

# Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

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## **Faculty Senate Meeting Thursday, April 17, 2025 -- 3:45 p.m. IN PERSON Senate Chambers - DSU 2081**

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Present: K. Smith, J. Logsdon, S. Flener, S. Riehn, M. Travelsted, S. Scali, G. Ellis-Griffith, D. Boamah, K. Neelly, P. Gunter, D. Strunk, J. Maddox, M. Yates, J. Lindsay (for J. Erickson), E. Kondratieff, A. Jerome, B. Thomas, B. Fischer, S. Spiller, M. Pruitt, M. McKerral, D. Clark, S. Bonis, K. Lang, C. Trojan, M. Peterson, T. Jenkins, A. Mienaltowski, Y. Mowafi (for B. Dinan), X. Fan, J. Stewart, A. Wichman, Y. Petkus, M. Salvator, S. Pollatsek, B. Elliott, S. Im, A. Heintzman (for C. Basham), R. Ayers, M. Crowder, P. Bera, L. Plumlee, S. Leguizamon, J. Shankweiler, T. Seguin

Guests: M. Durham, K. Hudepohl, S. Ghezal, D. Bell, K. Schifferdecker, B. Gross, A. Orehek-Rossi, R. Hale, J. Hammonds, R. Zhang, K. Pharris, Y. Lei, J. Klemm

### A. Approval of previous months Senate Meeting:

1. [Faculty Senate Minutes 3-13-25](#)

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: Pruitt/Flener; motion passes, unanimous

### B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Mac McKerral

Will be meeting with President and Provost coming up, plans to talk about daycare. Will have a Senate meeting on May 15. Has been a lot of discussion about Colonnade working group, S. Forsythe does not expect any recommendations to come forward until at least fall.

2. Vice-Chair - Dan Clark

Will meet in college groups at the end of Senate to fill seats.

3. Secretary - Sarah Bonis (No Report)

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: Flener/Kondratieff; Motion to bundle all reports except for grad council, motion passes (unanimous)

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: Kondratieff/Flener; Motion to approve all bundled reports, motion passes (unanimous)

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

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

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

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

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

Motion to approve; Logsdon, motion passes (unanimous)

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

Motion to approve; Logsdon, motion passes (unanimous)

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

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

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

2. Budget and Executive Committee (BEC)

3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL)

R. Ayers - AAUP and COSFL have been extremely busy with proposed and approved legislation. They are trying to figure out how to put together a toolkit (resources for language to advocate, etc.). Meeting happening right now and continuing to do important work to understand and maintain our work in higher ed.

#### 4. ONE WKU

#### E. Old Business:

#### F. New Business:

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

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: Pruitt/Jerome; Motion to bring forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in May, motion passes (unanimous)

##### 2. [Colonnade Resolution](#)

Resolution was withdrawn by sponsor

##### 3. [Senate meeting modality](#)

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: Jerome/Ayres; Motion to approve, motion passes (unanimous)

##### 4. [Academic Affairs Policy Revision-Emeritus Status](#)

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: Wichman/Yates; Motion to approve, motion passes (unanimous)

##### 5. [Academic Affairs Policy Revision - Adjunct Faculty](#)

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: Wichman/Jerome; Motion to approve, motion passes (unanimous)

##### 6. [Blair Thomas nomination to WKU Athletics Committee](#)

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: Jerome/Pruitt, Motion to approve, motion passes (unanimous)

##### 7. [SGA Elevator Resolution](#)

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: Pruitt/Wichman, Motion to endorse, motion passes (unanimous)

##### 8. [SGA Resolution-Library](#)

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>: Pruitt/Jerome; Motion to endorse and pass on to Jessica Steenbergen, motion passes (unanimous)

Provost suggestion to send to J. Steenbergen, Petkus encouraged us to find something open 24-hours for students.

#### G. Advisory Member Reports:

### 1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

Board doesn't meet again until May 8<sup>th</sup>, but they are around campus for some events. Not much going on now, will be a more extensive report at the May meeting.

### 2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

Budget continues to be worked on for next year, will be finalized so subvention can be done by first week of May.

For the UK Medical School, the new director is Dr. Caroline Paul. We have a partnership with them and she is looking to expand the cooperation, e.g., how can her students mentor our pre-med students. They bring 30 students in to BG to be med students, that number will be 40 in the next 3 years.

Honors 2.0 is getting near to recommendations to send to Provost and President. Director search will be on campus the next two weeks. Monday 4/21 and Wed 4/30.

Other searches going on: Research search has ended, appointment letter out to candidate, hoping to have that in less than a week.

Online Student Success Role: Search has opened, and applicants are being reviewed.

Summer pay that was tabled, when will it come back? McKerral said it will be back on May meeting.

McKerral: UL President emailed faculty stated that annual review process is already in place, no revisions expected. Can we put out similar communication? Provost answer – we do need to add one element which is board approval of our process.

### 3. SGA President, Sam Kurtz

## H. Informational Items:

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

A. Jerome: If you have questions about the Colonnade Workgroup, please do reach out to college reps or Stacey Forsythe.

Y. Petkus: Q: RE board of regents vote – what will the board approval be of? Answer from Provost – they need to vote on the process for annual review, not our actual annual evaluations each year.

### J. Election of Next Year's Officers

S. Bonis nominated D. Clark for chair, elected by acclimation

A. Jerome nominated B. Gross for vice chair, elected by acclimation

A. Jerome nominated S. Flener for secretary, elected by acclimation

K. Adjourn for Faculty Senate Caucuses (Dan Clark)