

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, November 26, 2012

1. Chair Michael Mays called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Bilgesu, I.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Mays, M.	Wheatley, M.
Clements, J.	Elmore, S.	Orlikoff, J.	
Cottrell, L.	Griffith, R.	Ruscello, D.	
Curtis, R.	Kleist, V.	Turton, R.	

Members Absent:

Bastress, R.	Nutter, R.	Prudhomme, J.	Strife, M.
Butcher, F.			

Guests:

Karraker, K.	Lang, A. (DP)	Lastinger, M.	Wilson, C. B.
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2. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President Clements reported that:
 - Mike Mays, Lesley Cottrell, and Bob Griffith provided outstanding presentations to the Board of Governors at the faculty constituency meeting. The BOG also visited HR&E this month.
 - At the Board of Governors meeting, Elizabeth Dooley provided an update on University College, Nigel Clark and Fred King spoke about Mountains of Excellence, and Dan Durbin presented financial statements. The Board approved renovations to the Evansdale Library and a new food service venue on the Evansdale campus.
 - He provided updated enrollment figures to the Board of Governors.
 - Our capital campaign target is \$750 million; to date, \$569 million has been met.
4. Provost Wheatley reported that:
 - Nigel Clark is embarking on a discussion with faculty governance over what constitutes a meaningful and relevant education. The Council of Deans retreat focused on enrollment management, improving the academic profile of the incoming class, and paying attention to issues of access.
 - Two areas within the research domain, radio astronomy and eliminating health disparities, have been approved, and the STEM education proposal is under serious consideration. All three should be going out for searches shortly. Discussions are continuing concerning the utilization of shale gas and the responsible use of water.

- In the area of diversity, David Fryson's group has been restructured as the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. This week, we will also have a site visit by NSF for review of the ADVANCE project.
- She and President Clements met with the global engagement roundtable two weeks ago. An announcement about how we intend to proceed in that area will be forthcoming.
- We will be conducting a search for an Associate Provost of Engagement and Outreach, and are in the deliberations stage with the Chief Information Officer position. We are also discussing how to staff Academic Affairs to fully engage in the conversation about massive open online courses.

5. Chair Mays reported that:

- The Board of Governors received a report from the faculty constituency. Bob Griffith's presentation initiated a dialog about salaries and benefits, specifically PEIA. Lesley Cottrell made a very effective presentation about alignment of the WVU 2020 Strategic Plan with national recommendations. Chair Mays focused on faculty demographics.
- He attended the PEIA public comment session November 13. This year there are no big increases in premiums because they are going to use their reserves, but next year there will be adjustments that could be painful.
- The proposed statement about excused absences for students with military obligations was referred to the Student Instruction Committee.
- At the last Senate meeting there was a motion passed concerning GEC courses and major program requirements. There will be a report ready by the February Senate meeting.

6. Dennis Ruscello, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried following minor revisions.

Annex II, Curriculum Change Document, Forest Resources Management Program.

This report was pulled pending action by the Senate concerning GEC courses and major program requirements.

Annex III, Monthly Alterations Report, was submitted for information.

7. Ilkin Bilgesu, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex IV, GEC Actions. Motion carried.

Annex V, GEC Audits, was submitted for information.

8. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, reported that:

- The Board of Governors visited the College of Human Resources and Education on November 15.

- He discussed salaries at the faculty constituency meeting, and compared WVU to national public doctoral institutions. He also indicated that the PEIA sliding scale hurts recruitment.
- The BOG approved formation of the University College, and approved renovations to the NRCCE and Evansdale Library.

9. New Business

- Dennis Ruscello asked whether there was a plan in place to ensure continuity in the Faculty Senate office following the retirement of Linda Cunningham. Provost Wheatley indicated that she will discuss the issue with Senior Associate Provost Russ Dean.
- Lisa DiBartolomeo presented a motion to establish a committee, to include David Hauser and herself, to work with David Fryson to propose a draft social justice statement to be used on syllabi. Motion carried.

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, December 17, 2012.

Judy Hamilton
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