

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, March 28, 2016

1. Chair Richard Turton called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Ameri, S.	Gee, E.	Nutter, R.	Turton, R.
Bastress, R.	Hauser, D.	Orlikoff, J.	Valenti, M.
Elmore, S.	Kleist, V.	Stolzenberg, A.	Veselicky, L.
Fint-Clark, R.	McConnell, J.		

Members Absent:

Cottrell, L.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Griffith, R.	Maynor, L.
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Guests:

Campbell, J.	Clark, N.	Merrifield, J.	Weese, N.
Cawthorne, J.	Day-Perroots, S.	Street, O.	Wilson, C.

2. Chair Turton moved for approval of the minutes from the February 22, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - Passage of the bill permitting WVUIT to relocate from Montgomery was a monumental achievement. He thanked Provost McConnell, Carolyn Long, Nigel Clark, John Campbell, and, most importantly, the faculty, staff, and students of WVUIT who spoke on behalf of the move. He believes this will be a singular achievement for this institution. We will better serve the needs of the State. We established a standard that we can close a campus while preserving the integrity of our faculty, staff, and University. We maintained a commitment in the face of mounting political opposition. And the speed with which we were able to complete the process was remarkable.
 - Applications for undergraduate admission to the main campus are up by about 30 percent this year. We anticipate having over 1000 honors students next year. Applications at WVUIT are up by about 10-15 percent.
 - New deans are coming on board soon in Eberly and B&E. Both have been well-received internally and externally. There are strong candidates for the dean of Pharmacy.
 - Public universities are going through tremendously challenging times. Thanks to Narvel Weese and his team, we are a well-managed university. The strategy to seek legislative relief for the ability to manage ourselves was a correct one.
 - Presidential Honorary Degrees will be presented to Katherine Johnson, Rodge Cohen, and Brad Smith.
4. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 - Renovations to the Coliseum will present some unique challenges for commencement, including the need to alter the commencement schedule.
 - Twelve SWOT teams have been convened to identify efficiencies, savings, or increased revenue. The deans have formed three additional SWOT teams for recruitment and

enrollment, budget models, and transformational programmatic opportunities that will feed information to the other 12 teams. One question the deans have identified for consideration is whether there is a better way to organize and deliver services related to community development projects. They have also suggested that we consider ways to reorganize our international operations.

- WVUIT was featured in Newsweek Education Insight as one of “The Best of ABET’s Accredited Programs 2016.” Provost McConnell also pointed out several items on the about.wvu.edu/rankings page, which lists WVU as: 6th most affordable for in-state tuition; among the top 100 public universities, ranked number 98; number 1 hospital in West Virginia; 12th best Petroleum Engineering graduate program; and 7th best employer for workers over 50. Morgantown is ranked as the 16th best college town, 9th best performing small city, and 2nd best city for affordable health care.
 - Improvement in the quality of our students is reflected in the success of our ASPIRE Office, which supports our students in applying for nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships. Amy Cyphert and Cate Johnson are amazing faculty advisors, who have increased the number of students competing for these prestigious awards from 77 last year to 139 this year.
 - The faculty and staff awards ceremony will take place on April 6.
5. Narvel Weese, Vice President for Administration and Finance, provided an overview of the issues being addressed by the twelve SWOT teams charged with identifying \$45 million in cost savings and revenue generation over the next five years.
6. Chair Richard Turton reported the following:
- He, Bob Griffith, Jennifer Merrifield, and Paul Rakes will be presenting the faculty constituency report to the Board of Governors on April 15. The Executive Committee will be invited to attend the presentation and to have lunch with the Board of Governors on that date.
 - The search committee for the ombudsperson has completed its work and has recommended a candidate to the provost.
 - We have three candidates for chair-elect: Matt Valenti, Becca Fint-Clark, and Anne Lofaso.
7. Matthew Valenti, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following:
- Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried after JRL 116 and STCM 438 were withdrawn from the report for further review.
- Annex II, Course Changes Report. Motion carried.
- Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.
- Annex IV, Alterations Report, was submitted for information. Report filed.
- Consent Agenda items: Curriculum Changes to the BS in Agribusiness Management, Curriculum Changes to Environmental Management Major, and Curriculum Changes for AOE in Soil and Water Sciences. Motion carried.
- Information item: Minor in Nutrition and Food Studies. Report filed.

Dr. Valenti also reported that every undergraduate program has been changed within the past few months to comply with new GEF requirements. Sue Day-Perroots, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, has reviewed all of those changes for approval or for referral to the Curriculum Committee for further review.

First year seminars are also undergoing some changes. We are moving towards having a separate WVUE 191 course for nearly every program. Dr. Valenti will be meeting with Rhonda Black, Program Coordinator for First Year Seminar, and Oliver Street, Associate Registrar, to discuss logistical considerations.

8. Dave Hauser, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, distributed proposed guidelines to be used by the GEF Committee when reviewing new courses for inclusion in the GEF. Following discussion, the guidelines will be revised and resubmitted for approval at the April Executive Committee meeting.
9. Jon Cawthorne, Dean of University Libraries, provided an overview of the WVU Press.
10. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported the following:
 - Without a state budget, PEIA remains the key issue for faculty. Legislators have promised PEIA problems will be fixed.
 - He, Jennifer Orlikoff, and Paul Peck from Glenville State College will be attending the ACF and HEPC meetings on April 1. The next ACF meeting, to be held in conjunction with the CCTCE (Council for Community and Technical College Education) meeting, will be at the end of April.
11. Board of Governors – no report
12. Chair Turton presented Annex V, 2016 Faculty Senate Election Results.
13. New Business – Sue Day-Perroots reported that a committee of assistant and associate deans have been working on a new academic dishonesty policy.
14. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, April 25, 2016.

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