

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, October 22, 2012

1. Chair Michael Mays called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in Room 125 A/B, NRCCE.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Mays, M.	Ruscello, D.
Bilgesu, I.	Elmore, S.	Nutter, R.	Strife, M
Cottrell, L.	Griffith, R.	Orlikoff, J.	Turton, R.
Curtis, R.	Kleist, V.	Prudhomme, J.	Wheatly, M.

Members Absent:

Butcher, F.	Clements, J.
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Guests:

Fryson, D.	Karraker, K.	Lastinger, M.	Wilson, C. B.
Hauser, D.	Lang, A. (DP)	Robinson, S.	

2. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Provost Wheatly reported that:
 - She has been visiting Big 12 campuses, including the University of Texas at Austin and Texas Tech University. She was also present at Iowa State University for the installation of their new president, Steven Leath.
 - She spent last Sunday and Monday at Baylor University for the Big 12 Provosts' Meeting. Topics of discussion included digitization projects and the future of libraries, faculty morale, and faculty peer exchanges.
 - Fred King's office is in the process of hiring a non-STEM associate vice president for research.
 - The Council of Deans is continuing to have discussions about Digital Measures, an electronic means of archiving faculty productivity.
4. Chair Mays reported that:
 - He attended a meeting with Elizabeth Dooley, Elizabeth Hamilton, Bernadette Jungblut, Lisa DiBartolomeo, and Lesley Cottrell on October 9 about what is needed from the Senate for GEC assessment. We may need to change the audit process to include documentation of student learning, at least for a subset of courses that will be up for review in the next year.
 - There is a visit to Potomac State scheduled for Friday. He provided Provost Colelli with the following list of items for discussion:

- How faculty should react to possible state funding cuts, including the letter sent from the Faculty Senate to be echoed by the Potomac State Faculty Assembly.
- The new Course Inventory Management system.
- Contributions toward HLC accreditation from the Faculty Senate, including assessment of GEC objectives.
- Challenges in recruitment and retention of faculty.
- Common issues on developmental education to be raised at an upcoming HEPC meeting.
- Things the Faculty Senate can do to help Potomac State College in its mission.

Please let him know if you have other issues for discussion.

- He has had a chance to brainstorm with Robert Griffith and Lesley Cottrell about the upcoming faculty presentation at the November 15 Board of Governors meeting.
- He met with Veteran Advocate Jerry McCarthy to discuss ideas for a policy for active duty military to satisfy University obligations when they are called away for brief periods during the semester, similar to the current policy that covers end of semester commitments.
- He attended a workshop at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in Palo Alto concerning how the continuous improvement model from industry and health care can be adapted to issues in higher education.

5. 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 to CHEM 110A and CHEM 110B and removal of IMC 630. IMC 630 was removed in order to make sure that CPASS sign-off on the course.

Annex II, Curriculum Change Document, Wildlife and Fisheries Resources Program, was submitted for information.

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

6. Ilkin Bilgesu, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, submitted the following report:

Annex IV, GEC Audits, was submitted for information.

7. David Fryson led a discussion of WVU's Social Justice Policy. The Faculty Senate may draft an alternate, optional statement for presentation to senior leadership that addresses concerns with the current statement.

8. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported that:

- He attended the CCTC meeting. CCTC is the council that supervises 2-year schools. Issues that were discussed include:
 - LOCEA is looking at per credit tuition rates above 12 credit hours.

- WV Senate Bill 330, which concerns personnel.
 - Elimination of BOG term limits.
 - Common numbering system for colleges statewide.
 - WV Senate Bill 436, which establishes in the legislature a select committee on outcomes-based funding models for higher education in West Virginia.
 - The trade-off for a 7.5% budget cut will be an increase in tuition.
- An issue brought up at the October ACF meeting was common course standards for incoming students. Smarter Balanced Assessments will replace the WESTEST for high school students in 2014.
9. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, reported that there will be a special meeting of the Board of Governors tomorrow afternoon. One item on the agenda is the approval to purchase and finance real property located within the city of Morgantown.
10. The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, November 26, 2012.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary