

**Faculty Senate
Chair's report
Oct. 14, 2024**

Colleagues:

- A captioned and uncaptioned version of the president's visit is now on the shared drive.

Please note: The captioned version is an "export" of the file with captions. The captioning is a function of AI, and as you might know from watching captioned video, sometimes AI changes what a speaker is saying. There are some instances of that on the captioned version. Please thank Sen. Brian Elliott for taping and synching the audio.

- Susan Haworth, executive vice president, Strategy, Operations and Finance, will speak at the October Senate meeting.

- An audio version of the entire September meeting is now on the shared drive.

- On the Senate website, the button for the "Archive," which is the shared drive, has been moved to make it easier to find. It now rests at the top of the "Documents" button. The archive button now provides instructions for Mac users (the Apple devices, not me) on how to access the shared drive using the the server code.

- The ad hoc committee on "Faculty Senate Charter" revisions is so far comprised of Mac McKerral, Dan Clark, Julia Shadoan and Eric Reed. One more member would be helpful.

- I am placing on the shared drive a folder called "Senate Reading." I know budget cuts might have cost faculty a lot of access to the Chronicle of Higher Education. My unit still has access to it, and I am placing stories in the folder that I find relevant to things here at WKU. **Be advised:** Some of the stories are quite long, so they make for enjoyable reading when folks have free time ("Yeah, right.")

- The BEC met on Oct. 2.

— I have served as a faculty representative along with Kirk Atkinson and Kurt Nelly. In previous meetings, Dan Clark has joined me, so that he can be educated about BEC issues in case he needed to sub for me. During the Oct. 2 meeting, the committee by a 10-4 vote ruled that one or the other of Dan or I can attend meetings but not both of us. That decision also included a rule that if a BEC representative cannot attend a meeting, they cannot send an alternate. The committee member can send a proxy vote in advance of the meeting. I will not waste time in this report explaining what I believe to be the flawed logic with these decisions.

- Provost Fischer gave a report on the Office of Academic Affairs budget. I will make the slides available on the shared drive.

- Renaldo Domoney gave an update on the WKU Health Insurance. I will make the slides available on the shared drive.

- Human Resources staff gave an update on the “Salary Project,” a vehicle derived from the former Compensation Committee. I will make the slides available on the shared drive.

- The committee made a recommendation on how to distribute the 2 percent compensation pool. That decision is embargoed until it is reviewed by the president and ultimately by the Board of Regents. When that happens, more details can be provided about the discussion and the recommendation.