

MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Monday, June 8, 2009

1. Professor Nigel Clark, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

Members Present:

Ahern, T.	Chalupa, C.	Higgins, C.	Miller, M.	Schreurs, B.
Ameri, S.	Clark, B.	Hileman, S.	Mucino, V.	Schwartz, S.
Anderson, J.	Cottrell, L.	Hogan, T.	Nath, C.	Scott, H.R.
Anderson, K.	Cottrell, S.	Hornsby, G.	Nestor, P.	Sherlock, L.
Atkins, C.	Davis, S.	Huffman, V.	Oberhauser, A.	Spleth, J.
Bastress, R.	DiBarolomeo, L.	Hutson, Z.	Olson, K.	Stack, S.
Behling, R.	Edwards, B.	Insch, G.	Paul, S.	Steranka, P.
Bergner, G.	Famouri, P.	Iskander, W.	Peace, G.	Stuchell, R.
Bilgesu, I.	Fleming, S.	Jackowitz, A.	Perone, M.	Tallaksen, R.
Blaydes, S.	Funk, A.	Jones, D.	Perry, J.	Tuninetti, A.
Bonner, D.	Graeber, S.	Kale, U.	Petty, T.	Turton, R.
Boyles, J.	Hall, D.	Kirby, B.	Plein, C.	Walker, E.
Branch, D.	Harner, J.	Kleist, V.	Rafter, J.	Walls, T.
Brazaitis, M.	Hartman, K.	Malarcher, J.	Rockett, I.	Whiteman, C.
Bredehoft, T.	Hazard, H.	Mancinelli, C.	Ruscello, D.	Wilson, M.
Campbell, L.	Hermosilla, P.	Mandich, M.	Ryan, K.	Woloshuk, J.
Carpenter, R.	Hessl, A.	McDiarmid, M.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Zimmerman, P

Members Absent:

Abate, M.	Comer, P.	Kuhlman, J.	Mechstroth, R.	Tower, L.
Brooks, C.	Elmore, S.	Latimer, M.	Miltenberger, M.	Urbanski, J.
Chletin, R.	Hunter, S.	McCombie, R.	Petronis, J.	Wilcox, G.

Members Excused:

Abraham, R.	Bryner, R.	Fredette, H.	Robbins, J.
Banta, L.	Connors, J.	Hash, K.	Serafini, M.
Brooks, J.	Davari, A.	Parks, E.	Watson, J.

2. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the Monday, May 11, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Interim President Magrath said the chancellor search for the Health Science Center is moving ahead, and it is on track. There are a number of individuals to be considered. The decision will be made by President-elect Clements.

The Board of Governors met last week at West Virginia Institute of Technology, and it approved the budget for the new fiscal year which included a 4% tuition increase.

Interim President Magrath congratulated the continuing faculty senators and the newly elected faculty senators. He said he has valued his involvement with the senators, Faculty Senate, and the Senate Executive Committee. He said it has been useful and helpful to him, and he will miss the involvement. Interim President Magrath said WVU is going through a transition and

President-elect Clements is already serving as the president because of his loyalty, passion, commitment and his desire to move WVU forward. Interim President Magrath and President-elect Clements have been working together on a regular basis via telephone, e-mail, and face-to-face discussions. The transition is working, and the new president will put his own imprint on the Faculty Senate and the University. President-elect Clements is pumped up and ready to go, and he feels very good about WVU. There will be challenges in the future, but WVU will have a good, strong and hard-working president to assist with those challenges.

4. President-elect Clements said Interim President Magrath is an incredible man, and he wanted to thank the “emperor for life” for being in constant contact with him since the day of the announcement. They have become good friends, and he appreciates his mentorship. The University has been very lucky to have him this past year because the Interim President has been very special. President-elect Clements discussed where he has been the last 3 months, and where WVU is currently. He said the transition that has taken place has been the best he has ever seen because Interim President Magrath has stayed in constant contact with him and has coached him on all the things he needed to know. The University is off to a good start and President Magrath said he would continue to be involved, as needed.

President-elect Clements said he has been in the listening mode, gathering information and learning a lot about the Institution. He has met with the deans, the Interim Provost, Associate Provosts, budget officers, the Faculty Senate Chair, University donors, alumni, Vice-President for the Research Corporation, Jennifer McIntosh, Student Government Association presidents, former chair of staff council, the Board of Governors, the Chancellor for the Higher Education Policy Commission, legislative leaders for the governor in Charleston, congressional staffers for congressman in Washington, D.C. He has toured the WVU-Institute of Technology campus, and he will tour the Potomac State campus very soon. He’s been involved with the provost search, and he met with the search committee for the Chancellor of the Health Sciences Center. He has been involved with the Registrar search and interviewed the CIO candidates via telephone. He said he has been very busy the last 3 months, and has enjoyed every minute of it.

WVU is a great University and people who work here and study here love being here, so he said we have a lot to build on. President-elect Clements will focus on where we are now and where we need to be in the future. This is our University and we can make it whatever we want it to be. He reviewed the 2010 Strategic Plan which Professor Hornak and other faculty worked on, developed and implemented. They did a good job, and it is a great plan. Some of the plan’s targets have been reached, so the Institution is in good shape, and the campus is doing well. This last year has been a good year, and as we move forward one of the goals we want to reach is to have other schools/colleges look to us as their “peers.” We need to look at what we want to keep and what we want to change and review ideas that will bring positive changes. He said he wanted to review the following ten ideas: faculty development, students, staff, facilities, technology, research, funding, diversity, globalization and the Health Sciences Center. He said each of these topics will be reviewed. We need to look down the road and decide what we want to be and what we want to look like in the next 10 – 20 years. He said he is thrilled to be at WVU, and he wants to work hand in hand with faculty.

5. Interim Provost Martin reported on the following issues:

- Registrar, Dr. Steve Robinson, will start work on June 30, 2009. He will be housed in Stewart Hall on a temporary basis while a space assessment can be done and his office established. He purchased a house and will be moving in two weeks.
 - Joe Norris is the new CIO, and he will start work on July 16, 2009. He is taking over Sid Morrison's office at the Waterfront. He has purchased a house and will move in two weeks.
 - A farewell reception will be held for Sid on June 16th at the Waterfront Hotel from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Everyone should stop by and wish him well on his retirement.
 - Interviews for the Associate Provost for International Programs position are scheduled for the end of July, 2009.
 - The deans attended a retreat on May 21-22, 2009 at Oglebay Park. Interim President Magrath launched the retreat by giving a presentation and a dialogue about the land-grant mission. The deans found it very stimulating, and they worked on issues regarding the international programs mission and waivers. Chancellor Noland spoke to the deans, and the retreat concluded with President-elect Clements giving a presentation and discussion about the future and strategic initiatives.
 - Interim Provost Martin thanked the senators for all the help they have given both her and Interim President Magrath this year. She said it has been a challenging year with the AACRAO visits and the reports, but things have moved along well and she feels very good about where WVU is right now. We owe a lot to President Magrath, and we are now welcoming a new President. It is a new time at WVU. She will stay in the position until a new provost has been hired in late fall or January, 2010. She wished everyone a good summer.
6. Chair Clark welcomed new senators, and he said the Senate turnover is quite modest and many of those who return have served on the Senate before. He said the senate turns into a body that takes on leadership positions, and he is thankful for it. He said we should look for new talent and interest within the colleges, and he encouraged young faculty who are interested in governance to stand for the Faculty Senate in the future.

The Chair established rules for the BOG representative election. He said there were a total of 13 candidates, and there may be more from the floor. The elected person will listen to the faculty and act as a representative for the whole University just as the single representative worked as a representative for all the University constituencies. He or she will give feedback to the Board, so there will now be two BOG representatives.

The Chair said the Faculty Senate will elect someone that will start serving on the BOG July 2, 2009 as the 17th member of the Board. The Legislation says the person will serve for two years, but the Faculty Senate needs to establish an election process, so it will be part of the faculty constitution. If the constitution calls for staggered terms, the first person may be asked to serve

for only one year, so at this point, someone will be put in place, but it is unsure if he/she will be elected for one year or two years. The Executive Committee determined the rules for the election, which included taking the existing number of 13 then calling for additional nominations from the floor. A ballot will be collected and counted, and nominations will be reduced to four; if there is a majority vote for one candidate, that candidate will serve as the BOG representative; otherwise, it will bring the nominations down to two candidates. A final vote will be done between the two candidates. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the process. Motion carried.

The four candidates scoring highest out of 82 ballots cast were: Robert Griffith, Mary Beth Mandich, Linda-Vona Davis and William Wonderlin. Professor Wonderlin withdrew from the election and offered his support to Robert Griffith. The two candidates scoring the highest votes were Robert Griffith and Linda Vona-Davis.

The final vote concluded that the second BOG member will be Robert Griffith, School of Pharmacy. Professor Griffith said he was deeply honored to have been selected for the BOG position, and he reviews his role on the BOG as educational so people understand that the heart of the University is the faculty-student interaction. He said he looks forward in working with the new president and Chair Clark.

Professor Kite explained how he voted on the interim budget that was approved by the Board and the 4% tuition increase. He said there was no salary increase for staff or merit pool for faculty this year. He did an internet search to see how other schools/colleges were handling the same issue. Schools that were not raising tuition were given money from the legislature to off-set a tuition increase. Most schools were not given any increase, some were given 1.5% and many were giving furloughs. The 7.35% salary increase that WVU received last year was not fully funded by last year's funding; some of it was coming from this year's tuition increase. Even though we are not seeing the growth, we are optimistic that we will hold the same enrollment number. He voted for the budget because it included a promotion increase of 10%, and WVU can hire new people. Professor Kite said we should look at the cost in terms of quality and the whole budget other than just enrollment numbers. Two people on the Board serving as advocates will be a great thing. He thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to be a representative on the Board, and he said the Faculty Senate is stronger now than it has ever been. If senators are pro-active and continue to lead and serve the way they have, faculty and shared governance will continue. WVU has effective leadership in Stewart Hall, and the BOG is interested in taking the University where it needs to go in higher levels of research, quality education and continuing to serve the state.

Chair Clark announced the results of the 2009-10 Faculty Senate Executive Committee election:

Carolyn Atkins, College of Human Resources and Education

Jan Boyles, School of Journalism

Lesley Cottrell, School of Medicine

Art Jackowitz, School of Pharmacy

Kristina Olson, College of Creative Arts

Mike Perone, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences

Marjorie McDiarmid, College of Law

7. Alan Stolzenberg, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved for approval and acceptance of the following SCC Reports:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. FIN 320 was pulled for clarification of duplication. The Chair will contact the department and resend the course at a later date.

Motion carried.

Annex II, Capstone Request for MAE 475. Motion carried.

Annex III, 2008-09 Committee Annual Report. Motion Accepted.

Annex IV, 2009-10 Committee Goals. Motion Accepted.

Annex V, Alteration Report was presented for Information.

8. Beverly Kirby, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee moved for approval and acceptance of the following Reports:

Annex VI, GEC Actions. Motion carried.

Annex VII, 2008-09 Annual Committee Report. Motion Accepted.

Annex VIII, 2009-10 Committee Goals. Motion Accepted.

Annex IX, GEC Audits was presented for Information.

9. Gwen Bergner, Chair, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies gave an overview of the committee's purpose and encouraged senators to serve on the various committees. She moved and it was duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Committee Report and 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex X. Motion Accepted.
10. Linda Vona-Davis moved and it was duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Report by the Faculty Welfare Committee listed in Annex XI. Motion Accepted., and the 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex XII. Motion Accepted.
11. It was moved and duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Report by the Library Committee and the 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex XIII. Motion Accepted.
12. Wafik Iskander moved and it was duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Report by the Research and Scholarship Committee and the 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex XIV. Motion Accepted.
13. Art Jackowitz moved and it was duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Report by the Service Committee and the 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex XV. Motion Accepted.
14. It was moved and duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Report by the Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee and the 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex XVI. Motion Accepted.

15. Jan Boyles moved and it was duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Report by the Student Instruction Committee and the 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex XVII. Motion Accepted.
16. Jay Malarcher moved and it was duly seconded to accept the 2008-09 Annual Report by the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee and the 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex XVIII. Motion Accepted.
17. Frances O'Brien, Dean of Libraries, gave an update on what the libraries have been up to and where they will go in the future. The presentation can be reviewed at:
<http://www.facultysenate.wvu.edu/09Files/609DeanOfLibrariesRept.ppt>
18. Professor Stolzenberg said the Curriculum Committee was charged by Interim Provost Martin to come up with a policy on Experiential Learning because of the outcome from last year when credit was awarded under questionable situations. He said it was not possible to write a single policy because of the various disciplines, so the committee is proposing an experiential learning policy. He said it is too broad to determine what experiential learning consists of. A four paragraph proposal was submitted. Professor Stolzenberg said the first statement will be included in the policy on an ad hoc basis; the second statement is that a policy will be put in place to establish the indications; the third paragraph lists the number of features each policy should have and the last paragraph states that there needs to be a way of having documentation university-wide. He moved for approval of the experiential learning policy. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.
19. Chair Clark said Virginia Kleist served as the past Senate Chair in 2008-2009, and it is customary to recognize the past chair with an engraved plaque and a gavel, and he thanked her for serving in this capacity. Professor Kleist said she was honored to have been the Faculty Senate Chair and that she is proud to be a member of the WVU Faculty Senate. She said, "Let there be no doubt that there is shared governance at West Virginia University."
20. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene Monday, September 14, 2009.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary