

## Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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### Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting Monday, November 11, 2024 -- 3:15pm (In Person: WAB 227)

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**Present:** M. McKerral, S. Bonis, E. Kondratieff, A. Mienaltowski (for A. Jerome), S. Flener, J. Shankweiler (for K. Schifferdecker), R. Ayers, M. Pruitt, S. Spiller, R. Fischer, D. Smith (parliamentarian)

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

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

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes, 10.14.24](#)

1<sup>st</sup> Pruitt/2<sup>nd</sup> Flener – motion passes (unanimous)

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Mac McKerral

Reminder about when reports are due, going forward will insist that reports come in on time to adhere to university posted deadlines.

Random draw for **Advisory Committee on Continuance, Tenure, & Promotion**

Modern Languages – Francesca Sunkin

Analytics & Information – Lily Zhuhadar

Psych Sciences – Reagan Brown

Physics & Astronomy – Steven Gibson

Accounting – Minwoo Lee

Random draw for **Advisory Committee on Grievance**

Psychology – Rick Grieve

Nursing & Allied Health – Tonya Bragg-Underwood

STE – Erin Margarella

Social Work – Jay Gabbard  
Physical Therapy – Sonia Young

Motion to approve selection 1<sup>st</sup> Ayers/2<sup>nd</sup> Kondratieff; motion passes (unanimous)

2. Vice Chair - Dan Clark (No Report)
3. Secretary - Sarah Bonis (No Report)

Email sent to Faculty and Staff Senate leadership to discuss concerns regarding faculty and student mental health, university response to student deaths. SEC discussed these issues, as well as issues related to SARC service provision and staffing needs in SARC/Counseling Center. All agreed work was needed, ideas were shared, will follow up (e.g., Martha Sales is leading an ad-hoc committee looking at mental health support).

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Tracy Jenkins (Chair): (No Report)
2. Budget and Finance, Eric J. Kondratieff (Chair): (No Report)
3. Colonnade/General Education, Angie Jerome (Chair): (Report Posted)

Motion to include, 1<sup>st</sup> Mienaltowski; motion passes (unanimous)

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Stephanie Riehn (Chair): (No Report)
5. Graduate Council, Jeremy Logsdon (Chair): (Report posted)

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

- a. Graduate Council Policy Report

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

6. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee, Whitley Stone (Chair) (Report Posted)

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

7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener (Chair): (Report Posted)

Motion to include, 1<sup>st</sup> Kondratieff; motion passes (unanimous)

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

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

2. Budget Executive Committee (BEC)

3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL)

4. ONE WKU, Molly Kerby (Chair)

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

Very little new since full senate. There was a discussion about the board schedule, considering a change to the schedule regarding budget.

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

Associate Provost for Research job posting is out there and a search committee will be formed ASAP.

VSIP closed and 57 people took advantage of it. The list was sent (32 faculty, 25 staff).

A change from the Department of Labor about the minimum amount of salary necessary to be exempt and not eligible for overtime. Several employees at WKU will now be eligible for overtime (non-exempt) and AA will work on forms, etc.

Discussed summer and winter compensation at the end of last year. AA pulled additional data and there was no difference whether you used day 1/day 3 for making decisions. Will bring the policy back up with the accompanying data.

Have had conversations about calendar for next year and received recommendations.

3. SGA President, Sam Kurtz

F. Old Business:

G. New Business:

1. Action item: SGA Safety Resolution

Motion to table definitely until December, 1<sup>st</sup> Pruitt/2<sup>nd</sup> Kondratieff; motion passes (unanimous)

2. Action item: Appointment of Capt. Rebeka Lyons (CEBS) to WKU University Athletic Committee

Motion to table definitely until December, 1<sup>st</sup> Flener /2<sup>nd</sup> Kondratieff; motion passes (unanimous)

Question of whether Capt. Lyons would be able to attend in-person meetings necessary.

H. Motion to adjourn

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