

MINUTES  
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
Monday, September 13, 2010

1. Professor Alan Stolzenberg, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Cottrell, S.	Hornsby, G.	Nichols, A.	Shelton, E.
Ahern, T.	Cronin, A.	Huffman, V.	Nutter, R.	Sherlock, L.
Anderson, J.	Curtis, R.	Hutson, Z.	Olson, K.	Spleth, J.
Anderson, K.	Davari, A.	Insch, G.	Orlikoff, J.	Stack, S.
Atkins, C.	Davis, S.	Jones, D.	Paul, S.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bastress, R.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Kale, U.	Peace, G.	Stout, P.
Bergner, G.	Edwards, B.	Kershner, R.	Perone, M.	Stuchell, R.
Bilgesu, I.	Etzel, E.	Kirby, B.	Perry, J.	Sundaram, M.
Blake, L.	Famouri, P.	Kuhlman, J.	Petronis, J.	Tallaksen, R.
Bonner, D.	Fint-Clark, B.	Latimer, M.	Prudhomme, J.	Tower, L.
Boyles, J.	Fleming, S.	Lofaso, A.	Rafter, J.	Tuninetti, A.
Branch, D.	Funk, A.	Mays, M.	Reymond, R.	Turton, R.
Brazatis, M.	Graber, S.	Miltenberger, M.	Rockett, I.	Urbanski, J.
Bredehoft, T.	Hall, D.	Moritz, J.	Ryan, K.	Veselicky, K.
Carpenter, R.	Harner, J.	Morris, B.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Vona-Davis, L.
Clark, N.	Hash, K.	Mucino, V.	Schreurs, B.	Walker, E.
Cohen, S.	Hileman, S.	Munasinghe, R.	Schwartz, S.	Whiteman, C.
Connors, J.	Hogan, T.	Nestor, P.	Scott, H.R.	Wilson, M.

Members Absent:

Anfinson, J.	Cottrell, L.	Higgins, C.	Hunter, S.
Blaydes, S.	Elmore, S.	Huber, J.	Zimmerman, P.

Members Excused:

Abraham, R.	Bryner, R.	Hashmi, M.	Oberhauser, A.	Wenger, S.
Ameri, S.	Chalupa, C.	Hazard, H.	Petty, T.	Whiteman, C.
Banta, L.	Clark, B.	Mancinelli, C.	Putman, H.	Wilcox, G.
Bowen, E.	Hartman, K.	Meckstroth, R.	Sherwin, M.	

Officers Present:

Griffith, R.                      Stolzenberg, A.

2. Chair Stolzenberg moved and it was duly seconded to approve the minutes from the Monday, June 12, 2010 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion carried.
3. Provost Wheatly discussed the following issues:
- President Clements and the Provost look forward to working with Professor Stolzenberg, this year's Faculty Senate Chair, and to having a partnership between administration and faculty governance.
  - A lot of activity has been going on with the Strategic Planning process over the summer, and a tremendous amount of work has been accomplished under the direction of Professor Clark who is the coordinator of the process and the chair of the Strategic

Planning Council. The Council consists of 40+ members and is broken down into 3 workgroups and is represented by all University constituents.

- Professor Clark presented the Strategic Plan skeleton to the Board of Governors. It now has a new mission statement which involves goals and 5 major objectives. Cross cutting themes have been implemented, and the group is looking for game-changing actionable items to place within these themes. The Committee is on time and hoping to deliver the start of the plan to President Clements so he can make a “platform statement” at the University Address in October 2010. The plan will be available to focus groups, town-hall meetings, and discussion groups so it can be signed, sealed and delivered to the President on December 27, 2010.
- Enrollment is good, but official numbers will not be released until October 15<sup>th</sup> when data is uploaded into the HEPC reports. Overall, undergraduate enrollment is very strong and total headcount is up by 1.5% which is a record. The first year class is up 10% from last year which will be the second largest first year class on record. Transfer students have increased by 20%, and there is a 30% increase in minority students and 5% increase in international students.
- Early indicators for graduate enrollment show an increase in both doctoral and masters degrees. A pilot was started last year for the online application process which we hope to implement this year.
- Student life issues will be presented to the BOG this week, which include the Student Health Center’s Wellness Strategic Plan and the Recreation Field Strategic Plan.
- A new “Early Alert System” is being put in place so that grades from the student’s first test, which approximately occur by week 3, will be uploaded by the end of week 4 so that by September 20, faculty and administration will be aware of the students that need intervention. A pilot program has been implemented in 6 of the large enrollment classes and they have agreed to give assistance. It will be reported back to the Faculty Senate if the pilot was able to help students.
- Dr. Dooley has been working with a task force to look at the Multidisciplinary Studies Major. They would like to bundle 3 minors that make sense for a millennial career. Dr. Dooley has been working with a group so the program can be marketed.
- University 101 and the RFL program are being moved back under Academic Affairs.
- Dr. Dooley has implemented a Graduation Council for student retention.
- Funding for research hit a record of \$175 million dollars.
- The Provost has been visiting various departments on campus to meet with faculty, and she will visit the Potomac State and the Institute of Technology campuses as well.
- Research grants that include research, travel and service as well as a faculty development fund will be reviewed by Professor Clark and Provost Dean for more opportunities and funding. A proposal will be submitted to the Faculty Senate before the end of the year.
- Support giving has increased from \$58 million to \$80 million; a 38% increase during a time of economic challenge.
- The Smoking Task Force is gathering input from all the constituency groups of smokers and non-smokers.
- The Parental Leave Task Force will be submitting a draft document in the near future.
- The President will provide the BOG a revision of the salary improvement plan and how it will be implemented.

