

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, March 15, 2010

1. Chair Nigel Clark called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Clark, N.	Kleist, V.	Perone, M.
Bilgesu, I.	Cottrell, L.	McDiarmid, M.	Strife, M.
Boyles, J.	Clements, J.	Nutter, R.	Wheatly, M.
Butcher, F.	Jackowitz, A.	Olson, K.	

Members Absent:

Kirby, B.	Stolzenberg, A.
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Guests:

Cumming, J.	Griffith, R.	Maunz, S. (DA)	Urbanski, J.
Dean, R.	Hessl, A.	Perroots, S.	Wilson, C.B.
Dooley, E.	Lastinger, M.	Shaner, C. (DP)	

2. President Clements reported on the following issues:

- It was a good weekend – the men’s basketball won the Big East Championship.
- The President discussed Senate Bill 480.
- In-state tuition increases above 5% will now require HEPC approval.
- There was a slight change in the capital project approval; the University will report to the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) for projects over \$15 million dollars.
- We have the ability to invest funds from the Foundation with a greater level of flexibility. We are currently waiting for a final reading of the Senate Bill; a committee will be formed to provide oversight to the personnel system. WVU will have a permanent representative on the committee.
- A role will be established for WVU to work with HEPC on policies that need to be implemented. The following clarification was made on the House floor, “any process that was put in place is not intended to change the current policies created on campus for anything related to faculty such as: faculty compensation merit, work load, P&T, etc.”
- External members will be allowed to serve on the Research Corporation Board. The latest decision is a 50/50 split for internal and external members. If the Research Corporation does get restructured, the President said he will work with the Executive Committee to make sure the right structure is put in place for the institution.
- An Executive Director position for the Research Corporation is being developed; the President will give details concerning this position at a later time.
- The Endowment spend varies college by college. Wayne King briefed the deans and Provost about this issue. The deans are holding meetings with the Provost and development offices.
- Bill Hutchens started his new position as General Counsel; the President met with him to talk about ideas for moving forward.

- National and international awards were given to Dr. Abraham, Section Chief of Oncology, for his work in breast cancer research, and Dr. Ferrari, Internal Medicine, received the 2010 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead award from the Accreditation Council of Graduate and Medical Education. This award recognizes officials who have demonstrated excellence in overseeing residency programs.
- The Women's basketball team made it to the Big East finals. Women's Track and Field team had a great weekend. They finished tenth in NCAA Championships, and they had 10 awards and the highest ranking of any Big East team. The coach said this was the greatest moment, collectively, in WVU Track and Field history, and they have one of the highest GPA's in the nation. The Rifle Team won the Conference Championship and finished third in the National Championship in Texas.

3. Provost Wheatly reported on the following issues:

- Two dean searches are underway. The B&E search Committee was in Washington, D.C., and it conducted 14 interviews over the weekend. The Eberly College search Committee has held 10 telephone interviews.
- The Provost will get faculty names for the planning committees from Chair Clark. The Senate Executive Committee will meet after today's meeting to review the names that have been submitted. The Student Government Association asked for an extension to gather their list of names. The Provost said later in the week, the Strategic Planning Council will begin to be populated as well as the work groups.
- A deans' retreat will be held on Wednesday; the deans will be asked to make nominations for strategic planning committees.
- A task group has been organized to work with the Institute of Technology to iron out some issues before beginning the Strategic Planning process.
- The Provost has been involved with the University Planning Committee, which is looking at the pros and cons of budgetary models, which includes tuition and faculty/staff raises.
- This is a busy time of year with Promotion & Tenure and Associate Provost C. B. Wilson is working with the Provost.
- The Provost has attended several activities, and they are all outstanding.

4. Chair Clark reported on the following issues:

- Fred Butcher will represent the Health Sciences Center as an ex-officio member to the Senate Executive Committee.
- Final language has not yet been released from Senate Bill 480 concerning the definition of non-classified staff.
- The Research Corporation Board is likely to be 50/50, and the Chair hopes to see good faculty representation.
- The Senate Executive Committee will review faculty names from a list of recommendations, and give it to the Provost for the Strategic Plan. He said there has been an overwhelming response from those who have been asked to participate in the plan.

5. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.
6. Profession Bilgesu moved for approval of the following SCC reports:
 - Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
 - Annex II, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education. Motion carried.
 - Annex III, Changes in Environmental Protection Major. Motion carried.
 - Annex IV, The Alteration Report was submitted for information.
7. Annex V, GEC Audit Report was submitted for information.
8. Professor Urbanski, Chair, Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee, said the SEI revised four SEI on-line questions, and he asked that they be approved. It was duly seconded. Motion carried. The request will be sent to the Faculty Senate for its approval.
9. Professor Hessel, Chair, Faculty Welfare Committee, submitted a resolution to request faculty salaries be raised to the 50th percentile of peer institutions within the next 10 years. After discussion, it was recommended that the FWC revise paragraph 2b of the resolution and include the web link of the climate survey. Professor Hessel will bring the resolution back to the Senate Executive Committee.
10. Professor Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, said the ACF will meet Thursday and, hopefully, he will be able to get updated information concerning Senate Bill 480. He will send an electronic mail about the Bill to all Senate Executive Committee members.
11. Chair Clark said Annex IX, 2010 Faculty Senate Election Results, was provided for information.
12. New Business

Professor Sue Day-Perroots distributed a handout concerning the definition of a credit hour. She said institutions are being asked by the United States Department of Education to define the meaning of a credit hour. The Faculty Senate has been the owner of the credit hour definition but other definitions are currently being used.

Professor Day-Perroots asked that a group review the definition of a credit hour so there can be consistency of transferred credits among institutions and one standard definition can be put in place.

The definition of a credit hour was given to the Student Instruction Committee for review.

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, April 26, 2010.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary