

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, November 16, 2015

1. Chair Richard Turton called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	Hauser, D.	Nutter, R.	Valenti, M.
DiBartolomeo, L.	Kleist, V.	Orlikoff, J.	Veselicky, L.
Fint-Clark, R.	Maynor, L.	Stolzenberg, A.	
Griffith, R.	McConnell, J.	Turton, R.	

Members Absent:

Ameri, S.	Cottrell, L.	Elmore, S.	Gee, E.
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Guests:

Merrifield, J.	Roberts, R.	Street, O.	Wilson, C.
Pfeifer, A.			

2. Chair Turton moved for approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Chief of Police Bob Roberts conducted an informational session on emergency procedures. He suggested everyone visit the police.wvu.edu web site and print the Emergency Flip Card. Training videos are also posted on the web site, as well as a link to download the LiveSafe app.
4. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 - We have 99 percent compliance with the textbook affordability guidelines, which saves our students about 50 percent of the cost of their books.
 - For the first time, we filed our campus Compact with the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) as One WVU. Although the Higher Learning Commission requires us to be one institution, HEPC was previously treating WVU, Potomac State College, and WVU Institute of Technology as separate institutions.
 - Moving the WVU Tech campus to Beckley raised concerns, primarily by Concord University and Bluefield State College, about duplication of educational services. We have finally reached an agreement with Concord and Bluefield designed to optimize delivery of services to the southern part of the state; the agreement includes terms for upper level course sharing and faculty sharing. Now that we have a signed agreement, HEPC has scheduled a vote for November 20 on an exemption of duplication.
 - The first goal for the Beckley campus is to relocate WVU Tech, which already has its own academic programming. The second goal is to assess the educational needs of the southern part of the state and to plan appropriate additional programming.
 - Extension has done an amazing job this year despite state and federal budget cuts. Extension is more critical now than ever in terms of supporting the state through a very difficult economic time. In 2014, Extension faculty and staff had 624,111 direct contacts with youth and adults and 1,982,674 total direct and indirect contacts. Through 4-H, we reach one in three young people in the state.

- Potomac State College developed the Catamount Success Academy for out-of-state first time students with low high school grade point averages. Retention rates for the first Academy cohort versus a comparison group were 59 percent and 48 percent, respectively.
- WVU Tech's retention rate went up significantly over last year. We are hoping that by moving to Beckley, which has more services and is easier for students to get to than Montgomery, we will continue to see much better retention.
- One of our big agenda items for the University is retention. We lose a shocking number of students, primarily out-of-state students, at the end of first semester freshman year. Sue Day-Perroots is leading the Provost's Office efforts to initiate a culture change campaign on campus about retention and student success. Joe Seiaman has been appointed Interim Executive Director of Academic Advising and Student Success.
- The Economist magazine recently ranked colleges and universities based on alumni earnings versus expectations, measuring the qualifications and demographics of students upon entering college against their salaries a decade later (i.e., return on investment). WVU ranked 79th out of 1275.
- The Eberly College dean search is nearing completion. We have invited one candidate, Greg Dunaway, back to campus.
- The search committee for the dean of Business and Economics is meeting this week for first level screening, which will identify candidates for airport interviews.
- Rob Alsop is finalizing a list of candidates to interview for General Counsel.
- Narvel Weese is developing a list of final candidates for Vice President for Talent and Culture, which is the successor position to the Vice President for Human Resources.
- Accreditation teams were on campus in October for the Reed College of Media and the Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources. Both colleges received positive reports.
- Clara Beth Novotny will leave for Chicago on November 19 to be interviewed as a finalist for a Rhodes scholarship.
- Administrators are working hard to determine budget cuts that can be absorbed centrally so the entire 4 percent budget cut does not have to be passed on to colleges. They will be having campus-wide conversations for advice and input. We do not know yet what additional budget cuts may be forthcoming.

5. Chair Richard Turton reported the following:

- C.B. Wilson is looking for an additional three or four volunteers for the promotion and tenure advisory panel. Anyone interested in serving or nominating someone to serve should contact Chair Turton or Dr. Wilson.
- On November 10, he, Lena Maynor, Bob Griffith, Dixie Martinelli and Lisa Martin from Staff Council, George Capel from the Student Government Association (SGA), and Oliver Street from the Office of the University Registrar toured the Beckley campus and went on to Montgomery to meet with their counterparts at WVU Tech. Discussion topics included the harmonization project to integrate Tech into the One WVU model, and the new eSEI system.
- He, Lena Maynor, Dixie Martinelli, and Shani Waris (from SGA) traveled to Potomac State College on November 13. They toured the campus, including the Student Learning Center, the Catamount Success Academy, and the Learning Commons area and met with President Colelli and Dean Tetteh regarding various issues. The College has been working with Sharon Martin on a rebranding project, which is close to completion. Other topics of

discussion included the need to upgrade science facilities, the new eSEI system, and faculty governance.

- Toni Christian has asked that Faculty Senators complete an online survey being conducted by PEIA. Chair Turton will send an email to Executive Committee and to the Faculty Senate requesting members do so.
- A question has arisen regarding eligibility for re-election to the Faculty Senate as outlined in the Faculty Constitution. Two current Senators have each served a full three year term, followed by a partial term, followed by another three year term. The Faculty Secretary, in his role in supervising elections and in consultation with the Faculty Senate chair and the parliamentarian, has determined that neither of these current Senators will be eligible for re-election until a period of one year has elapsed.

6. Matt Valenti, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried. A motion was made and duly seconded to include PSYC 203 and 204 on the New Courses Report for the December Faculty Senate meeting if there is an agreement reached between the Psychology and Statistics departments. If there is no agreement, the courses will be presented in a separate annex. Motion carried.
Annex II, LGBTQ Minor, was submitted for information.
Annex III, Alterations Report. Accepted after HN&F 460 was removed from the report.
Annex IV, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.

7. Dave Hauser, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following:

Annex V, Modification of GEF Focus Language. Motion carried.

8. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported that the next Advisory Council of Faculty meeting will take place on November 20. The primary topic will most likely be PEIA.
9. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors will hold its next regular meeting on December 18, 2015.

10. New Business

C.B. Wilson distributed proposed changes to Board of Governors' Policy 2. If anyone has suggestions for additional modifications, he would appreciate receiving their comments by early December. A formal 30-day comment period will occur before the Board of Governors approves any policy changes.

11. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, December 14, 2015.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator