

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, September 28, 2015

1. Chair Richard Turton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	Gee, E.	Nutter, R.	Turton, R.
Cottrell, L.	Griffith, R.	Orlikoff, J.	Valenti, M.
DiBartolomeo, L.	Hauser, D.	Stolzenberg, A.	Veselicky, L.
Elmore, S.	Kleist, V.		

Members Absent:

Ameri, S.	Fint-Clark, R.	Maynor, L.	McConnell, J.
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Guests:

Billings, H.	Ibrahim, M.	Proudfoot, C.	Weese, N.
Campbell, J.	Merrifield, J.	Street, O.	Wilson, C.
Hudak, R.	Pfeifer, A.	Stump, J. (NIS)	

2. Chair Turton moved for approval of the minutes from the August 24, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - The Board of Governors met last week. We are blessed to have a very strong board that values the University. The BOG approved a Master of Science in Business Data Analytics. This program will help us take advantage of our environment, including the presence of the FBI in West Virginia, to position ourselves as a leader in cyber security.
 - We received a visit from the Higher Learning Commission concerning the move of WVU Tech's programs from Montgomery to Beckley. They were very enthusiastic and engaged about what we are doing. We expect HLC will support the move.
 - He congratulated Dan Carder and the Statler College for the work they have done on the Volkswagen diesel emissions story. The story has appeared on media outlets worldwide. Dan Carder and his colleagues in WVU's Center for Alternative Fuels, Engines, and Emissions (CAFEE), whose research showed that on-road vehicle emissions did not meet the required standards, have done a wonderful job of representing the University.
 - September 27 through October 3 is Diversity Week, celebrating the diversity of this state and the institution.
 - As part of the yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Endowment of the Arts and the National Endowment of the Humanities, we are sponsoring a limerick writing contest for 7th-12th graders. Prizes will include a \$1500 cash award for the winning senior who decides to attend WVU.
 - Our 30-second "Mountaineers Go First" video aired on national television to tremendous reviews. The spot was produced locally.
 - He looks forward to his State of the University address on October 5 and appreciates the opportunity to engage our faculty colleagues in a wider set of discussions about the University.

4. Executive Session

A motion was made and duly seconded to move the Faculty Senate Executive Committee 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.

5. Associate Provost C.B. Wilson reported the following:

- Stephen Lee is the new Associate President for Enrollment Management.
- Melinda Walls has been brought on board as Assistant Vice President for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.
- The four finalist candidates for Dean of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences will be on campus between October 7 and October 23.
- An offer has been extended for the Dean of the School of Pharmacy.
- Paul Cassak, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy, has received the James B. Macelwane Medal from the American Geophysical Union in recognition of his exceptional scientific contributions and acknowledged eminence in the fields of Earth and space sciences.
- The University will be nominating at least one professor for the 2016 Blavatnik National Award for Young Scientists, which supports and honors outstanding scientists and engineers with a \$250,000 award. We hope to nominate as many as three early career scholars for the award, the maximum number allowed.
- The WVU solar decathlon team will compete in the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon 2015 from October 8-18 in Irvine, California. This year's team is part of an international collaboration with students from the University of Rome Tor Vergata.
- The ASPIRE office, which works with students who wish to apply for national and international awards, reports that we will have an unprecedented 27 students applying for Fulbright awards this year. This is three times the number of applicants we had last year.
- September 29, 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson's signing of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, which created the National Endowment of the Arts and the National Endowment of the Humanities. All year, we will be celebrating academic disciplines and units that engage in scholarly and creative work in the arts and humanities at WVU.
- Freshman enrollment is down by 40 from last year. The average ACT score has increased from 23.6 to 23.8. Honors enrollment is up 28%, and the number of top-level IR1 students is up 15%. This class represents the best academically prepared class in the history of the University.
- The Faculty Incentive and Reward working group is continuing to meet and will discuss the cumbersome nature of the P&T process, salary compression, and the basis for awarding tenure.
- The annual employee remembrance ceremony will be held at noon on September 30 in the Grand Hall of the Erickson Alumni Center.

6. Narvel Weese, Vice President for Administration and Finance, and Randy Hudak, Senior Associate Vice President for Facilities and Services, provided an update on the Evansdale redevelopment plan and student housing projects.

7. Chair Richard Turton reported the following:

- He and Lisa DiBartolomeo presented an update of the General Education Foundations to the Deans' Council.
- We continue to work on the web page. He thanked everyone who had their photos taken at the last Faculty Senate meeting. We are still working on getting material together from the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee and the General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee.
- He attended the Benedum lecture by Dr. Maura McLaughlin. She is a great researcher and teacher, and delivered an outstanding presentation.
- He met with Rob Alsop on faculty issues for the upcoming legislative session. PEIA is still the number one item on the agenda.
- He attended the Faculty Welfare Committee meeting. The committee met with Colleen and Dave Harshbarger to discuss the possibility of establishing a wellness pilot program to be sponsored and endorsed by PEIA. They hope to involve Clay Marsh in the discussion.
- He has been working with the Teaching and Assessment Committee on the SEI pilot.

8. Matt Valenti, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried pending sign-off from the Epidemiology department for BIOL 611.

Annex II, Course Changes Report. Motion carried.

Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex IV, Alterations Report. Accepted after ACCT 311 was removed from the report.

Annex V, Proposed Student Assessment Field in CIM, was presented for information.

Chair Valenti also reported that the committee is developing new information for the web site, including a rubric for evaluating course proposals, a sample syllabus, and a flow chart of the course and program approval process.

9. Dave Hauser, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following:

Annex VI, GEC Actions. Motion carried.

Annex VII, GEC Audits. Accepted.

10. Heather Billings, Chair, Teaching and Assessment Committee, moved for approval of the following:

Annex VIII, Revised Timeline for SEI Pilot. Motion carried.

Annex IX, Instructor Selectable "Course Type" Items for SEI Pilot, was presented for information.

Annex X, Resolution Concerning Evaluation of Faculty During Transition to New SEI. Motion carried.

11. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, moved for approval of Annex XI, 2015-16 ACF Higher Education Faculty Issues. The motion was duly seconded. Motion carried.

12. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported the following:

- The Board of Governors met on September 24 for several committee meetings. No decisions resulted from those meetings. Dinner was held at Blaney House, where Associate Athletic Keli Cunningham instructed the Board on guidelines for interacting with prospective athletes,

current athletes, and graduated athletes. President Gee mentioned that one of his top priorities is to position WVU as the driving force for economic diversity in West Virginia.

- New members were introduced at the regular board meeting on September 25. They included George Capel, the new Student Government Association president; Kim Weaver, an astrophysicist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, who received her bachelor's degree in Physics from WVU and her doctorate in Astrophysics from University of Maryland; and Faculty Senate Chair Richard Turton.
- Narvel Weese provided a financial report to the Board. Sue Day-Perroots reported on the many changes being made in academic programs, mainly targeted at freshman. Gene Cilento brought in the CAFEE group to discuss their work on emissions testing of Volkswagen vehicles.
- The consent agenda included items to designate Programs of Excellence in the Doctor of Pharmacy Program and PhD Program in Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences, terminate the Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Management Information Systems at WVU-Tech, approve \$2.5 million in upgrades to the Engineering Sciences Building, and establish University apartment rates for academic year 2016-2017.

13. The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 26, 2015.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator