Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, October 26, 2015

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

   Members Present:
   Ameri, S.    Elmore, S.    Maynor, L.    Turton, R.
   Bastress, R.  Griffith, R.  Nutter, R.    Valenti, M.
   Cottrell, L.  Hauser, D.    Orlikoff, J.  Veselicky, L.
   DiBartolomeo, L.  Kleist, V.  Stolzenberg, A.

   Members Absent:
   Fint-Clark, R.  Gee, E.    McConnell, J.

   Guests:
   Chester, A.    Day-Perroots, S.  Merrifield, J.  Wilson, C.
   Clark, N.    Dean, R.

2. Chair Turton moved for approval of the minutes from the September 28, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried.**

3. Vice Provost Russ Dean reported the following:
   - A decision will be made in the very near future regarding the Eberly dean search. The search committee submitted its final report to the provost’s office on October 26. The search firm should be submitting additional information by the end of October.
   - The search committee for the Dean of the College of Business and Economics has met and ads have been posted. Greenwood/Asher & Associates is helping with the search.
   - The team conducting a five-year review for Paul Kreider, Dean of the College of Creative Arts, will hold its first meeting on October 29. Gene Cilento, Dean of the Statler College, will undergo a five-year review in the spring.

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

   Following the conclusion of Executive Session, the Committee reconvened into regular session. A motion was made and duly seconded to place the slate of honorary degree candidates on the agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting. **Motion carried.**

5. Chair Richard Turton reported the following:
   - On October 8, he attended the Center for Women’s and Gender Studies 35th anniversary reception. Judith Stitzel, founding director of the women’s studies program at WVU, announced the establishment of the Harriet E. Lyon endowed professorship in honor of WVU’s first female graduate.
As a consequence of a story in the local press, he is inviting police chief Bob Roberts to the December Faculty Senate meeting to provide an overview of the training available for emergency operations.

He and his wife attended a presentation at the WVU Art Museum by Bernie Shultz and Robert Bridges on the Blanche Lazzell mural. He strongly recommended that everyone take the opportunity to visit the museum.

He encouraged everyone to visit the WVU Center for Democracy and Citizenship Education exhibition titled “Anne Frank: A History for Today.” The exhibit is on display at the Erickson Alumni Center through October 31.

He attended a meeting of the Library Committee, which is chaired by Beverly Kirby. As a result of that experience, he is going to invite Jon Cawthorne, Dean of University Libraries, and Derek Krissoff, Director of WVU Press, to speak at an upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.

Applications for research grants, including Research and Scholarship Advancement Grants, Academic Conference Grants, Grants for Community Engagement, and Faculty Travel/Development Grants, are due by February 8, 2016. Information is available on the WVU Research web site at research.wvu.edu/researchers/funding/internal-grants.

He and Lena Maynor will be traveling to WVU-Tech on November 10 and Potomac State College on November 13. They will be accompanied by staff council representatives Lisa Martin and Dixie Martinelli and Student Government Association president George Capel. Oliver Street from the Office of the University Registrar will also accompany them on the WVU-Tech trip.

6. Matt Valenti, 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, Major in Global Supply Chain Management. Motion carried.
   Annex IV, Alterations Report. Accepted.

Chair Valenti also explained that the alterations report now includes actions on minors. The Curriculum Committee will consider changing the name of that report.

7. Dave Hauser, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, presented the following report for information:


8. Ann Chester provided an update on the Health Sciences and Technology Academy. Further information is available at wv-hsta.org/.

9. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported the following:

   The Advisory Council of Faculty met on October 22, 2015.
   Sarah Armstrong Tucker is the new chancellor for the WV Council for Community and Technical College Education (CCTCE). CCTCE finalized the procedural rule for Series 17: Transferability of Credits and Grades at West Virginia Colleges and Universities. Series 21: Freshman Assessment and Placement Standards, is being revised based upon feedback received during the recent comment period.
   Series 17 will most likely come before the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) in November. Corley Dennison, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, has created a
committee for math; Mike Mays and Laura Pyzdrowski are members of the committee. Creation of a science committee will follow.

- Keith Burdett, Secretary of Commerce, is a council member for CCTCE. He indicated that by the fourth quarter we should anticipate that the State will have a $250-500 million shortfall. This equates to another 10-20% budget cut. Secretary Burdett advised we plan for an extended period of financial challenge.
- Although the legislature is meeting in interim sessions, they are not working through every item on their agendas.

10. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors will hold its next regular meeting on November 6, 2015.

11. C.B. Wilson presented Annex VI, Changes to the Electronic Faculty Handbook for information. Report filed. Next year we will undoubtedly need to create an ad hoc Faculty Senate committee to review the entire handbook.

Dr. Wilson also reported that the Faculty Incentive and Reward working group has endorsed the idea of extending terms for Teaching Assistant Professors. Upon promotion to associate professor, a 6-year term would be possible. Upon promotion to full professor, a 9-year term would be possible. In order to do this, we would need to change Board of Governors’ Policy 2. We might also need to make a request to change HEPC policy.

Six or seven volunteers are needed for the promotion and tenure faculty advisory panel. Anyone interested in serving or nominating someone to serve should contact Chair Turton or Dr. Wilson.

12. New Business

Sue Day-Perroots will gather information concerning minors, such as a list of minors and graduation rates, to present to Curriculum Committee for conducting a survey of existing minors. At the same time, she will ask the Office of the University Registrar to provide a list of courses that have been inactive for 5 or more years.

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, November 16, 2015.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator