

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, February 23, 2015

1. Chair Jennifer Orlikoff called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Gee, E.	Nutter, R.	Veselicky, L.
Bastress, R.	Harner, E.	Orlikoff, J.	
Cottrell, L.	Maynor, L.	Stolzenberg, A.	
DiBartolomeo, L.	McConnell, J.	Turton, R.	

Members Absent:

Bowen, E.	Griffith, R.	Kleist, V.	Perna, N.
Elmore, S.			

Guests:

Chisholm, S.	Hileman, S.	Robinson, S.	Stump, J.
Dean, R.	Merrifield, J.	Stimeling, M.	Titolo, M.
Dooley, E.	Roberts, R.	Street, O.	

2. Chair Orlikoff moved for approval of the minutes from the January 26, 2015 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - He reflected on the deaths of Chris Bise, chair of mining engineering, and Neil Berch, associate professor of political science.
 - Clay Marsh, our new Vice President and Executive Dean for Health Sciences, joined us on February 16, 2015. Shane Lyons, our new Athletic Director, started on February 2. Bill Schafer, our new Vice President for Student Life, will be joining us on March 2. President Gee characterized all of these people as strong, capable, and visionary leaders.
 - The Board of Governors authorized University administration to complete all due diligence and to fulfill all other necessary steps to complete the purchase of Mountain State University. That process should be complete by mid-April.
 - About 7 or 8 bills have been introduced that support the University's legislative agenda. President Gee believes actions taken in this legislative session will result in greater flexibility and freedom for the institution.
 - Students are moving forward aggressively on their charge to change the campus culture to one that is safer and more academic-oriented.
4. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 - We submitted a vision statement, as required by the court, with our offer to purchase Mountain State University on December 31, 2014. We took two different approaches

- in the document: one was to look at programs we already offer that could easily translate to that campus, the other was to consider programs that would fill a unique niche in that part of the state. We also want to collaborate with Concord and Bluefield Colleges to enhance all of the education available in the southern part of the state. We are interested in developing programs that are not offered by those colleges, such as construction engineering and allied health professions. The first group of programs addressed by the vision statement includes Masters in Nursing and Masters in Business programs. The second group may include outdoor recreation management, an entrepreneurship program, or a farm to table program that combines aspects of agriculture, entrepreneurship, and hospitality management. She will be asking faculty members in particular areas to help with certain aspects of planning.
- The search committee for Honors Dean has started reviewing applications. Two of the three finalist candidates for Dean of Eberly have visited campus. All four finalist candidates for Dean of Extension have visited campus; we will probably call one or two people back. On-campus interviews for Law Dean candidates begin the week of March 2.
 - She has been getting tremendous feedback from students regarding the Title IX “It’s On US” campaign. Well WVU has a grant from the Department of Justice to partner with the Morgantown community to combat violence, so bringing the Title IX campaign under that umbrella is very powerful.
 - She and Richard Turton have been discussing the importance of having an ombudsman for faculty, staff, and students to navigate policies, reporting, and compliance issues. She asked Tom Patrick from the College of Law, who is trained in alternative dispute resolution, to do research for her on ombudsmen programs. Professor Patrick has dedicated 25% of his time during the past 3-4 years to mediation. She is talking to him about taking on an ombudsmen role and increasing his time commitment to 50%.
5. Chair Jennifer Orlikoff reported that she met with Keli Cunningham and Brady Rourke from Athletics to discuss attendance concerns raised by a faculty member. Except for missed exams, we do not have an attendance policy that specifies how to treat University events. She proposes that we create an ad hoc committee to develop an attendance policy. Please let her know if you would like to serve on that committee.
6. Jim Harner, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
- Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried.
 - Annex II, Course Changes Report. Motion carried.
 - Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.
 - Annex IV, Public Health Curriculum Changes. Motion carried.
 - Annex V, Alterations Report. Accepted.
7. Lena Maynor, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following report:
- Annex VI, GEC Actions. Motion carried.

Annex VII, GEC Audits. Accepted.

8. Steve Robinson, Registrar, Oliver Street, Associate Registrar for Academic Services, and Melanie Stimeling, Assistant Registrar for Catalog and Curriculum, provided an update on the Curriculum Inventory Management system.
9. Bob Roberts, Chief of Police, provided an update on the emergency alert system.
10. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported that about 500 bills have been introduced in the Senate and about 800 bills have been introduced in the House. A relatively small number of those will pass or even receive committee attention. We need to closely track Senate Bill 439, which is the change for Senate Bill 330.
11. Lisa DiBartolomeo, BOG Representative, reported that the Board was overwhelmed by the faculty constituency report, and was impressed by the variety and diversity of subjects and modes of teaching and research engaged in by faculty. The Board approved a new PhD program in Sociology within the Eberly College and a new MS program in Materials Science and Engineering within the Statler College.
12. New Business
Stan Hileman, Chair of the Research and Scholarship Committee, presented a draft proposal for internal grants programs at WVU. The proposal will be presented to the Council of Deans for their feedback.
13. Executive Session
A motion was made and duly seconded that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee resolve itself into Executive Session according to WV code Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4 to discuss a matter relating to personnel. Motion carried.
Following the conclusion of Executive Session, the Committee reconvened into regular session.
14. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, March 30, 2015.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator