

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall
October 22, 2007

1. Professor Steve Kite, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

Members present:

Clark, N.	Garbutt, K.	Kite, S.	Nutter, R.
Dean, R.	Garrison, M.	Kleist, V.	Strife, M.
Etzel, E.	Hornsby, G.	Martin, J.	Torsney, C.
Famouri, P.	Jackowitz, A.	McDiarmid, M.	

Members absent:

Cottrell, L.	Olson, K.	Wilson, C.B.
Lang, G.	Richards, A.	

Guests:

Fulks, T. (D.A.)	Janny, M. (D. P.)
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2. President Garrison began by thanking everyone for participating in last week's inaugural events. He felt it was a very productive week where issues were raised when there was a platform to do so. Issues ranged from diversity to first-generation college students. He said there was a breakfast at Blaney House for about 75 first-time college students which was the least reported on but, he felt, one of the most significant events of the week.

President Garrison said the announcement of the 5 million dollar gift to breast cancer research allows us to tap into \$2.5 million provided by the legislature for the eminent scholars program. Other institutions are not able to unlock those funds because they are not raising the type of money that WVU is able to raise. We do not have a "bucks for brains" program yet, but the president would like to convince the legislature to put aside \$50-\$75 million to match with private donations. When asked about changes to the Promise scholarship program, he said he the only change that might come is the addition of a service component.

At a meeting this morning with Staff Council, it was decided to revive the Salary Task Force that will consider not only salaries but benefits issues also for faculty and staff. Sheila Seccurro, from Human Resources, will head this group.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes for the September 24, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.
4. The draft minutes for the October 8, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed with minor changes.

5. Chair Kite reported that:

The resolution honoring David Hardesty will be the first item on the Faculty Senate meeting agenda.

Board of Governors meetings will be held on the following dates:

- October 25, 2007 (teleconference) WVU-IT status report to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Educational Accountability.
- November 2, 2007 Board meeting at Erickson Alumni Center. The agenda is available at <http://bog.wvu.edu/>.
- December 14, 2007 (telephone) full board.
- February 15, 2008 full board meeting in Morgantown.
- April 4, 2008 full board meeting in Morgantown.
- June 6, 2008 full board meeting in Charleston.

Because of a full summer teaching schedule, Chair Kite is going to request that the faculty report be given at the April BOG meeting instead of at the June meeting.

He and Chair-Elect Kleist will be visiting the Potomac State campus on November 5, where they will meet with the Faculty Senators and ACF representatives; and at Parkersburg on December 3. Chair Kite visited Tech in August; he is planning another visit during spring semester with Chair-Elect Kleist.

Chair Kite said that there are some volunteers for the ad-hoc writing committee but since it will be a rather large committee, another request for volunteers will be sent out.

The Faculty Survey is making some progress. The committee has received a commitment of support from Professors Ron Althouse and Jim Nolan; the Faculty Welfare Committee, with a few misgivings, is supportive.

The Work Group of Faculty Shared Governance is still needs one member. Chair-elect Kleist said that she is waiting for confirmation from someone.

6. It was moved to approve Annex I, New Course and Course Change report. It was duly seconded. After minor corrections, Motion carried, pending checking to make sure that LAW 689D is the correct number for this course. Annex II, Alteration Report, was submitted for information. The secretary will contact Professor Stolzenberg, regarding course drops in relation to course changes that were made.
7. Professor Garbutt, GEC Chair, moved approval of Annex III, GEC Actions. Motion carried.
8. Professor Nutter, ACF representative, said the ACF met last week and put together a slide show by committee which will be presented to the HEPC at its November meeting. The

slides explain what faculty do, what faculty can do for you, and what you (HEPC) can do for faculty. The slide show will also go to the CCTCE (a community technical college group) on December 7. Dr. Flack has a report on the master plan for baccalaureate institutions that will be presented to the HEPC at the November meeting. There were questions about the new admissions standards for 2008 that the secondary schools have been aware of since 2002. The new standards won't have much effect on WVU, but will have some interesting effects on other schools.

9. In Professor Olson's (Chair, Code of Conduct Clarification Committee) absence, Professor Clark reported on academic dishonesty and plagiarism. He said that there are a couple of conflicting policies available on the web and being used by faculty. He said that the language of a procedure passed by the Faculty Senate in April '06 provides a good method for the front end of the procedure and the Student Conduct Code provides a good account of the higher level of the procedure. The current intent is to propose a blending of the two which does not conflict with the two, which would lead to a student/instructor interaction that the student could accept. Upon disagreement, it would move to the Chair of the Department, and then proceed on the same basis. From there, instead of moving to the Dean, it would move into the Student Conduct Code. The front end language would be the same as that passed by the Senate except that it would move straight on to the Student Conduct Code procedure and go to Student Judicial Affairs and then possibly a hearing panel. Two minor points are: if the Chair is an inappropriate person to do the review (ex. affiliated with the student) then the dean sits in where the Chair would otherwise sit; and in the case where it is resolved in the instructor's or the chair's level a report form would still move ahead to Student Judicial Affairs to keep a record of incidences.

Professor Clark said the committee has looked at producing a companion flow chart which would be available with the suggested process. The committee is also looking at preparing language that could be included in a syllabus.

The Executive Committee raised concerns about what happens when a matter is resolved at the faculty level. Professor Clark will discuss this issue with the Code of Conduct Clarification Committee and suggest adding "the Student Rights and Responsibility Committee does have the right to take further action" to the policy. Students on the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee will be invited to the November 5 committee meeting. A report will be given to the Executive Committee on November 26.

Associate Provost Dean will contact David Stewart about having the conflicting policy removed from the website.

10. Chair Kite reported on actions/speakers for the upcoming Faculty Senate meetings:
 - November 12: President Hardesty's Resolution Presentation; Enrollment (Provost Lang); Financial Report (Narvel Weese); Alert System (Bobby Roberts); Task Force on Technology-Based Learning and Academic Programs (Chris Plein)

- December 10: HEPC Legislative priorities (Chancellor Brian Noland); Code of Conduct Clarification (Kristina Olson); Honorary Degrees (Executive Session/Main Campus); President Garrison's Holiday Reception (Blaney House)
- January 14: Athletic Program (Ed Pastilong); Foundations of Excellence Report (Cheryl Torsney)

11. New Business:

- Associate Provost Torsney said the SEI Committee is moving along well in its goal for computer based evaluations. Chair-elect Kleist said she went to an SEI meeting to find out if there is a question about "do we measure rigor in our classes"; the answer was "yes, there are about five questions specifically designed to address rigor."
- Professor Jackowitz will e-mail members the web address of an article in the New York Times about rising college tuition.
- Professor Famouri said that Chair-elect Kleist represented faculty very well at the inauguration.
- Chair Kite will personally invite regional campus senators to the December Faculty Senate meeting and to the Holiday Reception that follows.
- Withholding \$450 of financial aid each semester for students at the University Bookstore. This item was deemed a Student Government Association issue.
- Plus and minus grading. A HEPC policy on grading says that pluses and minuses can't count.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, November 26, 2007.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary