



University Senate Executive Meeting (SEC)
Monday, January 12, 2026-- 3:15 p.m.
Wetherby Administration Building 227
Minutes

Present: Robin Ayers, Dan Clark, Susann DeVries, Bud Fischer, Sheila Flener, Ashley Chance Fox, Brooke Gross, Rob Hale, Eric Kondratoeff, Andy Mienaltowski, Matt Pruitt, Kandy Smith, Shane Spiller, and Missy Travelsted

Guest: Jennifer Hammonds

Not Present: Kirk Atkinson, Sebastian Leguizamon, Mac MacKerral, and Sarah Scali

Call to Order: 3:20 pm

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

1. SEC Meeting Minutes, 12.1.25

Motion to approve Ayers/Travelstead; motion passes (unanimous)

Notes to be revised due to some formatting errors

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Dan Clark

- Data requests from the Academic Sustainability Task Force were sent to the provost's office today
 - Provost Fischer requested that they be ranked by need
- Todd Stewart is scheduled for the Senate meeting next month

2. Vice Chair - Brooke Gross

- Library faculty retired, and they were members of the faculty handbook, budget, and finance committee. They have been replaced Anthony Paggenlli and Joe Shankweiler.
- Elections are due to start in February
 - Pruitt asked the at-large college representatives

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)

2. Budget and Finance, Eric J. Kondratieff (Chair): (Report Posted)

Motion to include Kondratieff; motion passes (unanimous)

- Friendly amendment to change the date of the report to the correct date.

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

Motion to include Mienaltowski; motion passes (unanimous)

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

Motion to include Orehek; motion passes (unanimous)

- Pruitt: Is it possible to have the list of full questions working to understand the report? Also asked for frequency data
- Fischer: Some of the questions need to be removed or revised. Such as Merit increases.
 - Dan: Some of the questions were needed to look at the analysis data, how it flows through the years.
 - Ashley: The plan is to distribute in February so people can look at before spring break. There is a plan to rework the questions
- Eric: What is the percentage of the faculty
- Fischer: 1/3 of the faculty
- Pruitt: Some people are concerned about it capturing IP addresses.
- Dan: People feel like the same thing every year, I should, nothing changes?
- Rob: Have you shared the survey with the president yet?
- Dan: Not yet
- Spiller: The board of regents looks at the data.

a. 2025 Faculty Work Life Survey Report

Motion to include Orehek; motion passes (unanimous)

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

Motion to include Whitley; 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): (No Report)

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP) No Report

2. Budget Executive Committee (BEC) No Report

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

4. University Athletic Committee, Craig Martin, Senate Representative (Report Posted)

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

Board has not met since the last meeting. No additional information. Board members have talked. The dorms was an agreement to look at the agreement.

Pruitt: Does the dorm need to be approved by the states legislature. Same company is being used by UK. Board meets in Feb and in May. Need a person in place by the November meeting to attend with him

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

- The next budget cycle ('27) gets kicked off tomorrow. We are within our '26 budget.
- Ramp model review continues to be done
- Need Senate volunteers for PHD committee. Any senator is eligible.
- Need a Senate volunteer for the study of Glia
- Promotion and tenure approvals are moving right along.
- Enrollment, graduation numbers, and retention are back up.
We saw a 14% increase in college applications and an 8% increase in housing applications.
- Spiller: Some colleges are exploring expectations on research as we move forward. Are you anticipating an institutional policy on research quality?
 - Fischer: No. The flexible workload policy helps with this.

3. SGA President, Rush Robinson

- SGA senators are missing meetings. Please reach out to me concerning this.

F. Old Business: None

G. New Business:

- Jeniffer Hammonds: Concerning the Topnet class list, how many years back do you need to see?
- Eric: I have recently needed to look at a student's records from 11 years ago
- Pruitt: Are you taking it completely away?
- Hammonds: No, just need to know how many years we need to have listed.

H. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Pruitt/Kondratieff; motion passes (unanimous)