

MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Monday, May 11, 2009

1. Professor Nigel Clark, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

Members Present:

Abate, M.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Long, K.	Parks, E.	Stolzenberg, A
Abraham, R.	Famouri, P.	Malarcher, J.	Peace, G.	Stuchell, R.
Anderson, J.	Fredette, H.	Mancinelli, C.	Perone, M.	Tower, L.
Bergner, G.	Graber, S.	Mandich, M.	Plein C.	Tuninetti, A.
Bilgesu, I.	Higgins, C.	McDiarmid, M.	Riemenschneider, S	Turton, R.
Bonner, D.	Hutson, Z.	Meckstroth, R.	Robbins, J.	Urbanski, J.
Bowen, E.	Insch, G.	Miller, M.	Rockett, I.	Vona-Davis, L
Boyles, J.	Iskander, W.	Nath, C.	Ruscello, D.	Watson, J.
Campbell, L.	Jackowitz, A.	Nestor, P.	Schreurs, B.	Weihman, L.
Clark, N.	Kershner, R.	Nichols, A.	Sedgeman, J.	Wilcox, G.
Cottrell, S.	Kirby, B.	Nutter, R.	Siegrist, J.	Woloshuk, J.
Davari, A.	Kuhlman, J.	Oberhauser, A.	Stack, S.	
Davis, S.	Latimer, M.	Olson, K.	Steranka, P.	

Members Absent:

Ahern, T.	Bryner, R.	Hileman, S.	Murthy, K.	Valenti, M.
Bagby, M.	Chetlin, R.	Hunter, S.	Nelson, C.	Walker, E.
Blaydes, S.	Comer, P.	Lake, M.	Rauch, H.	Wilson, M.
Branch, D.	D'Souza, G.	Lively, M.	Richards, A.	
Bredehoft, T.	Hermosilla, P.	McCombie, R.	Serafini, M.	
Brooks, J.	Hessl, A.	McGinley, P.	Sherwood, L.	

Members Excused:

Banta, L.	Hall, D.	Kleist, V.	Riley, W.	Spleth, J.
Clark, B.	Hartman, K.	Lastinger, V.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Tallaksen, R.
Connors, J.	Hash, K.	Petronis, J.	Shelton, E.	Walls, T.
Cottrell, L.	Huffman, V.	Rafter, J.	Sherlock, L.	Wenger, S.

2. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the Monday, April 13, 2009 meeting. **Motion carried.**
3. Interim President Magrath said the search for the new provost is underway with a very good committee, and it will move ahead effectively and expeditiously. The search for the Health Sciences Center Chancellor is moving along at a good clip, and depending on how things go with scheduled airport interviews, there should be 3 – 4 prospects coming to campus sometime in June to meet with President-elect Clements. Interim President Magrath said the President-elect asked him to sit in on the interview as well.

4. A vote of thanks was given to President-elect Magrath from Professor Kite, Chair Clark and Interim Provost Martin.

Interim Provost Jane Martin said we have all had the opportunity to hear Interim President Magrath's reports each month, and some people have had the opportunity to work more closely with him on the Executive Committee and/or other committees, so they have heard his wit and wisdom. She said she can tell "first-hand" that he is a delight to work with. In addition to being fun, she said he has worked really, really hard. He has been here just over nine months, and in that time, it is like we have had a new University because he has brought stability, credibility and integrity to us. She said she believes that the University is now ready to welcome a new president, and to begin moving forward on that foundation. It has been a great sacrifice for Interim President Magrath and his wife to take on the presidential responsibility, and the University appreciates it.

Professor Steve Kite presented Interim President Magrath with a WVU baseball signed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Chair Clark presented Interim President Magrath with a turtle made from West Virginia coal, a record album of 1958 college drinking songs, and a scroll that read, "our president -- to be the first emperor for life of the West Virginia University Faculty Senate."

Interim President Magrath gladly accepted the gifts and said he would gladly be the Faculty Senate emperor for life. He said life is serious and there is pain and often agony as we go through life and a university is a complex enterprise of human beings. He strongly believes that we have to be able to laugh and have a sense of humor. He said over his lifetime, he has learned to not always take himself so seriously, but to laugh with others because humor is extraordinarily important. He said he dealt with many senates over his life time, but working with the WVU Faculty Senate, its Executive Committee and the faculty that is represented, has been one of his most rewarding experiences of his life, and it has reaffirmed his core conviction in the value of universities and certainly of WVU. He recommended going to the basics and believing the cliché that says the faculty of West Virginia University is the heart and the core of WVU – the extension work, the outreach, research, teaching and everything the senators and their colleagues do. Without the faculty there would not be students, and students come to universities because faculty members teach, challenge, question, criticize, inspire, etc. He said universities get into controversies, debates, and disagreements because that is the nature of the educational enterprise.

The Interim President said it has been an incredible nine months at WVU, and he will be around for six more weeks working closely with the new president. He said it's been a privilege to work with the faculty and the senators; he salutes them and thanks them for what they do for West Virginia and for having a great University. He believes the University will be even better in the years ahead.

5. Interim Provost Jane Martin said the registrar interviews are finished, and there were three very good applicants. She said all the evaluations have been analyzed and the numerical tabulations are done, and the recommendations have been very close. She said it was a delightful choice to make and any one of the candidates could have done the job. She said a few things are being

checked on, and a decision should be made by the end of this week. Any one of the three candidates can start work about the same time as the new president-elect starts.

