



Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, December 11, 2025 -- 4:00 p.m.
Senate Chambers
Minutes

Call to Order:

- Chair Dan Clark called the regular meeting of the WKU Senate to order on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 4:00 pm in the Senate Chambers - DSU 2081. Senate Chambers. A quorum was present.
- **Members' Present:** Kirk Atkinson, Robin Ayers, David Bell, Erica Billingley, Scott Bohnam, Jenny Burton, Dan Clark, Susann DeVries, Gihan Edirisinghe, Brian Elliott, Xingang Fan, Sheila Flener, Ashley Fox, Amber Giacona, Phillip Gunter, Kate Hudepohl, Gary Houchens, Nancy Hulan, Eric Kondratieff, Meghen McKinley, Andrew Mienaltowski, Miranda Peterson, Yvonne Petus, Kimberly Pharris, Matt Pruitt, Kelly Reames, Michelle Reece, Sarah Scali, Matthew Shake, Kandy Smith, Jason Stewart, Dan Strunk, Thomas Blair, Melissa Travelsted, and Matt Tullis
- **Alternates Present:** Leslie Plumlee (Margaret Crowder), Itsai Pan (Yuyun Lei)
- **Absent:** Brandon Barber, Kristin Bennett, Pallav Bera, Daniel Boamah, William Czekanski, Said Ghezal, Brooke Gross, Gregory Ellis Griffith, Sara Herbert, Tom Hunley, Angie Jerome, Kerron Joseph, Sebastian Leguizamon, Mac McKerral, Yaser Mowafi, Stephanie Riehn, Pinky Rusli, and Aaron Wichman
- **Guest:** Jennifer Hammonds, Jennifer Klemm, David Castleman, Rob Hale, Jakob Barker, Caden Lucas, Gabriel Jerdon and Veronica Butler

A. Approval of the previous month's Senate Meeting:

1. [Faculty Senate Minutes 11-20-25](#)

Motion to approve Ayers/Pruitt motion passes (unanimous)

Minutes to be revised due to Atkinson being listed as a visitor and not a member.

B. Officer Reports

1. **Chair - Dan Clark**

- The Academic Sustainability Task Force met this week. Good meeting, and how we want to proceed.

- Thank everyone for their service.

2. Vice-Chair - Brooke Gross

- People to serve on the academic advising committee: Ashley Fox, Mac McKerral, and Dave Bell have volunteered
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2. Secretary - Sheila Flener: (No Report)

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Missy Travelsted (Chair): (No Report)

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

Motion to approve Kondratieff motion passes (unanimous)

3. Colonnade/General Education, Andrew Mienaltowski (Chair): (No Report)

- Be sure to include learning outcome statements for colonnade in your syllabi

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

Motion to approve Fan motion passes (unanimous)

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

Motion to approve Atkinson motion passes (unanimous)

6. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Ashley Fox (Chair): (Report Posted)

Motion to approve Fox motion passes (unanimous)

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7. Faculty Handbook, Mac McKerral (Chair): (Report Posted)

Motion to approve Scalli motion passes (unanimous)

a. Sexual Relations Policy (Action Item Posted)

Motion to approve Scalli motion passes (unanimous)

- Echoes the verbiage of the university policy

b. Full Professorship Policy (Action Item Posted)

Motion to approve Scalli motion passes (unanimous)

- Echoing the verbiage of the university policy
- A question was asked concerning the pedagogical degrees
- Rob Hale stated the degree must be a terminal degree

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

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

2. Executive Budget Committee (BEC) (No Report)

- The committee is in the process of gathering information on how departments managed their budgets last year.

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

E. Advisory Member Reports,

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

- Board quarterly meeting this afternoon
- Sabbatical applications were approved
- Predevelopment agreement was approved; this was an agreement to work on an agreement. Extensive work has been done on this. Trying to complete by the June meeting for a vote.
 - Tearing down old dorms that need to be torn down.
 - Working on creating dorms that students are looking for.
 - Financially, this will not be a part of WKU's budget.
 - WKU will retain the ownership and rent.
 - WKU can pull out of the agreement with a slight penalty.
 - Existential crisis that WKU is facing.
 - Worksheets and spreadsheets are being worked out.
 - A lot of questions are being asked.
 - We have partners willing to partner with us because of our brand to ensure that WKU has value.

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

- The Provost agrees with Shane that the dorm agreement is a credible opportunity. 45% of students who don't come here are because of housing. 78% of students who look at WKU end up at Universities such as UK, UofL, UI, and UT because of housing.
- The '26 budget is on track; the '27 budget will be built starting in January.
- The Ramp budget analysis is continuing
- Looking for committee members for the ACDC committee
- A PHD committee is being formed to look at new PhDs.
- Student scholar showcase is coming
- SASCOC has no reports for 10 years. SASCOC has become streamlined because states are leaving. We have 7 years to take a breath.
- Curriculum is our purview. We need to update and revise.
- Pruitt asked about why grading was late opening this semester.
 - Hammonds: It was an oversight.

3. SGA President, Rush Robinson

Appreciate letting him setting in on this meetings.

a. [Accessible 24-Hour Space Resolution \(Action Item Posted\)](#)

Jacob Barker presented the resolutions

Motion to support Pruitt/Reames motion passes (unanimous)

c. **Residence Hall Amenities Resolution (Action Item Posted)**

Motion to support Adkinson/Pruitt motion passes (unanimous)

- Improvement to residence halls. Academic stress is happening in the halls. This is the time to reflect and see how dorm living can be improved. A. Water access. B Bring printing resources. C. Access to computers and correct major related software. D. Bring more resources
- Predevelopment: Some of the problems can be taken care of by refreshing some of the housing.
- Spiller: Regents toured the dorms today. What is the definition of a kitchen? The University is taking back the power to make changes.

F. Old Business: None

G. New Business: None

H. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Adkinson/Pruitt: motion passes unanimously.

Faithfully submitted: Sheila S. Flener