

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, January 25, 2010

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

Members Present:

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

Guests:

Dean, R.	Dooley, E.	Griffith, R.	Kite, S.
Robinson, S.	Shaner, C. (DP)	Shay Maunz, (DA)	Wilson, C.B.

2. President Clements reported on the following issues:
  - Big events were held in Charleston last week and the previous week when the Governor gave his State of the State Address; several things he mentioned affected higher education.
  - The Governor asked all presidents to freeze tuition for the next year because of the importance of access and affordability. President Clements said that he will look at the numbers for enrollment and do the best he can, but some kind of help or stimulus money will be needed because expenses do not go down. The institution is a complex operation and prices go up. More faculty need to be hired as well. Plus we need to define what a tuition freeze means—which groups are affected.
  - The Governor called for a 3.4% budget reduction; the President received the official letter pertaining to the reduction. Stimulus money is available, but there are restrictions to how the money can be used.
  - The Governor asked universities to look at graduation rates because as a state, there is room for improvement.
  - The Capital Classic luncheon was held last week with 500-600 people in attendance, and feedback was positive. The President talked about national and international impacts and the importance of the university to the state.
  - West Virginia University graduates more students than all the other institutions within the State of West Virginia. It is a flagship University with about 85% of the research dollars.
  - The University is strong and stable, especially since the new Provost and HSC Chancellor are on-board. We are prepared to do really good things and better things than we have done in the past, and we have done a lot of good things over the years.

- One of the things that needs pushed is the \$80 billion dollars for annual uncompensated health care.
- HEPC meetings were held last week. Discussions included solutions for the unfair paying into PEIA; all models need to be on the table. Graduation rates were discussed, and it was acknowledged that WVU has the highest graduation rates.
- HEPC was asked to help with budget cuts as funds are being discussed.
- Kimberly Croyle resigned as a member of the General Council for personal reasons. The President said interviews will begin a search for this position.
- Dr. Cousins and Ken Heckler spoke at the Martin Luther King breakfast; they did outstanding jobs.
- Ground-breakings for two events will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> for White Hall and the indoor practice basketball facility.
- The Education Trust Report looked at all the land-grant universities and ranked WVU among the group that made the biggest improvements in terms of access; it praised the University as an institution.
- Even in tight budget times, the future looks good. The President said he appreciates the committee's patience as salaries are being reviewed and we recruit more faculty.

3. Provost Wheatly reported on the following issues:

- She has been on campus for one month, and her goals include making a positive first impression and getting off to a good start with energy and momentum.
- A planning retreat will be held this Thursday, so when the President is finished with the senior planning exercise the Provost will oversee the academic affairs planning. She has been doing behind the scenes work to strategize how it will work across the multiple parts of the institution. The planning and academic mission is part of the bedrock of everything that is done at the University.
- The Provost has been meeting with the deans as a group and one-on-one to try to identify how to distribute the initial new faculty. Deans have been presenting proposals, and a lot of data has been churning to see where the most pressure lies in the classrooms, which is driven by increased enrollment. The Provost will meet with the President and Narvel Weese to make sure funds are ready for new faculty hires; a decision will be made in the near future.
- Dr. Dooley has been leading a couple of prominent initiatives; one initiative includes getting the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement. Community engagement needs to be infused throughout the entire curriculum research operations. Dr. Dooley has assembled a task force to make sure all the criteria are met to submit an application to Carnegie.

- We are hoping that we can be eligible to obtain one of the C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Awards from the Association for Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU). A couple of projects have been proposed.
- Associate Provost Cumming's group has been unveiling a new application process for graduate students. The Associate Provost will spend time at the graduate research day on Thursday in Charleston, WV.
- Associate Provost C.B. Wilson will chair the non-smoking task force and parental leave committee. He will also lead conflict management training and head up the committee for the Heebink Award for Service.
- Rehan Khan, CIO, will be submitting proposals to the administration for enhanced network capability, including a 3G network and electronic research administration (ERA). The ERA program will help researchers.
- Facilities have been upgraded at Jackson's Mill.
- Registrar Steve Robinson said all degrees for December 2009 have been verified and posted.
- On Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Provost Wheatly and Sr. Associate Provost Dean will fly to WV Institute of Technology so the new Provost can learn more about the College.
- There is record enrollment at Potomac State College again this semester.

President Clements thanked Provost Wheatly and her family for coming to the University. He said the institution is fortunate to have her working with us.

The President also thanked Associate Provost Dooley for doing a great job on the Institutional Compact report and for submitting it on time to the HEPC. She made the University look good.

4. Chair Clark said a tuition freeze would provide less real income from tuition, and he said it works out to be about 65 junior faculty positions based on the consumer price index. There are many bills in the legislature including the right for faculty and staff to serve in the legislature, which was a long-standing ACF request. The Chair said the Executive Committee should spend more time looking at the bills going to the legislature; faculty may want to be more involved in the process. The next Board of Governors meeting will be held on February 5, 2010. The Chair said it would be helpful to harmonize faculty governance within the colleges and with the Faculty Senate; if faculty are communicating within the college administration, they should be involved with the Faculty Senate. The Chair said this issue should be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting at some point.
5. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2009, meeting. Motion carried.
6. Professor Bilgesu moved for approval of Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. DSGN 280, DSGN 340 and WDSC 320 were approved pass-pending a sign-off from the College of

Engineering and Mineral Resources. Motion carried. The Alteration Report, Annex II, was presented for information.

7. The following members agreed to serve on the Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel: Nigel Clark, Virginia Kleist, Kristina Olson, Roy Nutter, Mary Strife, and a regional representative from Potomac State College.
8. Professor Nutter, ACF representative, said the ACF met on Thursday, January 21, 2010 in Charleston, WV following the CCTC meeting. He submitted an ACF report and discussed the following issues:
  - SB6 Faculty to Serve in the Legislature
  - February 19<sup>th</sup> is Higher Education Day at the Legislature
  - Tuition Freeze
  - Textbook Fiasco
  - Sick leave
  - Great Teachers' Announcement for 2010
9. Professor Griffith said various faculty will meet with Chancellor Colenda at the HSC on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.
10. Professor Kite, Chair, Constitution Review Committee, submitted a draft of the Constitution and led a discussion concerning changes.
11. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 22, 2010.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary