

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, September 22, 2014

1. Chair Jennifer Orlikoff called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Harner, E.	Orlikoff, J.
Bastress, R.	Elmore, S.	Maynor, L.	Perna, N.
Bowen, E.	Gee, E.	McConnell, J.	Stolzenberg, A.
Cottrell, L.	Griffith, R.	Nutter, R.	

Members Absent:

Kleist, V.	Turton, R.
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Guests:

Clark, N.	Karraker, K.	Proudfoot, C.	Stump, J. (NIS)
Dean, R.	Lang, A. (DP)	Robinson, S.	Wilson, C.

2. Chair Orlikoff moved for approval of the minutes from the August 25, 2014 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 - We are searching for a Dean of Extension, a Dean of Honors, a Dean of Eberly, and a Dean of Law. The Honors search committee is being chaired by Katherine Karraker, Extension by Maryanne Reed, Eberly by Dan Robison, and Law by Gene Cilento. The search committee for Extension is formed and moving forward, and is awaiting its first screening meeting. The Eberly committee is being formed, and we are waiting on the confirmation of one student member. Law is waiting for the faculty to vote on their candidates to serve on the committee.
 - We are searching for a Vice President for Student Life. Paul Kreider is chairing the search committee, which is working with a search firm.
 - We are searching for a Director of Procurement. The search for a Director of Internal Audit is nearly finalized. Following Margie Phillips retirement, we are determining how to configure the Vice President for Human Resources responsibilities before beginning a search. In the interim, Narvel Weese will serve a dual role as Vice President for Administration and Finance and Vice President for Human Resources.
 - The Mountains of Excellence, which include Water (or preserving Fresh Water Resources), Shale Gas Utilization (also known as Energy), STEM Education (also referred to as FERN, the Flexible Education Resource Network), Radio Astronomy, and Health Disparities (or Health Solutions), have been moved to the Research Corporation for facilitation and coordination. Earl Scime and Melanie Page will help each of the Mountains identify particular research areas and sources of funding.
4. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:

- The creation of the WVU Energy Institute is one of our most significant announcements. Brian Anderson, a leading teacher and researcher in the field, will head the institute.
- We have come into the MOOC era in a very positive way. We are developing programs in a hybrid model. Both Coursera and WVU are fortunate to have entered into partnership.
- Barbara Gellman-Danley, new president of the Higher Learning Commission, visited campus. The press release concerning our reaccreditation status has gone out.
- Margie Phillips is retiring effective September 23. Bill Hutchens is retiring on October 17, 2014.
- He spoke about some thoughts he shared with the Board of Governors. First, we need to become fast, forward-thinking, and frugal. Frugal does not necessarily refer to saving money, but to saving time and improving productivity. Second, both he and the provost emphasize execution, and have a sense of urgency about getting things done and taking advantage of opportunities as they come along. Third, in order to improve as an institution, we need to continually rethink certain elements of the University.

5. Chair Orlikoff reported the following:

- She reflected on the loss of Paul Stover, a student who passed away on September 17.
- She, Lisa DiBartolomeo, and representatives from staff council met with Margie Phillips, Toni Christian, and Narvel Weese concerning PEIA. We definitely have PEIA's attention, and we need to keep pushing our efforts for change. Meetings will be scheduled with legislators for before and after elections. Anyone interested in participating should let her know.
- "Leading the Way," under the direction of Associate Provost Elizabeth Dooley, is finalizing its plan to be submitted to HEPC. Each institution in West Virginia is preparing and submitting a plan designed to increase access to higher education, to foster student success, and to determine and increase the impact of institutions of higher education on the State.
- We are working with Steve Robinson on the preferred name committee to determine how best to implement an option of preferred names for students. This is particularly important for students in the process of changing their gender, and for international students who have selected an Americanized name.
- C. B. Wilson needs volunteers for the promotion and tenure faculty advisory panel. The panel reviews all the P&T cases across the institution. Volunteers cannot be on their department or college committees.
- A group including faculty, staff, and student representatives will be visiting Potomac State College on October 24, 2014.

6. Jim Harner, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried after ENGL 238 and IMC 638 were pulled from the report.

Annex II, Alterations Report. Accepted following minor corrections.

7. Lena Maynor, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
 - Annex III, GEC Actions. Motion carried after ENGL 238 was pulled from the report.
 - Annex IV, GEC Audits. Accepted following a minor correction.
8. Alan Stolzenberg, Faculty Secretary, presented Annex V, Faculty Senate Record Retention Procedures. Following discussion, a motion was made and duly seconded to form an ad hoc committee to look into archiving records. Motion carried.
9. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported the following:
 - The Board of Governors completed the second half of its visit to Eberly College, with lunch in Colson Hall followed by a tour of the Life Sciences Building.
 - David Fryson provided a presentation to the BOG on initiatives being undertaken by the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
 - The Foundation provided an update on the capital campaign.
 - Matt Harbaugh provided a presentation on innovation, entrepreneurship, and commercialization.
 - The BOG agreed to submit a request to HEPC to allow us to go back to having 25 percent of our staff be non-classified.
 - The BOG approved the purchase of 5.6 acres of land for parking adjacent to the new baseball park.
 - The BOG approved a Bachelor of Science degree in Energy Land Management in the Davis College.
10. New Business

Following a discussion led by Nigel Clark, the following motion was made and duly seconded: changes to programs' catalog descriptions and plans of study that are simply modifications to reflect the GER do not require approval of the Senate Curriculum Committee or the Senate. Motion carried.
11. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 27, 2014.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator