



University Senate Executive Meeting (SEC)
Monday, November 10, 2025 -- 3:15 p.m.
Wetherby Administration Building 227
Minutes

Present: Matt Pruitt, Kandy Smith, Ashley Chance Fox, Kirk Atkinson, Brooke Gross, Dan Clark, Missy Travelsted, Susann DeVries, Robin Ayers, Sarah Scali, Eric Kondratoeff, Andy Mienaltowski, Mac MacKerral, Sebastian Leguizamon, Shane Spiller, Bud Fischer

Guest: Jennifer Hammonds, Rob Hale

Call to Order:

- A. Approve minutes of the previous month's SEC Meeting:**
Motion to approve Pruitt/Ayers motion passes (unanimous)

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes, 10.13.25](#)

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Dan Clark

See new business

2. Vice Chair - Brooke Gross

- Susann DeVries is taking Karen Schiferdecker place
- Still need a representative for Grad Council
- Brooke is subbing for Dan at the senate meeting, be nice!

3. Secretary - Sheila Flener

No report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. [Academic Quality, Missy Travelsted \(Chair\): \(Report Posted\)](#)

Motion to include Travelsted; motion passes (unanimous)

- Amendment to sabbatical and faculty credentials

2. Budget and Finance, Eric J. Kondratieff (Chair): (No Report)

- Tania Basta to meet with the committee, the goal of finding out how Deans are organizing their budgets

2. Colonnade/General Education, Andrew Mienaltowski (Chair): (Report Posted)

Motion to include Mienaltowski; motion passes (unanimous)

- Syllabus language for Colonnade course learning outcomes and Kentucky Graduate profile competencies are available for faculty to copy and paste into their syllabi at the Colonnade Committee website under faculty resources.

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Ashley Orehek (Chair): (Report Posted)

Motion to include Orehek; motion passes (unanimous)

5. Graduate Council, Kirk Atkinson (Chair): (Report Posted)

Motion to include Atkinson; motion passes (unanimous)

6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Ashley Fox (Chair): (Report Posted)

Motion to include Fox; motion passes (unanimous)

7. Faculty Handbook, Mac McKerral (Chair): (Report Posted)

Motion to include McKerral; motion passes (unanimous)

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

- AAUP is seeking support from other universities. They are looking to support and help with the firing of a UK professor for comments made on social media

2. Executive Budget Committee (BEC) (No Report)

- Compensation pool has been approved, waiting to here on **distribution**

3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL) / ONE WKU

No Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

- Agenda for the next Board of Regents meeting
- Lengthy budget and finance report, including the audit report
- 1st quarter budget is on track. Last year, we finished with a tiny overage. (24,000)
- Personnel actions
- Easements for the farm
- Anti-Semitism policy (state-mandated) HB4-Directs institutions to combat anti-Semitism: SJR 55 directs the governing boards of public postsecondary institutions to adopt policies to combat anti-Semitism.

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

- Student Showcase needs volunteers
- AI continues, workshops are available through CITL
- First Gen leadership conference is this week, resource fair for students, keynote speakers, and breakout sessions
- The new budget has started
- Ramp budget revision task force meeting this week
- Preview Day is Saturday. Over 800 students have registered.
- Gifted students on campus this weekend

Question: McKerral asked about freshman attendance. An excellent discussion on the problem of students missing class. Can we add a 10-week assessment? Attendance policy?

Question: Mienaltowski stated that Colonnade saw several new course proposals on disaster sciences. Is there work being done on a new PHD? Not at this time

3. SGA President, Rush Robinson (No report)

- Pruitt asked about the proposal for evaluations for advisors. Provost Fischer said it died in committee.

F. Old Business: (None)

G. New Business:

1. Academic Sustainability Task Force Formation

- Motion to create committee, Gross/Fox motion passes unanimously
- Pruitt asked that more information be added to describe and qualify what the committee is to do.
- Provost Fischer asked why Academic Affairs does not have a voice on the committee?
- Gross stated that they would like to get together first and then added that Academic Affairs would have a voice on the committee.
- Mienaltowski said it was a matter of faculty effectiveness vs program offering.
- Travelsted said the new committee was formed to allow each committee to get out of its silos and talk to each other.
- Kondratieff stated the document produced by Spiller was there to show them what questions they need to ask.
- Atkinson stated that it was about data mining

H. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Atkinson/Kondratieff motion passes unanimously.

Faithfully submitted: Sheila S. Flener