- The dentistry dean search is still underway and the President and Provost will be searching for two additional deans this academic year.

4. Chair Stolzenberg reported on the following issues:

- The Faculty Senate will meet with the BOG this Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in room 101B, NRCCE, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Senate leadership will present a report to the BOG and it will be followed by a Q & A session. This will be an open meeting. The Chair encouraged faculty to attend and meet with the Board members.
- Last Friday, an email was sent via the faculty list serve that had 2 documents attached - the amended Faculty Constitution and a cover letter that explained the process by which the Constitution was revised. The documents are available on the Faculty Senate webpage. The amended version of the Constitution was approved by the Faculty Senate on April 12, 2010, pending approval by the University Assembly. President Clements will give his State of the University Address on October 11, 2010, so an assembly will be held. Discussion of the Constitution will take place immediately after the President's Address. A paper ballot will be mailed to all faculty within that same week; passage of the Constitution will require a majority of those voting.
- The Faculty Handbook is currently under revision, and Professor Virginia Kleist has been working with Associate Provost C. B. Wilson to update the handbook and update the links to all the various policies. The revised Handbook will be submitted to the Senate Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate for approval in the near future.
- There are vacancies on the Senate Curriculum Committee and the General Education Oversight Committee, as well as a need for more members serve on the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee. Professor Carolyn Atkins distributed a sign-up sheet.
- Grace Wigal resigned as the parliamentarian because of a class schedule conflict, so a new parliamentarian will be appointed. The Faculty Senate thanked Grace for her commitment to the Faculty Senate.
- The Student Government is committed to improving communication with the faculty through the Faculty Senate; therefore, A. J. Warne has been appointed as the liaison representative. The Student Government has several goals that they want to accomplish which include student participation in Faculty Senate committees. The Student Government will be putting institutional methods into place so good students can be identified and their performance can be tracked. The liaison will be observing the Faculty Senate meetings, so the Chair asked that if an appropriate time should come when student input would be valuable to the discussion that senators recognize the liaison.
- Planning is underway for an event on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> where students can take a professor to lunch; details will be forthcoming. The Chair recommended that faculty participate in the event if they are invited to lunch by a student.
- Discussion has taken place concerning retention and the quality of teaching so an Ad hoc will be established for this concern. The Chair asked faculty to send him an email if he/she is interested in serving on this Committee. This will be open to senators and non-senators.

5. Wayne King, President and CEO of the WVU Foundation gave an overview of fundraising issues for fiscal year 2010. He said the following web site was developed last year for people who want to give to the University – [www.wvuf.org](http://www.wvuf.org).
6. Roy Nutter, ACF representative, distributed a handout entitled, “West Virginia Advisory Council of Faculty Issues for 2011, Achieving the Future.” He said in the ACF has been busy implementing an issue list. Professor Nutter said he would bring another document that is primarily for the legislature next month.

Professor Nutter said the list is similar to last year’s list, and he moved that the faculty endorse the faculty issues listed on the handout so it can be included in the 22 schools statewide. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

7. Professor Harner said MyTime will be implemented on September 19, 2010 at 12:01 a.m. He said the morale has not been good for staff and hourly employees, and it may cause a lot of paperwork for supervisors and/or departments if paperwork is not completed or completed incorrectly. It will also have an impact on academic programs. Professor Harner recommended that MyTime be delayed until January 1, 2011 so the impact can be fully studied. A small group of people were the main voice behind this decision to change to MyTime and there was little discussion with staff members and no discussion with faculty. He asked that the alternatives be reviewed and the consequences be discussed for academic programs, staff employees and hourly employees.

Professor Harner moved that the Faculty Senate support the delaying of the implementation of MyTime until January 1<sup>st</sup> so there is more time to study the impacts of the decision and that we look at possible alternatives there may be to the current decision to implement an electronic type of system. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

Professor Edwards recommended that the Senate Executive Committee discuss constituting a committee to discuss MyTime and consider alternatives.

8. Professor Branch asked that the Faculty Senate support and participate in a student food pantry program. He requested that the Senate do its part as a body to help students out and get the food pantry “stuffed” for the winter. He asked for the Faculty Senate’s support and participation at the unit level.
9. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 11, 2010.

Mary Strife  
Faculty Secretary