

# Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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## Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting Monday, September 8, 2025 -- 3:15 pm (In Person: WAB 227)

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Meeting called order at 3:20

Present: Robin Ayers, Dan Clark, Ashley Drehek, Sheila Flener, Brooke Gross, Eric Kondratieff, Sebastian Leguizamon, Mac McKerrall, Andy Mienaltoski, Matt Pruitt, Sarah Scali, Karen Schifferdecker, Kandy Smith, Sarah Scali, and Missy Travelsted

Advisory Members: Bud Fischer, Rob Hale, Rush Robinson, and Shane Spiller

Guests: Jennifer Hammond

A. Approval minutes of the previous month's Senate Meeting:

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes, 5.2.25](#)

1st/2nd: Pruitt/Ayers, motion passes, unanimous

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair – Dan Clark

- a. Report: Met with most of the committee chairs, working on one committee (UCC) to have a chair, working on the questions for the president

2. Vice Chair – Brooke Gross

- a. Report: UCC needs a chair, Missing faculty for the Handbook committee (CEBS, GF), and the Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities committee (CEBS).

3. Secretary – Sheila Flener- no report

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D. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Missy Travelsted (Chair): (No Report)

- a. have not met yet, plan to follow up on the resolutions from the May senate

2. Budget and Finance, Eric J. Kondratieff (Chair): (Reports Posted)
  - a. Met last week on resolutions from the May meeting, plans for this year include: Accountability for the new fees coming in, a meeting with Todd Stewart to discuss the Athletics funding, which seems to be a moving target in the legislature.
3. Colonnade/General Education, Andrew Mienaltowski (Chair): (Report Posted)

Motion to include, Andrew Mienaltowski; motion passes (unanimous)

  - a. Met on Tuesday, had a presentation on QEP, which items will be part of the future assessment, and how/when the KY graduate profile competencies will be added to the Colonnade requirements
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Ashley Orehek (Chair): (No Report)
  - a. Met with Dan on Fall Goals, generated data on Academic quality, about faculty workload, and expectations have changed since 2020, gathered numbers on faculty support staff, and see if assistance has dropped, how AI is changing/factoring into faculty workload.
5. Graduate Council, Kirk Atkinson (Chair): (Reports Posted)

Motion to include, Kirk Atkinson, motion passes (unanimous)

  - a. missing SGA rep, needs to be a grad student
6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, TBD (Chair): (No Report)
7. Faculty Handbook, Mac McKerral(Chair): (No Report)
  - a. Handbook needs to align with the University policy on Faculty/Student Relationships, work needs to be done on the University Website as regards to links to policies
8. Other Committee/Organization Reports:
  1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Robin Ayers
  2. Budget Executive Committee (BEC) (Report Posted):
    - a. New faculty rep to be voted on, BEC will now include a permanent non-voting member representing the athletics programs
  3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL)
    - a. Needs a new rep to PEC, looking for a website developer.
  4. ONE WKU TBD (Chair)

E. Old Business:

a. Questions for the president: Should we put how many people asked a question in order to help him weigh how important the topic is to the faculty? A suggestion was made to rank the questions. Dan to rank the questions and provide them to Dr. Caboni's office.

F. New Business: None

G. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

a. Board of Regents summer meetings report: new faculty contracts, the president's new contract, and the new operating budget. The faculty resolutions from the May meeting were shared with the board. Concerns about faculty pay were shared. His term is up in December 2026, and he is putting out the word that he is willing to train and/or mentor anyone wanting to be a faculty regent.

b. Dr. Fisher asked Shane about concerns: no student workers, faculty are now directing adjuncts. Faculty support staff (i.e., graduate students) is gone. The problem is the lack of centralized funding. Decisions should be based on data, not on what people think or want. McKerral highlighted the lack of design on rack cards and websites, as well as the need to correct errors. Dr. Fischer emphasized that upon his arrival, it was impossible to discern the color of this institution. Department chairs have been consulted on changes that have been made to websites.

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

a. Call for Ombudsman application went out, Other ways to serve: Health and Welfare (3 Names), Faculty House committee (3 Names), and Ramp Model discussion: 1 faculty senate member, faculty at-large, BEC Committee to look at retirement options, AI committee, SACOC final report went, and a final decision will be received in December, KY graduate 10 essential skills is aligned with the QEP, implemented or no new programs (Must be added to General education and programs) to be implemented by 2028, Suitable-Cocurricular portfolio, KGP and the QEP, UDP discussion would like a more visible roll-on campus. (university distinguished professor)  
Questions from Matt Pruitt regarding Colonnade revisions, Fischer: to be shared in October, Mac McKerral: Post tenure review, do chairs have a schedule? Fischer: Is it located in the annual evaluation/post-tenure review document, Eric Kondratieff: Does the Wellness committee work independently?

3. SGA President, Rush Robinson

a. Email Rush if the SGA rep is not showing up for the committee meetings. Do students talk in class? No, students do not want to draw attention to themselves. Faculty are starting to adopt the law school model. Class size determines it as well.

H. Information Item: None

I. Items for the benefit of the body: None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 4:31: 1st/2nd: Kondratieff/Travelsted