The CIO search continues; Interim Provost Martin said some senators met with one of the applicants this afternoon, and another candidate will be coming Monday or Tuesday of next week. President-elect Clements is interested in interviewing each of the candidates because that is an area of his expertise. Arrangements have been made for the president-elect to interview the candidates via telephone.

Interviews for the Associate Provost for International Programs will be scheduled as soon as the applicants are in the country at the same time so there will not be too much of a time span between interviews. She said she was hoping that it will take place by the end of the month.

A reception will be held for Interim President Magrath tomorrow, Tuesday, May 12th at 4:00 p.m. in Stewart Hall. It will be an open reception to include the community.

6. Chair Clark said Bruce Sparks will not be available to speak today as scheduled due to a death in the family. His presentation about intellectual property, patents, and economic development will be rescheduled. The Chair said Senate Bill 373 has been sent to Governor Manchin for his signature and to require action or no-action this week. The Chair said one of today's agenda items includes discussion related to the second Board of Governor's representative that would be needed when or if Senate Bill 373 becomes law. The status of the bill should be released in a couple of days. He said the Committee to Rescind Asinine Procedures has been conducting a pilot with four separate units. He said a number of inputs have been received from the constituencies. He said there was one response for every 12 people or so in the constituencies. The Chair said he has been working with Jennifer Fisher to open the website to the whole campus within a week of today. He said the committee is looking at visiting inefficient or unproductive procedures from campus and it is inviting the campus community consisting of faculty and staff to bring any problems to them. He said it does not mean the committee will investigate each one separately, but in some cases, they may represent an overall theme of some kind of repair that can be done on campus to make life more easier and lives more efficient. He said President-elect Clements will speak at the June meeting and tell the Senate what he has learned about WVU on his visits to campus so far.
7. Chair Stolzenberg moved to approve the following Curriculum Committee Reports:
 - Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
 - Annex II, Industrial Engineering Curriculum Change. Motion carried.
 - Annex III, Request to Rename the Division of Art. Motion carried.
 - Annex IV, Request to Rename Existing Degree Programs. Motion carried.
 - Annex V, The Alteration Report was submitted for information.
8. Chair Kirby moved to approve Annex VI, GEC Course Recommendations. Motion carried, and Annex VII, GEC Audits, was submitted for information.

9. Professor Sedgeman reported that most of the Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee's time this year has been devoted to a survey. The Committee will present a full report next month by Chair-elect Joe Urbanski. She said during the course of the survey, some open-ended questions were asked. There were many responses to the questions. She said there are some deep concerns about the ways the SEI is used in different ways across the campus. Sometimes it is one of many metrics used to evaluate faculty performance and effectiveness, so it can be one of the most important metrics used. There are questions and concerns about whether it even addresses the question of learning. An aspect of this is whether the statistical norms for the evaluations need to be updated since they have not been updated for 10 years.

She presented the following motion:

That the charge to the SEI Committee be extended to include evaluation of the statistical basis of the SEI calculations and evaluation of the use of the SEI as a metric for faculty effectiveness. And that the Committee be enlarged as needed to undertake these tasks.

Professor Ruth Kershner asked that the committee look at the submitted questions for continuity and consistency across the dean's questions. Professor Linda Davis said some of the questions that are used as general questions are not applicable to graduate programs for SEI evaluation. Professor Siegrist asked that the department chairs be involved in the SEI process as well.

The motion was duly seconded. Motion carried. The Chair said the Executive Committee would look at how the committee can be enlarged.

10. Chair Clark said Professor Nutter's term has ended as the Advisory Council of Faculty representative, so he said the Faculty Senate needs to re-elect or elect an ACF representative. Chair Clark said Professor Nutter has agreed to serve another term, if needed. Chair Clark asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Professor McDiarmid moved to close the nominations, and it was duly seconded. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous to re-elect Professor Nutter as the ACF representative for another term.
11. Chair Clark said Senate Bill 373 would provide a second representative on the Board of Governors, and the representative would be a full time faculty member from Extension Services or the Health Sciences Center. The faculty member would be elected by the Faculty Senate.

Chair Clark said anyone can nominate a representative from either the Health Sciences Center or Extension Services, but each nominee must first agree to serve before the nomination is submitted. All nominations should be sent to the Faculty Senate Office between May 12 – 15, 2009. The Senate Executive Committee will prepare a slate of candidates at its May 18th meeting, and the Faculty Senate will elect a representative during its June 8th meeting. The term for the BOG representative would begin July 1, 2009. Chair Clark said it is important for the Faculty Senate to approve this process or offer an alternative process. The intent of the election would be to put someone on the Board of Governor's board by July 1, 2009. The representative may be put in place for either one or two years; this issue will be discussed during the

constitutional review. Chair Clark said he would e-mail the new senators coming on the Faculty Senate in June to make them aware of the process.

Chair Clark said a motion has been made by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to handle the election process for the Board of Governor's representative, but if the Bill does not become law, the process would be voided.

It was duly seconded to approve the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Clark said he will send an e-mail notice to the University Assembly through the Faculty Senate Office letting faculty know that the preliminary method stands, and we will seek nominations and applications through the close of business on Friday for the position.

Professor Stolzenberg moved that authorization be given at the June meeting to select a representative whether or not a quorum is attained. Professor Kite said within the last few years, there has been a quorum at the June Faculty Senate meeting, but historically, it's been a 50/50 proposition to have a quorum. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

12. The meeting adjourned a 4:02 p.m. to reconvene Monday, June 8, 2009.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary