

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, November 28, 2011

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

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	Curtis, R.	Kleist, V.	Tuninetti, A.
Bilgesu, I.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Mays, M.	Wheatly, M.
Butcher, F.	Elmore, S.	Nutter, R.	
Clements, J.	Griffith, R.	Orlikoff, J.	
Cottrell, L.	Kershner, R.	Stolzenberg, A.	

Members Absent:

Strife, M.

Guests:

Clark, N.	Karraker, K.	Lastinger, M.	Thompson, B.
Huber, J.	Lang, A. (DP)	Stump, J. (NIS)	Wilson, C. B.

2. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2011 meeting.

Motion carried.

3. The President reported that:

- The search for the Vice President of Research is on-going. This is a critical position and very important to future success so we need to make sure we have the right person to support faculty, staff, and students.
- A number of leadership searches are taking place. The Provost has a handle on those.
- Regarding the upcoming Legislative session, some of the key issues are the budget and funding, how we move forward with WVU-IT, and PEIA.
- They're still trying to decide what to do about Dave Miller's replacement.
- He co-chaired a national energy group at the APLU meeting in San Francisco. He said we are in a position to be known nationally and internationally in the energy field, among other fields. He also spent time with some major donors in that region trying to get support for our capital campaign. There are some very successful alums in California.
- Jason Bailey, Student Body President, has been selected as one of 15 young leaders across the country to become a delegate to the Kremlin. He spent a week in Moscow as a guest of the Russian Federal Agency on Youth Affairs.
- Former Student Body President Hank Barnette created the Barnette Scholars Program to support students to study for a semester at the University of Manchester's Law Program. The first Barnette Scholars were announced earlier this month.

- Another very successful WVU alum, Robert Morris, was honored this month by being named the West Virginia 2012 Teacher of the Year. He teaches Agriculture and Forestry at Clay County High School.
- Dr. Paul Hill will be the Interim Chancellor replacing Brian Nolan until a national search is done. WVU will be actively involved in the search.

#### 4. The Provost reported on the Strategic Plan:

- Providing students with a high quality education. She said that a lot of time was spent over the past month working on the Higher Learning Commission's reaccreditation of the entire Institution. A deans' retreat was held about three weeks ago; all deans are up to speed. They're moving to broaden the conversation through a point of contact for each college so they know how to get information streaming from academic units. They have also embarked on a very productive conversation with faculty governance, particularly over the assessment of the General Education Program. They want to be well positioned for the visit that will be in 2013-14.
- She continues to co-lead the Research Roundtable with Chancellor Chris Colenda. A number of very constructive meetings have been held looking for ways to start optimizing the research structures and the research corporation so we can work productively and position the Institution to make the next move into research very high. She has been talking to deans and others, about how to use the final faculty lines. The first set was used to address some of the enrollment growth. The second was used to fuel the STEM research fields. Now they are going to do something very innovative/creative with the final set of lines which will probably involve interdisciplinary ideas and adding resources to areas of existing excellence.
- Goal three, diversity, has a lot going on. A lot is going on with training and search committees. An in-house leadership group is being started for women across faculty and staff. There was the Veterans Affairs breakfast. There has been a tremendous amount of international activity. A delegation has just returned from an education mission in India. They've got an idea of forming a cluster around India – how to attract students, exchange students, faculty research projects and economic development. The same is going on with Brazil and China.
- It's the anniversary of the Morrill Act. A group went to San Francisco to attend an APLU meeting. How we're going to celebrate and how we think of land-grant universities as we move into the future were hot topics.
- She attended Extension's annual retreat. She's looking at providing permanent leadership in Extension and also a broader umbrella of community engagement outreach.
- Candidates for the dean of Davis College are coming this week. Searches have been launched for deans in HRE and at Potomac State. They've been working with WVU-IT. They intend to move ahead with a transitional leadership model, where they'll be soliciting input from all constituencies on the right kind of person to put into that role.

- She and Associate Provost Russ Dean interviewed two internal candidates for Interim Director of OIT.
5. Chair Cottrell reported that 89 Senators voted for the BOG representative before or during the Faculty Senate meeting. Based on the Faculty Constitution, the voting period will stay open until November 30. Ballots have been mailed to Senators who were not present at the Faculty Senate meeting. The new representative will be announced at the December Faculty Senate meeting.
  6. Jennifer Orlikoff, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee moved for approval of the following reports:
    - Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. PSYC 234 was tabled until a possible overlap with CHPR 320 can be resolved and RESM 140 needs clarification that it is an elective. Motion carried as amended.
    - Annex II, Changes in Requirements for Psychology Major. Motion carried.
    - Annex III, Alteration Report, was submitted for information.
  7. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following report:
    - Annex IV, GEC Actions. CDFS 250 was tabled due to course title question. Motion carried as amended.
    - Annex V, The GEC Audit report, was submitted for information.
  8. Jason Huber, Chair, Senate Research and Scholarship Committee, reported that the committee has just finished the second round of travel grants, for which they received approximately 130 applications. To date, for the first round they have received 58 research grant applications. He said that the pool of money has been increased and has been split into two entities: a seed grant and a scholarship grant.
  9. Roy Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, said that on November 21<sup>st</sup> the ACF attended the LOCEA meeting in Charleston. The WVU-Tech report was received by LOCEA with the condition that they would not accept the parts that involved money. Most of the action has been on PEIA. Under the current proposal there will be increased co-pays on almost everything and changes to the drug tiering mechanism. Because of public hearings, some things are being talked about. He said that there's a \$42 million shortfall next year. PEIA has a \$280 million surplus; their required to keep a significant amount as a surplus by legislation. ACF is presenting, as a fix to PEIA, that PEIA consider making up the \$42 million by 1/3 from their surplus, 1/3 from the Legislature, which state workers will pay some, and 1/3 from cost savings and cost cuts.  
  
He also said that HEPC meets next Friday and he'll be giving the ACF presentation.
  10. Robert Griffith, Board of Governors representative, said that he, Chair Cottrell, Alan Stolzenberg, and Melissa Latimer presented to the BOG the constituent report on the faculty.

11. Brenda Thompson, Financial Aid Office, discussed the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. She said that this is a federal regulation. She said that what changed about the Academic Progress Policy is the Higher Education Opportunities Act of 2008, which included an end-of-term time so the student can't remain in financial aid forever. What changed in WVU's policy is that previously they could measure student progress at the end of the year, meaning a student could possibly make it through two years on probation. Now, they measure progress at the end of each term. At the end of the term, effected students will receive a warning of one enrollment period to come into compliance with the Academic Process Policy. If they don't adhere to the terms, they'll lose aid at the end of that term.

The appeals process has also been revised. There are now three levels of appeals: 1) within the Financial Aid Office, with an advisor involved; 2) a University committee that includes advisors and other representatives across campus; and 3) at the Presidential level. The student can only go through the appeal levels once. Another change is that the student must present an academic plan indicating what steps the student will take in order to get their grades back up. Students and parents have been notified of the changes.

#### 12. Old Business:

Professor Kershner questioned whether or not to bring the issue of a fall break back. Chair Cottrell said the matter is on the agenda to be revisited.

#### 13. New Business:

Professor Clark said that since we've joined the Big 12, we have advertisements in print and on-line looking for faculty, basically doctoral and post doctoral students, from other institutions interested in joining us as faculty. We're trying to get the word out that "we're growing, we're strong, and we're hiring".

Professor Kershner proposed that, at a future Executive Committee meeting, discussing the need for Executive Committee members being required to serve on other Faculty Senate committees prior to serving on the Executive Committee.

Professor Kershner questioned the number of senators who will represent the emerging School of Public Health and the School of Medicine. There is one senator for each 20 faculty, or fraction thereof. Therefore, there will be fewer senators from the School of Medicine once the new School is approved.

Chair Cottrell thanked the President for the Holiday Reception invitation and reminded members that it will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> following the Faculty Senate meeting.

Chair Cottrell said she is working with other faculty assembly chairs and presidents across the Big 12 to try and develop something similar to the communication that currently exists with other Provosts. She distributed a hand-out describing the “Big 12 Faculty Fellowship Program” found on the Iowa State University website.

14. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. to reconvene Monday, December 19, 2011.

Linda Cunningham  
Committee Secretary