

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, January 24, 2011

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

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Clark, N.	Hartman, K.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bastress, R.	Clements, J.	Kershner, R.	Strife, M.
Bilgesu, I.	Cottrell, L.	Nutter, R.	Urbanski, J.
Butcher, F.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Petty, T.	Wheatly, M.

Members Absent:

Peace, G.

Guests:

Cooke, L.	Dean, J.	Dean, R.	Dooley, E.
Griffith, R.	Lappar, J. (DA)	Lastinger, M.	Mazzella, D. (NIS)
Novak, T.	Shaner, C. (DP)	Wilson, C.B.	

2. It was moved to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2010 meeting with the following sentence to be added at the end of the Chair's report on page 2, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph under item 5, "Unless executive directed otherwise, the Chair will send a letter suggesting qualities for BOG members to the Governor. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.
3. President Clements said he is very pleased with the framework of the 2020 Strategic Plan that has been submitted to him. It is a great piece of work; it is concise and provides an excellent roadmap for where WVU needs to go. The President thanked Professor Clark and Provost Wheatly and all the others involved for their hard work in putting it together.

The President reported on the following issues:

- The Capital Classic Luncheon held in Charleston last week went very well. The President discussed the Strategic Plan at this event.
- Initiatives that are in the plan include the School of Public Health because we need to improve as a state in the areas of diabetes, cardio-vascular disease, life-expectancy, etc. WVU has a responsibility to make a difference and how the population can be changed, so this is the reason the School of Public Health has been proposed; plus many of the needed resources are already in place.
- An initiative was discussed that included working more closely with K-12 to get kids excited about science, technology, engineering and math. Provost Wheatly and a team of great people will be working on tightening the partnership in this endeavor.

- Another discussion item included increasing research, job creation, and economic development.
- The President showed a DVD that was prepared by Professor Chris Martin, Vice-President for University Relations, which showed outstanding people at WVU as well as developments and events.
- The President said that some great events were held last week in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- A legislative session was held in Charleston. WVU asked for an extension of the window to bring in funds to be matched by the Research Trust Fund.
- DegreeWorks was implemented, which is an excellent tool for students to track their progress toward their degrees.
- University Relations won an award from CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education).
- The five-year agreement was finalized with the US-China Clean Energy Research Center that will be coordinated by WVU.
- An agreement was signed with Slippery Rock University last week.
- Finalizing the Strategic Plan is the highest priority; ideas are welcome.
- A group is working on the multi-year Facilities Master Plan.
- Plans are being finalized for the Capital Campaign to include its role, timeframe, and how the money raised will be used.

4. Provost Wheatly said she made a New Year's Resolution that she will start linking her deliverables to goals 1-5 of the Strategic Plan, so everyone understands that progress is being made. The Provost spoke on the following 5 goals of the Strategic Plan:

- Engage undergraduate, graduate, and professional students in a challenging academic environment.

Enrollment is strong on the main campus as well as at the integrated divisions; WVU-Tech had a 46% increase in their admits and they are trying to move students into situations where faculty are involved earlier for the on-boarding process. Potomac State is doing extremely well and everything is filled this semester and things look great for the fall semester. Associate Provost Dean said there are very good statistics for fall, 2011. There is also an increase in the academic preparedness of students. Minds will be geared toward growing graduate and doctorate programming. This topic will be discussed at the Council of Deans for the spring semester retreat. DegreeWorks went live; although there were a few technical issues surrounding general education. Dr. Dooley is very involved with the HEPC academic affairs division and there is discussion about the 120 hour minimum (degree) and 30 hour minimum for general education. There is discussion about transfer and articulation agreements. Things are moving for the "Blueprint for Success" which is being used for retention by the Graduate Council.

- Excellence in Research, Creativity, and Innovation.

The US-China Energy Consortium is important to WVU because we lead the energy consortium with China, which will equate to approximately \$25 million. Two members of the consortia are from the University of Michigan and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The deans are working fast and furious; this week they will work on the “Intent to Request” which is a one page proposal that will be made requesting faculty lines to grow research. A round robin will be held at next week’s Council of Deans meeting, as well as listening to ideas, and submitting finalized proposals. Hopefully, by the end of March, the next 30 lines will be allocated so the search committees can be formed in April and get ads out early in the year for the next recruiting cycle.

- Foster a Diverse and Inclusive Culture.

Two speakers spoke over the weekend, which included Dr. Hrabowski in the stem field for opening up the pathways for students and David Fryson from the General Counsel’s Office. It is important to have this goal at the center of the academic discourse. The Provost and the President will be meeting with the Black Faculty Association and others to see how goal number 3 can be moved ahead so gains can be made. Dr. Dooley’s Blueprint for Success group has a task force that will look at the success of “at-risk” students. There are a number of initiatives within the minority doctoral program. We want to create a pathway to recruit post-doctorates from under-representative groups, so we can “grow our own.”

- Advancing Global Engagement and International Activity.

One of the things that the Provost will give in her reports includes either a dash board or a report card to show where the gains are being made. Some units have looked at monitoring activity. Dr. Lastinger, Associate Provost of International Programs, said there is tremendous international activity going on. The number of faculty-led programs has tripled in the last 5 years, and there are a large number of students studying abroad. WVU has a large number of international students and exchange students. One of the things we will work on is to have more intentional partnership building with other countries. We need to strategize so our exchanges and faculty-led trips are based on solid research. China is one, but there are many more.

- Enhance the Well Being and Quality of Life for West Virginians.

The Provost brought a card from the Capitol Classic luncheon that showed activity and the Strategic Framework; it also listed goals. One of the strategies is to not always beg for more money but to target requests and specific

initiatives that are win-win for WVU, but also for the citizens of the State of West Virginia. An economic development opportunity is being planned.

Academic Affairs is working on the pre-K through 20 STEM pipeline and to work up a proposal to enable WV students to get into the pipeline and come out the other end with degrees. Creative ways to deliver back to WV are being reviewed so we can have the kinds of students that can grow the economy.

Two deans searches are moving ahead and there should be an announcement in the next few days about how many candidates will be brought to campus. The visits will take place in the next 2 months.

Kenton Colvin from the University Registrar's Office is retiring, and a reception will be held for him on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 in E-Moore Hall.

5. Chair Stolzenberg said a task force will begin looking at revisions of the Academic Integrity Policy, and a meeting will be held within the next several weeks. The Chair will contact the volunteers. The Workload Task Force will begin their work to see how tasks can be simplified.
6. Professor Todd Petty moved for approval of the following SCC reports:
  - Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
  - Annex II, Request for Change of Prefix for Management Information Systems. Motion carried.
  - Annex IV, The Alteration Report was submitted for information.
7. Professor Roy Nutter, ACF representative, gave an ACF report. He said the HEPC met last week. He did not attend the meeting, but received a summary of the meeting from Sylvia Shurbutt. Review the report at: [www.facultysenate.wvu.edu/11Files/1-24-11 ACF Report.pdf](http://www.facultysenate.wvu.edu/11Files/1-24-11%20ACF%20Report.pdf).
8. Jason Dean, Lana Cooke, and Tracy Novak from the Mountaineer Leadership Academy Team said they were tasked to do a research project for the Strategic Plan. Mr. Dean said the plan seems heavy on strengthening faculty, but it says very little about staff and how they are suppose to support faculty. The Leadership Academy will provide a survey to faculty and staff within the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering and Mineral Resource, and the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design. The survey will consist of six questions for each population. The group will take the surveys and put them together to see if there are areas that should be addressed. The goal of the survey is to see if there are things that should be discussed. An email will be sent out with an explanation

of the survey, and each unit will be given paper copies. Mr. Dean said the goal is to have the surveys available by the first of February.

9. Chair Stolzenberg said last month a discussion was started about the assessment of the GEC program. The discussion continued with the Chair stating that the university needs to move on as a whole to do an assessment of the GEC program, how it works, and what is the value added to students. This is distinct from what GECO does, which is to assess individual courses. The Chair said this assessment needs done because the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accredits the University, and this is one of the conditions of the accreditation. The HLC will visit the university in 2014, so movement needs to take place on this issue and work needs to be done to reflect that data is being collected so the program can be improved. One of the strategic goals is to improve the curriculum and there are things happening at the state level with HEPC that may have an impact on the curriculum as well. The Chair asked what role the Faculty Senate should take in regards to the assessment program. The University's Assessment Council will be involved, and faculty will have a meaningful and fundamental role in systematic assessment of student learning. Faculty need to be involved in some sense, but the question is how.

After discussion, it was decided to ask the Student Instruction Committee to be part of the assessment group along with the Assessment Council to develop a plan. The Chair said he would come up with a charge for the Student Instruction Committee to participate in the planning, and the Assessment Council can come up with a way to design a plan and move forward.

Professor Clark recommended the Faculty Senate have a discussion about what faculty think about general education, so he suggested setting aside a time when there will not be a speaker at a Faculty Senate meeting to discuss general education and its implementation.

10. Associate Provost C.B. Wilson distributed a proposal to establish a definition for full-time work for traditional faculty members at all WVU campuses. The proposal recognizes the unique nature of full-time faculty appointments, which are multi-faceted due to expectations in the realization of the institution's tripartite mission of teaching, research (including scholarship and creative activity), and service. Since faculty work more than 37-1/2 hrs per week, the Associate Provost said he wanted to represent a broader concept for faculty. He said most of the language in the proposal is in the University Evaluation Guidelines. If a faculty member completes their assignment for the contract period, they will be perceived as having worked for the contract period in spite of the fact that they may have missed a day here or they do consulting, or have a brief illness. He said it has been in so many different ways, but it is ready to be issued. The Associate Provost let the Senate Executive Committee know that the proposal is coming.

11. Professor Ruth Kershner said on February 17, 2011, a WVU alumnus has been invited to the university to speak to students in the Mountainlair using an electronic device to give a presentation. He was on the back of an all-terrain vehicle and there was a collision because of alcohol. He cannot speak or swallow. It will be good for students to hear his presentation. Professor Kershner invited faculty to attend.
12. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. to reconvene Monday, February 28, 2011.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary