

MINUTES  
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
Monday, October 12, 2009

1. Professor Nigel Clark, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE, after the President's State of the University Address.

Members Present

Abate, M.	Chalupa, C.	Hartman, K.	Meckstroth, R.	Scott, H. R.
Abraham, R.	Clark, B.	Hermosilla, P.	Miltenberger, M.	Spleth, J.
Ahern, T.	Connors, J.	Hessl, A.	Mucino, M.	Stack, S.
Anderson, J.	Cottrell, L.	Higgins, C.	Nath, C.	Steranka, P.
Anderson, K.	Cottrell, S.	Hileman, S.	Nestor, P.	Stuchell, R.
Atkins, C.	Davari, A.	Insch, G.	Olson, K.	Tallaksen, R.
Bastress, R.	Davis, S.	Jackowitz, A.	Peace, G.	Tuninetti, A.
Bergner, G.	DiBartolomeo, L	Jones, D.	Perone, M.	Turton, R.
Bilgesu, I.	Elmore, S.	Kale, U.	Perry, J.	Urbanski, J.
Blaydes, S.	Famouri, P.	Kirby, B.	Petty, T.	Walker, E.
Boyles, J.	Fleming, S.	Kleist, V.	Plein,	Wenger, S.
Brazaitis, M.	Fredette, H.	Latimer, M.	Rafter, J.	Wilcox, G.
Bredehoft, T.	Graber, S.	Mancinelli, C.	Rockett, I.	Wilson, M.
Campbell, L.	Hall, S.	Mandich, M.	Ruscello, D.	Woloshuk, J.
Carpenter, R.	Harner, J.	McDiarmid, M.	Schreurs, B.	Zimmerman, P.

Members Absent

Behling, R.	Comer, P.	Hunter, S.	Miller, M.	Serafini, M.
Branch, D.	Hazard, H.	Iskander, W.	Mucino, V.	Siegrist, J.
Brooks, J.	Hogan, T.	Kuhlman, J.	Paul, S.	Walls, T.
Chetlin, R.	Hornsby, G.	McCombie, R.	Robbins, J.	Whiteman, C.

Members Excused

Ameri, S.	Edwards, B.	Hutson, Z.	Ryan, K.	Sherlock, L.
Banta, L.	Funk, A.	Oberhauser, A.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Tower, L.
Bonner, D.	Hash, K.	Parks, E.	Schwartz, S.	Watson, J.
Bryner, R.	Huffman, V.	Petronis, J.		

2. President James Clements gave the State of the University Address at 3:15 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.
3. Chair Clark moved, and it was duly seconded, to approve the minutes from the Monday, September 14, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion carried.
4. Interim Provost Martin said the new provost was on campus last week, and she will be on campus this week as well. She will attend an all-day retreat with the deans on Wednesday. Dr. Wheatly will be on campus twice in November and twice in December. Individual meetings will be set up with vice-presidents and associate provosts. The new provost will not be able to come to campus on Mondays, so she will not be able to attend meetings of the Senate or the Executive Committee until January. The Interim Provost said she is arranging a luncheon meeting with the new provost and the Senate Executive Committee this fall. The new provost is very interested, engaged and energetic, and she sends her best wishes to everyone and looks forward to working with the Faculty Senate.

The new CIO, Rehan Khan, attended today's Faculty Senate meeting. He will begin work October 30, 2009.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) has exceeded 500 members; it is now 580, so the million dollar endowment is set. The Interim Provost thanked everyone who participated and paid dues.

The Interim Provost sent e-mails to both Jan Palmer and Cathy Yura, and she said they both feel comfortable with the way things are going and have been handled for flu viruses. There are 471 virus cases, but that number is very modest considering the huge campuses we have. The latest information is that no one has been terribly ill with the virus, and it has been like the seasonal flu. To date, 2,500 doses of the flu vaccine have been administered to WVU students, staff and faculty. The H1N1 vaccine will not be available until November, December or January. As soon as it is available, the students will receive it.

5. Chair Clark thanked President Clements for the promised faculty positions, and for the promise of improved efficiency and proposal submissions. He said it was wonderful to hear some action items starting on campus. The Chair suggested faculty look at areas in their everyday lives that seem inefficient and in a reasonable and polite way try to change and improve efficiencies. He said the more we can do to change inefficiencies, the better we will be. A campus theme can be to make positive changes at the local level
6. Ilkin Bilgesu, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of Annex I, New Courses and Course changes. Motion carried. Annex II, Capstone Report. Motion carried. Annex III, The Alteration Report was presented for information.
7. Beverly Kirby, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of Annex IV, Revisions to GEC Statement, so the language interpretation can be more consistent. It was duly seconded. Motion carried. Annex V, the GEC Audits Report was presented for information.
8. Roy Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, said the ACF Legislative/HEPC/CTCC Issues for 2010 lists the following 4 items: Increase Legislative Funding to the Regional Average; Fulfill the Legislative Mandate Requiring Higher Education Faculty to Advise the HEPC and CTCC Councils; Provide Relief from Rising PEIA Premiums; Allow Higher Education Employees the right to Serve in the Legislature. Professor Nutter asked for the Faculty Senate to make a motion to approve the issues so he can take its support back to the Advisory Council of Faculty. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the issues stated. Motion carried.
9. The Chair said there are courses listed on the books that have not been taught for an excessive period of time. Apparently, sometime in the 1980's, the Faculty Senate passed a motion to remove courses that were "dead", but that motion cannot be located so this new motion for policy would not be defying the original motion because it is similar.

Chair-elect Stolzenberg read the following motion:

“Courses which have not been taught for five or more years and which are not essential to future curricula are eligible for removal from the WVU list of course offerings. Prior to any removal, a list of courses which have not been taught for five or more years will be made available to all faculty, chairs, and deans. Deans may identify to the Curriculum Committee courses from this list which should be retained, and the Curriculum Committee will then “drop” the remaining courses which have not been taught for five or more years.”

Chair-elect Stolzenberg said he will work with the Curriculum Committee and the administration to identify a list of courses that need dropped. There are approximately 680 courses that are presently not being taught that date back to the 1960-70's. As people leave and retire no one takes the initiative to drop courses. The list will be posted for faculty to review and if a course is necessary to keep, it will be retained. After a period of time, with the 2 groups working together, courses will be dropped in mass so individual drop forms will not be needed. The Chair-elect said the timeframe in dropping courses will begin the first of January 2010.

Professor Turton asked if a “grandfather” clause could be inserted in the motion so if a course had been dropped (within 2-3 years), it could be reinstated without having to put it through the committees again.

The following amendment to the motion included:

“That within the procedure for deleting courses there should be a reasonable amnesty period for reinstating any courses that are wrongfully deleted.”

It was moved and duly seconded to approve the motion with the amendment. Motion carried.

The Chair said that the intent is to clean the books of unwanted courses, but to move cautiously so courses that are wanted are not deleted.

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, November 9, 2009.

Mary Strife  
Faculty Secretary