

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
March 27, 2006

1. Chair Lastinger called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

Members present:

Atkins, C.	Kershner, R.	Nutter, R.
Elmore, S.	Lang, G.	McDiarmid, M.
Famouri, P.	Lastinger, M.	Strife, M.
Jackowitz, A.	Mays, M.	

Members absent:

Dean, R	Butcher, F.	Hornak, L.
Hardesty, D.	Torsney, C.	Wilson, C.B.

Guests:

Bilgesu, I.	Held, J.	Kuhlman, J.
Royall, B.	Simmons, C. (D.A.)	

2. President Hardesty was not available for today's meeting; Provost Lang stood for questions. Professor Jim Held asked if the University was making any plans in case a "bird influenza" epidemic would break out. The Provost said the Institution is currently in the planning stages to determine the procedures to be used in case of an outbreak of bird influenza. The federal government has given the state governments the responsibility to handle any epidemic; various states are currently in discussion with state institutions and other agencies about planning. The Provost said Margaret Phillips, Jen Fisher, and Christine Martin have begun to develop a plan, and key people throughout the state, as well as representatives from regional campuses, will be brought together to discuss, plan and develop working possibilities pertaining to an influenza epidemic.
3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2006 meeting. Motion carried. The Committee also reviewed the minutes from the March 13th Faculty Senate meeting.
4. Chair Lastinger said that according to the Constitution, a review of constituencies should be done every 3 years; therefore, the next Committee on Committees' Chair should begin the review process. The Chair said he will be attending a two- day event concerning, "Internationalization of Higher Education of West Virginia," to be held April 24-25th; therefore, chair-elect Famouri will chair the April 24th Executive Committee meeting. The Chair said the ACF were involved in the campaign to make sure the annual experience increment for faculty passed; Provost Lang said faculty will most likely receive the increment in September. The Chair said the "consent agenda" worked well at the March 13th Faculty Senate meeting; therefore, the Executive Committee will continue using it.

5. Professor Mays, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following Curriculum Committee reports:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Page 1, “AVD” was changed to “ADV” and clarification is needed for the title for HUM 109. Motion carried.

Annex II, Personal Trainer Minor. Motion carried.

Annex III, Physical Education Teacher Education (PET) Curriculum Changes. This report was pulled for a more detailed course listing.

Annex IV, Proposed Modifications to the B.S. in Agriculture Degree. Motion carried.

Annex V, The Alteration Report was submitted for information.

6. Professor Jim Held, Chair, General Education Committee, moved for approval of Annex VI, the Revised General Education Course Recommendations. Motion carried.

7. Professor Held said the General Education Committee will be able to devote more time to discuss, “guidelines for writing requirements” since the audits have slowed down. Chair Lastinger said a couple of faculty have approached him with questions and concerns about the guidelines for writing requirements. The Senate Executive Committee will continue to discuss this issue in May.

8. Chair Lastinger will be out of town for the April 24th, Executive Committee meeting; therefore, the handout he submitted, “WV Assessment Council Charge,” will be discussed at the May meeting. Chair-elect Famouri will chair the April meeting.

9. Professor Kershner, Chair, Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee, moved for approval of the Committee’s report on Academic Misconduct. Motion carried.

10. Beth Royall, Chair, Student Evaluation of Instruction, moved for approval of Annex VII. Item I on Annex VII was approved by the Executive Committee for placement on the April 10th Faculty Senate agenda. Items 2 and 3 were tabled, and there was no discussion of items 4 and 5. Motion carried.

11. It was moved and duly seconded to approve Annex VIII, Student Instruction Committee report. Motion carried.

12. Chair-elect Famouri said he approached several faculty concerning nominations for chair-elect of the Faculty Senate for 2006-2007. He said Professor Kevin Outtersson, College of Law, has accepted the nomination, but additional candidates can still be added to the slate before the May 8th election.

Next week, Chair-elect Famouri will send out an e-mail to all the Executive Committee members with a slate of chair-elect candidates for its endorsement, so the candidates can be submitted to the Faculty Senate for its April 10th meeting.

13. Professor Kuhlman distributed, “Recommendations by the WVU Faculty Welfare Committee for 2005-2006.” He said the Faculty Welfare Committee has recommended the approval of a,

“WVU Wellness Program”, which can be integrated into PEIA. He said such programs would encourage people to make healthier choices as well as reduce PEIA premiums. The Recommendations report was tabled; Professor Kuhlman will send it to all the Executive Committee members via e-mail for their review, and it will continue to be discussed at the April 24th meeting.

14. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. to reconvene Monday, April 24, 2006.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary