Motion to include 1st/2nd: Jerome/Clark; motion passes (unanimous)

2. [Budget and Finance, Eric J. Kondratieff \(Chair\): \(Report Posted\)](#)

Motion to include: Kondratieff; motion passes (unanimous)

3. [Colonnade/General Education, Angie Jerome \(Chair\): \(Report Posted\)](#)

Motion to include: Jerome; motion passes (unanimous)

Kondratieff Question RE timeline: Group is looking at categories required by state, the KY grad profile, and QEP, trying to map out categories. They just started talking about what a foundations section would require. 159 hours is average to graduation – trying to drill down on those data by college, etc. to see what it looks like going forward, what are the SLOs, what are KY competencies. It was requested that the committee parse for re-takes.

Pruitt question RE: has there been a faculty-all communication of the emergence of this committee, or of this task, and has it been discussed at Senate? It is a separate group from Colonnade Senate group that looks at QEP, SACSCOC. The workgroup is separate and has been mentioned, but no campus all emails yet, will be a time for input later on.

4. [Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Stephanie Riehn \(Chair\): \(Report Posted\)](#)

Motion to include 1st/2nd: Clark/Flener; motion passes (unanimous)

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

Motion to include: Logsdon; motion passes (unanimous)

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

Motion to include: Logsdon; motion passes (unanimous)

7. [Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener \(Chair\): \(Report Posted\)](#)

Motion to include: Flener; motion passes (unanimous)

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

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

Ayers update: AAUP, COSFL, & United Campus Workers of Kentucky organized a petition with signatures to veto HB-4. They are figuring out what is next move because a number of grievances have come forward but also working on 424.

2. Budget Executive Committee (BEC)
3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL)
4. ONE WKU, Molly Kerby (Chair)

April 15 - Andrea Anderson and Jennifer Smith will do a lunch and learn at Commons about these 424 and HB-4.

E. Old Business:

F. New Business:

1. [SGA Resolutions](#)

Motion to support Resolution 1-25-S and move to Senate, 1st/2nd: Bonis/Jerome; motion passes (8-1-0).

McKerral will also send to Dean Bassler and Sean Kinder

Motion to support Resolution 2-25-S and move to Senate, 1st/2nd: Kondratieff/Jerome with friendly amendment to change sponsor to reflect new name (DEI – Opportunity, Engagement); motion passes (8-0-1)

2. [Blair nomination to WAC](#)

Motion to endorse and include at Senate, 1st/2nd: Jerome/Pruitt; motion passes (unanimous)

3. [Colonnade Resolution](#)

Proponent: Kondratieff

Motion to include with friendly amendment by Pruitt “structure of the Colonnade program” not adding new courses, deletions, 1st/2nd: Kondratieff/Pruitt; motion passes (6-1-2)

Question RE: what does a resolution mean, is it binding, etc. should a charter change happen? Resolution is not binding, will consider charter change at later time.

4. [Faculty Compensation](#)

Proponents: Faculty Welfare & Budget & Finance

Motion to include and endorse, 1st/2nd: Kondratieff/Pruitt; Motion withdrawn to add data that were missing

Motion to refer back to Faculty Welfare for May meeting and agenda, 1st/2nd: Kondratieff/Pruitt; motion passes (unanimous)

B. Fischer: asked to please add where the money should come from as you put forward suggestions. HR did last plan to move people to 90% and that is in progress, but should include in resolution where the money should come from.

5. [WKU Mission Resolution](#)

Proponent: A. Wichman

Motion to include and endorse, 1st/2nd: Jerome/Ayers; Motion withdrawn

Motion to refer back to Wichman for revisions and encouraged anyone with revisions to contact him, 1st/2nd: Jerome/Kondratieff; motion passes (unanimous)

6. [Senate Charter Revisions \(First Reading\)](#)

Proponent: McKerral

Motion to endorse changes and include on Senate agenda (with amendments below), 1st/2nd: Pruitt/Flener; motion passes (unanimous)

Motion to amend, Kondratieff, leave item 6 alone

Motion to add registrar or designee, Jerome/Flener

7. SEC Recommendation on Faculty Senate meeting day, time and modality (no attachment)

Motion to set Faculty Senate Meeting for 2025-2026 as 4:00pm on 3rd Thursday (following the standard academic calendar) in-person, 1st/2nd: Kondratieff/Pruitt; motion passes (unanimous)

8. [Ramp Review Resolution](#)

Proponent: All Faculty Senate standing committee chairs

Motion to approve and include, 1st/2nd: Flener/Jerome, Motion withdrawn

Discussion of college fee example

Motion to send back to proponents and add data, 1st/2nd: Flener/Jerome; motion passes (unanimous)

G. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

No report

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

Budget continues to be made for next year.

Subvention will occur at the end of the month for colleges.

Email Stacey Forsythe with questions RE: Colonnade Workgroup.

3. SGA President, Sam Kurtz

H. Information Item:

I. Items for the benefit of the body

Discussed the importance of collaborating with Provost and college-level leadership.

J. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, 1st/2nd: Pruitt/Jerome; motion passes (unanimous)