

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Bluestone Room, Mountainlair
April 28, 2008

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

Members present:

Clark, N.	Garrison, M.	Martin, J.	Strife, M.
Cottrell, L.	Hornsby, G.	McDiarmid, M.	Wilson, C.
Cumming, J.	Jackowitz, A.	Nutter, R.	
Famouri, P.	Kite, S.	Olson, K.	
Garbutt, K.	Kleist, V.	Richards, A.	

Members absent:

Dean, R.	Etzel, E.	Lang, G.	Torsney, C.
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Guests present:

Fulk, T. (D.A.)	Layton, M. (D.P.)	Marra, A. (D.A.)	Riemenschneider, S.
Lastinger, V.	Leyden, K.	Napolitano, M.	Several news reporters

2. President Garrison reported on two issues:

Regarding potential requests to the BOG in June, related to the salary proposal for faculty and staff, he said that enrollment is up, with 5,245 confirmed enrollees as of April 23; 296 up from this time last year. He feels that academic quality has been maintained and that ACT scores are exactly the same as last year, 23.4. He said that orientation for students and parents is this week-end and that it is up 4%. Because of those numbers, he feels a significant salary increase proposal can be brought to the Board. He will have final numbers at the next Executive Committee meeting. Research grants and contracts are up 6.1M (7%). Private giving, particularly in light of Bucks for Brains, is up versus this time last year; it is at 14.6M, with various outstanding commitments that will be collected within the next few weeks.

President Garrison said he was charged by the BOG to review and accept, and he does accept, the report of the EMBA Panel. He agrees with all of its recommendations. He was charged by the Board to implement them. As a first order of business, President Garrison contacted Faculty Senate Chair Kite and asked for recommendations on faculty member who would meet with administration to talk about how to implement the recommendations of the panel. A couple of the recommendations are presidential office recommendations; although he has been very open, particularly in regard to new protocol in the office, to sharing that. He said that a task force met on Friday and came back with a number of recommendations that are still in progress. It is a draft document, still in progress. The first recommendation was to rescind the degree, which has been completed. A letter was sent by certified mail and Admissions and Records will be directed by Vice President Jonathan Cumming to follow up. Jonathan Cumming will chair the task force. President Garrison will not participate in the task force. VP Cumming will add people as he sees fit and work with various faculty to get a sense of what the academic issues are and then to address the recommendations put forward by the Panel. There was a general consensus that the accreditation agency will be consulted so that there will be a third-party verification on

what is being done. President Garrison will report to the BOG at its June 6 meeting with a comprehensive update.

Vice President Cumming said that he will chair the task force and that other members include Steve Kite, Virginia Kleist, Nigel Clark, Parviz Famouri, Keith Garbutt, Cheryl Torsney, and MaryBeth Mandich. They will be talking to staff in the colleges who deal with student records. The task force will be dealing primarily with what was set forth in the panels report dealing with records management, records transfer, degree tracking, and certification of degrees. The task force has already started a review of degree certification process in the Provost's Office. They will be working with a consultant to see what the practices are at peer institutions across the country. All people having access to records will have proper training from the student rights attorney Bobbi Bryant. The training will be in place by August 15.

3. Professor Famouri made the comment that the wording in the panel report was that the decision makers "made an error in judgment" and that he is very disappointed that the President accepted Provost Lang's resignation because of one action during over thirty years of service to the University.
4. Chair Kite said that in the past few days he has tried to make two points: (1) to express the respect he has for Provost Lang and Dean Sears and (2) this situation is a good argument why faculty input is important. He feels this strengthens the importance of shared faculty governance.

Chair Kite said that he has heard numerous motions, many that are now irrelevant, requested to be put on the May 12 Faculty Senate agenda.

Chair Kite encouraged everyone to read the EMBA Panel's report. At the May 12 Faculty Senate meeting, the Panel will be recognized for receipt of the report and appreciation of the efforts of the panel members. A motion will be brought forward to accept the Panel's report. The task force will report to the Faculty Senate regarding its ongoing activities.

Two motions were brought before the committee in regard to the Panel's report by Professors Leyden and Riemenschneider.

Professor Leyden's motion:

The members of the West Virginia University Faculty Senate share the outrage at the handling of the unearned eMBA. We also accept the report of the independent panel and thank our colleagues Professors Nutter and Lastinger for their leadership and integrity.

Our institutional reputation has been seriously compromised and immediate steps must be enacted to restore it. We charge the Senate Committee on Shared Governance to make oversight of the review panel's recommendations their first priority and ask that they provide a standing progress report at monthly Senate meetings. Their efforts must ensure the faculty's essential role in the governance of West Virginia University. Going forward, we must put measures in place to ensure academic standards and quality are the key criteria in decisions affecting the University, so that a debacle like the Bresch decision can never happen again.

Professor Riemenschneider's motion:

The Faculty Senate of West Virginia University censures, and votes no confidence in President Mike Garrison. He should resign or the Board of Governors should demand his resignation.

It is anticipated that there will be other motions on this topic. Since the May 12 Faculty Senate meeting has a very aggressive agenda, and this is an important topic that needs time to be discussed as a larger body of the Faculty Senate, it was moved and duly seconded to call a special meeting of the Faculty Senate on May 5 to discuss these motions. Motion carried.

Chair Kite will e-mail Faculty Senators requesting that draft motions to be considered at the May 5 meeting be e-mailed to FacultySenateOffice@mail.wvu.edu before noon on Wednesday, April 30. All draft motions will then be forwarded to Senators for their review. Senators will then have the opportunity to make suggested amendments to the Senator who originally made the motion. Amended motions must be resubmitted to FacultySenateOffice@mail.wvu.edu by noon on Friday; otherwise, the original motion will stand. Friday afternoon, motions will again be e-mailed to Senators for their review before Monday's Faculty Senate meeting.

5. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.
6. The draft minutes for the April 14, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed.
7. Professor Marcello Napolitano, senate representative on the Parking and Transportation Committee, said that Nancy Lohmann will provide a full report to the Faculty Senate at the end of the semester. Professor Napolitano said that:
 - The parking and transportation plan was formally adopted. The only recommendation made last year was to recruit a parking director with the idea that parking and safety issues be split. Hugh Kierig was hired as Director of Parking.
 - Parking is a self-sufficient auxiliary unit. This office is sustained by fees paid by faculty, staff, students, and fines imposed to people who violate parking.
 - This committee only acts in an advisory capacity. Narvel Weiss makes the final decisions.
 - This is a 13-member committee, in which five are administrators. Professor Napolitano feels that faculty, staff and students should have more representation on the committee.
 - The issue of parking rates for next year was never discussed.
 - Professor Napolitano would like for the Executive Committee to bring more of a shared governance atmosphere into this committee.
 - Professor Napolitano feels that action should be taken in:
 - a) The composition of the committee to reflect 5% administration, with the rest being evenly divided between faculty, staff, and students.
 - b) This committee be given more than just an advisory role.
8. Professor Kleist will take this issue to the shared governance group.
9. Professor Cottrell, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

WVU Tech Criminal Justice Program. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.
Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes report. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

Annex II, the Alteration Report was presented for information.

10. Professor Garbutt, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the GEC Recommendations listed in Annex III. It was duly seconded. Motion carried. Annex IV, GEC Audits, was presented for information.
11. Professor Jackowitz moved, and it was duly seconded, to accept Annex V, Service Committee's 2007-08 Annual Report and 2008-09 Committee Goals. Motion carried.
12. Professor Olsen, Chair, Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee, moved, and it was duly seconded, to accept Annex VI, Committee's 2007-08 Annual Report and 2008-09 Committee Goals. Motion carried.
13. Professor Lastinger, Chair, GEC Writing Committee, moved, and it was duly seconded, to accept Annex VII, Committee's 2007-08 Annual Report and 2008-09 Committee Goals. Motion carried.
14. It was moved, and duly seconded, to accept Annex VIII, Faculty Welfare Committee's 2007-08 Annual Report and Annex IX 2008-09 Committee Goals. Motion carried.
15. It was moved, and duly seconded, to accept Annex X, Student Evaluation of Instruction Committees 2007-08 Annual Report and 2008-09 Committee Goals. Motion carried.
16. It was moved, and duly seconded, to accept Annex XI, Library Committee's 2007-08 Annual Report and 2008-09 Committee Goals. Motion carried.
17. Chair Kite moved, and it was duly seconded, that all standing committees for which reports were given be recommended for approval for next year. Motion carried.
18. Professor Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, distributed minutes of the April 17, 2008 ACF meeting. Professor Nutter highlighted parts of the minutes:
 - SB 340, requiring notification of a security breach.
 - SB 564, fee waivers for staff, spouses and dependents not counted towards the 5% cap, nor are any other statutorily mandated waivers. This affects other schools more than WVU.
 - HB 3215, faculty guaranteed 10% raise upon promotion. This does not affect WVU; it is already in effect at WVU.
 - HB 4623, allows contributions more than the present 6% of employee salaries to their retirement plan.
19. The Executive Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. Friday afternoon to strategize about Monday's special meeting of the Faculty Senate. Chair Kite will contact the members with the location.
20. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m., to reconvene on Monday, May 19, 2008.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary