

## September Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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### Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting Monday, September 9, 2024 -- 3:15pm WAB 227

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

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

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

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes, 5.6.24](#)

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

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Mac McKerral

University is at a critical juncture, faculty input/expertise is at a high premium, appreciate the folks here doing the work, significant budget issues and concerns will need to be addressed

2. Vice Chair - Dan Clark

No report

3. Secretary - Sarah Bonis

No report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Patricia Todd (Chair): (No Report)

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

3. Colonnade/General Education, Angie Jerome (Chair): (No Report)

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, TBD (Chair): (No Report)
5. [Graduate Council, Jeremy Logsdon \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)

Motion to include: Bonis (for Logsdon); motion passes (unanimous)

6. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee, Whitley Stone (Chair) (No Report)
7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener (Chair): (No Report)
8. Faculty Handbook, TBD (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)  
Working on survey, no report
4. ONE WKU, Molly Kerby (Chair)

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

It has been a busy summer, June budget meeting is most concerning, Spiller voted 'no' on budget, not as condemnation on those who contributed to the budget, but to communicate that we are at a crossroads as an institution and we can't keep cutting the budget. We have nothing left to cut. 3<sup>rd</sup> workforce reduction in 6 years; Spiller continues to talk to board members and Budget & Finance committee, expect units will have to pay money back if they overspent, there are some historical accounting practices that are being updated, will continue to listen to and share concerns from faculty

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

Reminded of four years of raises, was not the case historically. Previously, faculty went years without raises of any sort. The university continues to work through and correct some historical budget practices, slow process without CPE support and an inability to raise tuition, moving toward the black. VSIP is a positive for those who are at that career stage and interested in moving on. Workload and Compensation policy moved forward and was approved by Provost (despite vote of 12 yes/14 no in faculty senate). SACSCOC finished compliance certification and is getting ready for 3/9-13<sup>th</sup> on campus visit with SACSCOC. Faculty will hear more about that soon. QEP (associated with

graduate profile) is being worked on and is due by January. The restructuring of ESE is underway – everyone has a voice and there are lots of options, will come back with the way that everyone says is the way to go.

3. SGA President, Sam Kurtz

F. Old Business:

1. Ad Hoc Committee, Charter Revisions

Will seek volunteers and a reminder that charter changes do require two readings.

G. New Business:

1. Approval: Dr. Dan Strunk, nominee, Ogden College representative, University Athletic Committee.

1<sup>st</sup>: Jerome/2<sup>nd</sup>: Flener; motion passes (unanimous)

2. The Academic Calendar (Mac McKerral)

Discussion of Thanksgiving break falling immediately before finals week. Jennifer Hammonds gave a summary of the calendar committee makeup and process.

H. Announcements:

UCC looking for reps Tuesdays at 3:45 pm

I. Adjourn (4:31pm): 1<sup>st</sup> Jermon/2<sup>nd</sup>: Ayers motion passes (unanimous)