

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, September 26, 2016

1. Chair Lena Maynor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Cottrell, L.	Hauser, D.	McConnell, J.	Valenti, M.
DiBartolomeo, L.	Hileman, S.	Merrifield, J.	Veselicky, L.
Elmore, S.	Kleist, V.	Nutter, R.	
Fint-Clark, R.	Ibrahim, M.	Stolzenberg, A.	
Haines, K.	Maynor, L.	Turton, R.	

Members Absent:

Gee, E.

Guests:

Campbell, J.	F. King	Pfeifer, A.	Wilson, C.
Day-Perroots, S.	N. Madhavan (NIS)	Proudfoot, C.	

2. Chair Maynor moved for approval of the minutes from the August 22, 2016 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. Chair Maynor said a meeting was held with members of the GEF Committee, Senate Curriculum Committee and the University Registrar to discuss various ways courses could be reviewed by all committee chairs before they reach the GEF Committee and/or Curriculum Committee. It was agreed that the Registrar's office could change the workflows in the Curriculum Inventory Management System (CIM) to allow department chairs from all three campuses (WVU – WVUIT and PSC) to review the courses and approve or send back to the originators if the courses need revisions. Chair Maynor said she hopes to provide helpful materials and training to department chairs to decrease the number of courses that have to be sent back for syllabus issues. The chairs can pass along information to their faculty about the items needed for courses to be approved by the GEF Committee and Senate Curriculum Committee.

The Chair said the Sculpture Garden outside of the Art Museum will hold its grand opening on Wednesday, September 28th at 4:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

4. Karen Haines, Chair, Curriculum Committee, said the Curriculum Committee will meet this Thursday to look at the "rubric" that is on the Faculty Senate webpage to discuss if it needs to be revised. It was recommended that this rubric be sent out to department chairs. The chairs can distribute it to their faculty, so they can be aware of the information needed for course applications and syllabi.

5. Karen Haines, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses Report. ARHS 321 was added to the report because the CIM workflow sent it to the GEF by mistake. Professor Kleist recommended “Healthcare” be added to the title for HIIM 351. She asked that the originators of the HIIM courses contact her, so they can discuss possible overlap. Motion carried.

Annex II, Course Changes Report. BIOL 486 was added to the report so the capstone designation can be placed in Banner. Motion carried.

Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.

New AoE in Environmental Assessment and Reclamation Program. Motion carried.

Annex IV, Alterations Report, was submitted for information. Report. Report Filed.

Chair Haines said it will be easier to populate a report from CIM if all the course changes and alterations can be combined on one report. Separating them into two reports requires a substantial amount of editing by hand. The Registrar’s Office has agreed to change the workflow in CIM so all course changes and alterations can be directed to the Faculty Senate Chair elect role from the CIM system. They will be sorted and a column added to differentiate the alterations from the course changes. Chair Maynor said even though the changes and alterations will be submitted together on one report, the changes can be submitted for approval and the alterations submitted for information.

Annex V, Harmonized Courses was submitted for information. Courses have been harmonized for WVU, WVU-Tech and Potomac State College. Report Filed.

Annex VI, Campus Removal. Concerns were raised because the annex appears to show individuals from one campus authorizing removal of courses from another campus. It was moved and duly seconded to pass the annex pending additional review of who actually authorized the course removal. Motion carried.

Annex VII, Harmonized Alterations Report was submitted for approval. Prerequisites were changed for ChE 435 from (ChE 230 or 330) to (ChE 325 or ChE 327). Members noted several instances of what appeared to be typos in course prerequisites or a prerequisite course that may not yet have been created. Concern was expressed that many of the prerequisites as written may be impossible to satisfy. Associate Provost Day-Perroots said faculty were brought together to work on the course changes for

harmonization. The Registrar's Office will manually enter all the changes and deactivations in Banner so there will be another check on prerequisites at that point.

It was moved and duly seconded to recommit Annex VII back to the Curriculum Committee to send the information in the annex out to departments for additional review and correction and to permit an electronic vote of the Executive Committee on the corrected version of the annex if it is available in time for the next Senate meeting.
Motion carried.

6. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair, General Education Committee, presented the following reports:

Annex VIII, GEC Actions. Motion carried.

Annex IX, GEC Transition Reviews was presented for information. Report Filed.

7. Provost McConnell reported on the following issues:

- Students from Statler College were awarded a \$750,000 prize after winning the Sample Return Robot Challenge at NASA's Centennial Challenge in Worcester, MA on Monday, September 5, 2016. The team ranked number one and was only a few points short of receiving a \$1.5 million prize. The students were passionate about the project and worked across disciplines.
- This week WVU's CAFFEE's Real-World of Emissions Technology Summit (Sept 28-29, 2016) will gather leaders in Morgantown to engage in discussion about the future of emissions technologies. The Summit comes one year after news broke of CAFFEE's discovery of VW cheating on emissions. It has been a year of internationally recognition for WVU.
- On Thursday, September 29th, physics professor Maura McLaughlin will host a screening of the documentary "Little Green Men." The film, which will be shown in the Gluck Theatre, is about high school students searching for pulsars using radio astronomy data from the Green Bank Telescope in West Virginia. A Q&A and a reception will follow the screening.
- WVU remains in the top 100 of all public universities according to the latest US New and World Reports. WVU is tied for 99th among public universities and tied for 183rd for national universities. We continue to get the word out about the greatness of WVU. We are always working against the West Virginia stereotype, so we have to push harder.
- The Statler School of Engineering was ranked in the top 25. WVU Tech was ranked 24th in the US for 4-year engineering schools.
- We are rapidly approaching the target of \$1 billion dollars set for the capital campaign. When we hit the mark, we will be among 36 universities that have hit that target. This is another step forward in demonstrating who we are, what we are capable of doing, and the support that we are receive.

- The United Way campaign is underway. Corey Farris is this year's Chair for the campaign. Since 2007, the faculty and staff of the University have given the United Way of Monongalia and Preston counties almost \$3 million dollars.
- 70 people attended the campus conversation about the budget, which was also streamed to many more. An overview of university's budget and its priorities were given. The Provost said that we are being transparent as possible, but there is a gap between being transparent and what is perceived as being transparent. A lot of good questions were asked. It became clear that there are many misconceptions about the structure of the budget.
- We have a goal to reduce the overall budget by \$45 million by 2020. The changes will involve not just cutting but finding ways to reallocate to invest in our priorities. We intend to find savings by improving efficiencies in areas of the support of faculty, research, etc. The Provost encouraged faculty to stay engaged. She reported that revenues for the state are coming in about 10% behind projections.
- A Culture Survey, conducted by outside consultants Senn Delaney, will be going out to 2,000 selected faculty and staff. It will be the first survey conducted to investigate people's thoughts about WVU's culture.
- The grand opening of the LGBTQ+ center was held on Wednesday, September 21st in Hodges Hall. It was a powerful and encouraging experience. People were lined up out the door.

8. No ACF report was given this month.

9. BOG representative, Stan Hileman, said everything has been completed for WVU to acquire the BRNI, the Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute, which will be the umbrella organization for organizing neurosciences at WVU. He attended the dedication of the Davis College's new Agricultural Sciences building. It is a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility that was desperately needed to replace the old building.

10. New Business

Associate Provost C.B. Wilson asked for nominations of faculty to serve on the Advisory P&T Panel. He said he has a volunteer from the regional campuses and five volunteers from Health Sciences. Two of the latter are tenure or tenure-track faculty and three are in untenured positions. There is one volunteer from the general university who is a TAP. He would like more tenured faculty from the general university before the panel is set. He will ask for volunteers at the next Faculty Senate meeting (October 10th).

11. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 24, 2016.

Barbara Dunn, Faculty Senate Office