

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, April 27, 2015

1. Chair Jennifer Orlikoff called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Elmore, S.	Kleist, V.	Orlikoff, J.
Bastress, R.	Gee, E.	Maynor, L.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bowen, E.	Griffith, R.	McConnell, J.	Turton, R.
Cottrell, L.	Harner, E.	Nutter, R.	Veselicky, L.
DiBartolomeo, L.			

Members Absent:

Perna, N.

Guests:

Campbell, J.	Hauser, D.	Merrifield, J.	Robinson, S.
Clark, N.	Karraker, K.	Proudfoot, C.	Stump, J. (NIS)
Dooley, E.			

2. Chair Orlikoff moved for approval of the minutes from the March 30, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - Senator Jay Rockefeller donated a Newton apple tree to WVU, which has been planted on campus. The tree is a direct descendent of the one that inspired Sir Isaac Newton's theory of gravity.
 - He attended the 60th anniversary tribute to the Brown v. Board of Education decision. We brought back several of our student-athletes and engaged in conversations concerning the color barriers and limitations that existed on this campus.
 - WVU has elected an extraordinary group of student leaders. They approached Morgantown city council about getting involved with our culture change process and about appointing an ex officio student member to the city council.
 - The Board of Governors will meet on April 30 and May 1. Next year's budget is on the agenda.
 - He will tour about 35 West Virginia counties this summer.
 - We are trying to change the culture of commencement. On May 14, there will be a Mountaineer Send-Off at the coliseum, a farewell celebration for students and their families.
4. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 - We are going to move forward with purchasing the Beckley campus. We will be able to close on the purchase 30 days after giving notice. WVU-Tech has been incredibly helpful, as have the many people from the Morgantown campus who have been involved in the due diligence process. We expect to be able to start offering programs in 2016. We are working closely with Concord and Bluefield Colleges to create a cooperative relationship.

- She attended a dinner for the Bucklew Scholars. Most of the students are targeting STEM disciplines as their field of study, but are also incredibly enthusiastic about the college experience and particularly passionate about study abroad and service.
- Our incentives and rewards committee will be presenting a report to the deans and the faculty by the end of the semester. Some of their recommendations will involve simplifying and streamlining annual reviews, promotion and tenure reviews, and merit reviews.
- The Provost's fellows for the upcoming year will be announced within the next week or so.
- We received a wonderful report from the director of international programs at the University of Washington on how we might think about reforming our international programming and our administrative structure. She and Bill Schafer will be meeting to discuss the report.
- Candidates for the Honors Dean are on campus this week. She will soon be announcing a decision about the Law School Dean. The search for the Dean of Eberly College is being restarted with a search firm, the committee is in place, we have a schedule prepared, and she has met with the faculty and with the visiting committee from Eberly College. A search committee will be formed before the end of the semester for the Dean of Business and Economics, a search firm will be hired, and we expect to begin posting ads and accepting nominations over the summer. So that students, faculty, and staff can be fully engaged in the process, no decision-making will take place until fall.

5. Chair Jennifer Orlikoff reported the following:

- Last week we held a Critical Conversations roundtable discussion on gendered hostility on campus. There was a great turnout of students, and we had productive discussions about finding solutions that might work for our campus.
- A Humanities Panel discussion will take place on April 29 to discuss research being done on campus, connecting with others involved in humanities research, and the possibility of establishing a humanities center. Provost Joyce McConnell will moderate the panel.
- The second annual Lavender Graduation Celebration will take place on May 2 at 2:30 p.m. in the Erickson Alumni Center. The celebration is for students and allies of the LGBTQ community.
- A reception for past chairs of the Faculty Senate will take place immediately following the May 18 Executive Committee meeting. President Gee and former Faculty Senate Chair Reita Marks will speak.

6. Jim Harner, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex II, Course Changes Report. Motion carried.

Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex IV, Alterations Report. Accepted.

Annex V, Course Title Guidelines. Motion carried.

7. Lena Maynor, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex VI, GEC Actions. Motion carried.

Annex VII, GEC Audits. Accepted.

Annex VIII, GEC/GEF Moratorium. Approved.

8. Executive Session

A motion was made and duly seconded that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee resolve itself into Executive Session according to WV code Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4 to discuss a matter relating to personnel. Motion carried.

Following the conclusion of Executive Session, the Committee reconvened into regular session.

9. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported the following:
 - A new procedural rule for Series 17, Transferability of Credits and Grades at West Virginia Public Colleges and Universities, became effective February 15, 2015. In response to statutory charge, undergraduate core coursework completed at a state institution is transferable as general studies credit to all other state institutions of higher education for credit with the grade earned. Core coursework transfer agreement lists include English composition, communications and literature, fine arts appreciation, mathematics, natural science, and social science as general studies credits.
 - The comment period for a proposed procedural rule to Series 59, Awarding Undergraduate College Credit for Prior Learning, ended on April 17, 2015.
10. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported that committee meetings will be held on April 30, with the regular board meeting taking place on May 1. The big agenda item at this meeting will be the budget.
11. Elizabeth Dooley, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, presented Annex IX, Procedures for Academic Dishonesty, and Annex X, Academic Dishonesty Form. The academic dishonesty procedures are being revised because Board of Governors' Policy 15, Student Academic Rights, and Policy 31, University Student Conduct and Discipline Policy, were revised. The policy revisions made a distinction between academic sanctions and student conduct sanctions, so that academic sanctions will no longer be imposed through a conduct board.
12. A motion was made and duly seconded to endorse the Syllabus Statement on Sale of Course Material, Annex XI. Motion carried.
13. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Preferred Name Policy, Annex XII. Motion carried following the addition of a minor clarification.
14. A motion was made and duly seconded to reappoint Roy Nutter to the position of Faculty Senate Representative to State Government. Motion carried.
15. A motion was made and duly seconded to reappoint Chad Proudfoot and Matthew Titolo as parliamentarians. Motion carried.
16. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, May 18, 2015.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator