

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, January 23, 2012

1. Chair Lesley Cottrell called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainair.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	Elmore, S.	Mays, M.	Strife, M.
Cottrell, L.	Griffith, R.	Nutter, R.	
Curtis, R.	Kershner, R.	Orlikoff, J.	
DiBartolomeo, L.	Kleist, V.	Stolzenberg, A.	

Members Absent:

Butcher, F.	Bilgesu, I.	Clements, J.	Tuninetti, A.
Wheatly, M.			

Guests:

Clark, N.	Dean, R.	Dooley, E.	Lee, P.
Lang, A. (DP)	Lastinger, M.	Robinson, S.	Wilson, C.B.

2. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2011 meeting to add the following wording to the statement made under new business, “The Committee asked that Athletic Director Oliver Luck be invited to a future Faculty Senate meeting to speak about new policies and implementations to include moving to the Big 12.”
Motion carried.

3. Associate Provost Dean reported on the following issues:

- Daniel Robison was hired as the new dean for the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design. The Committee feels good about the candidate; there has been a lot of positive feedback.
- A meeting will be held on Thursday concerning the Potomac State College Provost search. A lot of applications have been received. The Associate Provost will review each of them and narrow it down to approximately 8 candidates. Interviews and background searches will be conducted, so it will be narrowed down to 3 candidates.
- The Capital Classic was held last week, and it went very well. At the same time, a reception was held at WVU Tech to welcome Carolyn Long to the campus. There has been a lot of positive feedback concerning Carolyn’s appointment, and she is spending time building relationships with legislators as well as the local community. Her focus has been to recruit, retain and rebuild.
- A large gift of \$34 million dollars was given by Ben and Jo Statler; \$11 million was matched by the Research Trust, for a total of \$45 million dollars. The gift

was for the Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources as well as opportunities for students across the University. Associate Provost Dean said the gift will be aimed at core academic mission activities that are not just in one small subset but institution-wide.

- Student applications have increased, especially for top academic students.
- The University Planning Committee has proposed a simplified structure for students when filling out applications that include: university tuition, university fees and college tuition. The instructions will include WVU-Tech and Potomac State.

4. Chair Cottrell said the issue of “faculty expertise” for those providing instruction to our students who are not part of WVU was brought up at the last Faculty Senate meeting. It will be submitted to the Student Instruction Committee for discussion. Chair Cottrell said Professor Paula Stout, Chair, Student Instruction Committee, may contact the Senate Executive Committee for advice and/or various faculty that were involved in the discussions.

An online survey concerning the General Education program will be distributed on February 1, 2012. It is hopeful that the survey will help to move the program forward.

5. Jennifer Orlikoff, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. The rationale will be revised for PSYC 565. Motion carried.

Annex II, New Strategic Communications Major Plan. Professor Orlikoff will contact the department to make sure the name of the major will not change. Motion carried.

Annex III, STCM 459 Capstone. Professor Orlikoff will contact the department concerning clarification of grading, points, and course directions. Motion carried.

Annex IV, The Alteration Report was submitted for information. It was accepted with the removal of ADV 401, ADV 403, ADV 451, SBHS 661 and SBHS 712.

A catalog statement was submitted and discussed regarding credit hours for an undergraduate degree. It was revised as follows:

“A Bachelor’s Degree conferred by West Virginia University must require at least 120 credit hours. The majority of degree programs require additional hours (see specific requirements for each major in the catalog).”

It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

The revised catalog statement will be submitted for approval to the Faculty Senate next month.

6. Discussion concerning the General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee Report, “Student Maximum Cap for W Courses” was postponed until a later date.

7. Associate Provost C. B. Wilson discussed Annex V, WVU Parental Work Assignment Recommendations: Phase II, which was a document submitted by the Faculty Welfare Committee. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the document. Motion carried.
8. Associate Provost C.B. Wilson discussed Annex VI, Statement Added to the Faculty Handbook. Clarification is needed for the emeritus statement, so it can be added to the electronic handbook. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the statement. Motion carried.
9. Roy Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, said the ACF met last Friday. He distributed a copy of his report and discussed several Senate and House Bills. The HEPC Steering Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 25th, 10:00 a.m. at WVU-Tech.
10. Robert Griffith, Board of Governor's representative, said the following members will serve as representatives to the WVU Institute of Technology Transition Steering Committee:

David Hendrickson, Chair
John Estep
Paul Hill
Bill Hutchens
Carolyn Long

Robert Griffith
Ed Robinson
Garth Thomas
Bruce Walker

11. New Business

Alan Stolzenberg said there have been changes to the federal guidelines, State law and the policy on textbooks; therefore, the Textbook Affordability Committee was formed. Professor Stolzenberg will lead a workgroup to discuss what requirements are needed for guidelines and what the default selection procedure would be if deadlines for either, appointing faculty to a course or faculty deciding on a textbook for the course, are not met. He said there needs to be a way of getting a textbook or materials for the course established. The general presumption will be to make departments come up with a policy or implement a policy until the departments have one in place.

Nigel Clark said the Strategic Planning Council has lost members; therefore, the group will repopulate positions and hold a meeting in the spring.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 27, 2012.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary