

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall
March 26, 2007

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

Members present:

Bergner, G.	Jackowitz, A.	Lang, G.	Robbins, J.
Butcher, F.	Kershner, R.	Lastinger, M.	Strife, M.
Hardesty, D.	Kite, S.	McDiarmid, M.	Torsney, C.

Members absent:

Branch, D.	Dean, R.	Kleist, V.	Wilson, C.B.
Clark, N.	Famouri, P.	Nutter, R.	

Guest:

Bunting, J.	Parsons, C.	Qing, M.	Weese, N.
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2. President Hardesty distributed a copy of a budget summary that he received from the Chancellor's Office. He said that since he just received it, he has not had time to review it. If members want an electronic copy, they should contact Jennifer Fisher.

The President said the WVU budget passed through the Legislature, and he believes it is the best budget since 1995; pay raises for faculty and staff could be increased up to five percent.

Narvel Weese, VP for Finance and Administration, gave an overview of the budget that was allocated by the state. He said this is the first time in a long time that there has been additional monies allocated as part of the base budget to support pay increases. He said President Hardesty, Chancellor Noland, Dave Miller, Provost Lang and others have made salaries a priority for the Institution. VP Weese said, as a whole, for all higher education institutions, \$10 million was allotted for research; \$8 million for the higher education grant program; \$800,000 for the Promise program; \$5 million for a base-budget increase that is undesignated and can be used for salaries, operating expenses, or other institutional priorities; \$6 million for salary increases; \$2.2 million for WVU-IT to support their ABED accreditation; and \$1 million for BRNI (Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute). VP Weese said there has been some discussion that there could possibly be a cap of 3.5% for pay raises, which would be a \$9 million program cost. He said the finance department is working to get that changed to the 5% pay increase so the salary plan can be implemented, which was part of WVU's strategic plan. The Board will be approached in April to recommend tuition and fee increases and then again in June to present the budget and finalize commitments to include a salary improvement program.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2007 meeting. Motion carried. The Faculty Senate minutes for the March 12, 2007 meeting were reviewed.

4. Chair-elect Kite said that Chair Famouri is out of the country because two of his family members are in the hospital; Professor Kershner said she would send a card to Chair Famouri on behalf of the committee.

Chair-elect Kite encouraged members to attend the presidential interviews.

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

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Professor Bergner will contact the School of Journalism to request a change in the title for PR 410. Motion carried.

Annex II, Prefix Change from F&CS to DISB. Motion carried.

Annex III, Capstone Experience Course – Public Relations 459. Motion carried.

Annex IV, Psychology B.A. Program Proposal. Professor Bergner will contact WVU-Tech to request they resubmit “Appendix A” to reflect a different way of satisfying GEC objective 9. Approved pass-pending the change.

Annex V, Program Changes for the Forensic and Investigative Sciences BS Degree Program. Motion carried.

Annex VI, The Alteration Report was submitted for approval.

6. Professor Kite, Chair, General Education Oversight Committee, moved for approval of a revised GEC Actions report listed in Annex VII. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.
7. Professor Stan Cohen led a discussion concerning a system that was developed to create a new secure process for the Electronic Student Evaluation of Instruction process (eSEI). He said the new eSEI parallels the paper Senate form that’s been available since 2000. The eSEI uses safer and more secure programming techniques, and faculty can designate an individual to create/manage the entire process; although it does not fix the total number of questions. The form will have a new pool of items that include technology enhanced classes. Faculty can create an eSEI form through their MIX or eCampus accounts; students are notified via MIX about its availability. The new form is especially useful for students enrolled in off-campus courses who are difficult to reach with the paper SEI form. Jared Bunting and Mei Qing, students from the Office of Information Technology, presented a power point overview of the new process. Professor Bilgesu will present this information at the April 9th Faculty Senate meeting.
8. Chet Parsons, Director of the Greater Morgantown Metropolitan Planning Division, which is a regional planning agency that specializes in long-range transportation planning, discussed plans that have finally been completed after a 2-year process that started in 2005. Mr. Parsons gave a power point presentation concerning the restructuring of Morgantown’s city roads and transportation system. He said the group has come up with approximately 200 alternatives for the traffic issues; although, financing is a major issue. The designers met with Senator Byrd and some delegates from Charleston, WV, about the plans. A few of the plans include: expanding Beechurst Avenue to 5 lanes, integrating a new development along the corridor, restructuring the 705 bypass, and major modifications in Sabraton, Mileground and

West Run Rd. He also discussed a non-motorized pedestrian crossing, extending hours for the Mountain Line Bus system and making the PRT more accessible to the community. The parking plan includes revised planning assumptions and newly developed recommendations. Provost Lang recommended members read the University's Transportation and Parking Plan, which can be accessed at: <http://www.wvu.edu/~adminfin/>

9. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the 2008-2009 academic calendar; spring recess was changed from March 21 thru March 29, 2008 to March 14 thru March 22, 2008. Motion carried.
10. Candidates for Faculty Senate Chair-elect will be discussed at the April 23rd Executive Committee meeting. Chair-elect Kite said Executive Committee member Virginia Kleist volunteered as a candidate for Faculty Senate chair-elect.
11. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, April 23, 2007.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary