

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, October 24, 2011

1. Chair Lesley Cottrell called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainair.

Members Present:

Bilgesu, I.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Kleist, V.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bastress, R.	Elmore, S.	Mays, M.	Strife, M.
Butcher, F.	Griffith, R.	Nutter, R.	Wheatly, M.
Cottrell, L.	Kershner, R.	Orlikoff, J.	

Members Absent:

Clements, J.	Curtis, R.	Tuninetti, A.
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Guests:

Karraker, K.	Lang, A. (DP)	Lee, P.	Lastinger, M.
Robinson, S.	Stump, J. (NIS)	Wilson, C.B.	

2. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.
3. The Provost reported on the following issues:
  - There are a number of leadership positions that are in need of being filled; the Provost is working on getting them identified.
  - Associate Provost Russ Dean is overseeing the search committee to hire a provost for Potomac State College.
  - The dean search for HRE will be chaired by Dana Brooks.
  - The dean search for the Davis College for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design has been reactivated; it will be chaired by Bob Jones. Fifty applications have been received; they are being reviewed with a search agency.
  - Rehan Khan has accepted a position at Northeastern University, and he will be leaving November 12, 2011. The Provost asked for suggestions in appointing an interim Chief Information Officer.
  - Frances O'Brien, Dean, University Libraries, will begin phased retirement at the end of the year; Myra Lowe has been appointed as the interim dean for 18 months.
  - An appointment to place an associate provost over Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan, which consists of State Engagement, Outreach, Extension, and Public Service, is being discussed. The Provost will meet with WVU Extension Services next week at their retreat to discuss this issue.

- It is the 150th anniversary for the Morrill Land Grant Acts.
- Telephone conversations have been held with the final candidate for the vice-president of research. Draft language and a discussion document have been submitted concerning the position.
- A discussion document has been initiated concerning how the sr. leadership team views the best way to optimize the Office of Sponsored Programs and the leadership corporation.
- Five-year administrative reviews will be conducted for Jonathan Cumming and Sue Day-Perroots.
- The Provost acknowledged all the great work that has been done at WVU-Tech, and she said all the faculty, staff, and students are valued. The Legislature commissioned a team to do a report about the revitalization of the campus. Everyone is waiting to hear from HEPC concerning the outcome. The Provost said WVU-Morgantown will help WVU-Tech anyway it can.
- Momentum continues on the strategic plan. The infrastructure, database and reporting mechanisms are being created for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) reaccreditation of the entire institution. A Council of Deans' retreat is currently being planned, and the Provost will share what the deans' level of participation will be for the new infrastructure.
- The HLC is redoing its reaccreditation process; it used to be done every 10 years. It is moving to a "continuous quality of improvement process." The Provost wants to make the process that HLC is requiring in tune with what WVU is doing. Elizabeth Hamilton will assist the Provost by handling the administration of all the website documents and providing updated website links.
- Discussions continue to be held concerning the Marcellus shale drilling. Professors Ameri and Aminian gave a presentation that made a complicated process intelligible, and it showed what science could do to help understand the process. Many people attended the discussion.
- Three executives from the Boy Scouts of America came to WVU to discuss partnership that is currently being considered.
- The Provost will ask tenured faculty to participate in a "COACHE survey". WVU paid to participate in a Harvard University sponsored survey. Three years ago, the survey was administered to junior tenure-track faculty members. This time it will be administered to the senior tenure-track faculty members. Once input has been received from the nationally validated survey, we can look at areas scored well and not so well. The survey will help to improve the work/lives of faculty.
- Research round table discussions are being held to determine the allocation of the next 20 faculty lines.

- It is the 7<sup>th</sup> week of the United Way Campaign, and there are two weeks left. We hope to exceed the \$305,000 goal. We will have the first Run/Walk event on October 29<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the United Way.

4. Chair Cottrell discussed the following issues:

- There are currently 160 people registered for the Run/Walk event that will be held in Morgantown to help raise United Way funds.
- The presentation given by Professors Ameri and Aminian concerning the Marcellus shale drilling was excellent. Faculty are appreciated for having discussions because they bring so much insight to the topic. Other forum presentations will take place on October 25, 2011 at 5:30 p.m., and October 27-28, 2011. Flyers are posted on the Faculty Senate webpage for both of these discussions.
- The Senate Research and Travel grants are due by November 1, 2011.
- The deadline for nominating a BOG faculty representative is November 7, 2011. There are currently 8 nominees; if anyone is interested in nominating someone, names can be sent to the Faculty Senate Office.
- Nancy Lohmann sent an e-mail asking for comments concerning the parking and transportation plan. Comments can be sent directly to the main office listed in the e-mail so they can be included in the plan.

5. Jennifer Orlikoff, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.

Annex II, The Alteration Report was submitted for information.

6. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex III, GEC Actions. Motion carried.

Annex IV, The GEC Audit report, was submitted for information.

7. Roy Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, distributed a list of items that the ACF is recommending. He said the list needed to be approved by each school. He recommended it be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for its November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Professor Nutter reviewed each item on the list. He recommended the list be approved as it is, and to plan for revisions next year.

8. Robert Griffith, Board of Governors representative, said he and Chair Cottrell are preparing a report to the Board which includes comparison of faculty salaries with our

peer institutions. He said many changes are forthcoming because so many people are eligible for retirement within the next few years.

9. Mike Lastinger, Associate Provost, Office of International Programs, said it is necessary to get students to understand the procedures for doing WVU-related activities around the world. This includes being preregistered before traveling abroad. Professor Lastinger said he would like to give updates to the Faculty Senate. The round table group is still working on presentations, but when this work is completed, he would like to offer a systematic approach as well as curriculum suggestions. Professor Lastinger said he would like to speak before the Faculty Senate in January or February of next year.

10. New Business

Ruth Kershner said she is concerned about the inconsistency of the academic dishonesty policy. She said she teaches in various schools and colleges, and sometimes the policy is different. She recommended there be one policy in place. After much discussion about this issue, it was decided that better communication is needed, and when policies are updated and or revised, the older policies need to be removed. Chair Cottrell said she would send an e-mail with the updated link for the academic dishonesty policy.

Roy Nutter asked how the Degree Works program was working for faculty who advise because he is not having much success with it. Steve Robinson, University Registrar, said he would meet with Professor Nutter to discuss this issue.

11. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. to reconvene Monday, November 28, 2011.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary