

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
November 17, 2008

1. Chair Virginia Kleist called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

Members present:

Clark, N.	Kleist, V.	Peace, G.	Torsney, C.
Cumming, J.	Magrath, P.	Perone, M.	Woloshuk, J.
Hartman, K.	Martin, J.	Sedgeman, J.	
Jackowitz, A.	McDiarmid, M.	Stolzenberg, A.	
Kite, S.	Nutter, R.	Strife, M.	

Members absent:

Dean, R.	Lastinger, V.	Wilson, C. B.
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Guests:

Bishop, S.	Kirby, B.	Shaner, C. (DP)
Budig, G.	Marra, A. (DA)	

2. Interim President Magrath introduced Dr. Gene Budig, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, who gave a brief biography of himself and spoke about the presidential search.

Dr. Budig said that he was a university president for 23 years at three large state universities: Illinois State, WVU, and the University of Kansas; from there he went on to be president of major league baseball, the American League. He then went on to become a faculty member in the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton. Today he is the distinguished professor of the College Board in New York.

Dr. Budig said that he is excited about the prospects of WVU. WVU's reputation is a very good one; one that is serving us well in attracting a number of highly qualified individuals. He said that the search committee meets monthly, but are on the phone all the time. He is very optimistic about what the outcome will be.

Dr. Budig stood for questions:

- The issue of salary. Answer: These are difficult economic times nationally, but with the potential economy of WV, it will appeal to many people because of the stability here. He believes we are in a good position.
- Interfacing the Presidential Search Committee with the HSC Vice-Presidential Search Committee. Answer: It is being very well coordinated.
- Diversity in the applicant pool? Answer: Yes.
- What balance are you seeking in a president? Answer: 1. The person will have to have a deep appreciation for the internal constituency; presidents come and go, faculty remain. 2. The need to understand why there is a university - for students to advance and be productive. 3. Remember the day-to-day role of the support staff, without them all segments are in deep trouble. It's a complex job because you have to be able to understand the outside world and, in a sense, be responsive to the obvious needs that our society will demand to be competitive and viable.

Even with reasonable resources you have to have somebody who has an appreciation and an ability to go outside of the institution and raise lots of needed money for faculty research, student scholarships, distinguished professorships, and post-docs. They must be able to work with parents, the general public, the legislature, a governing board, and a governor.

- Are the events of last spring going to make it more challenging to bring a new president here? Answer: No. WVU's reputation was built over many years, it's not tied to any one individual or any one incident.

Interim President Magrath said that he met with the provost, chief of staff, university council, and faculty senate leaders on Friday to discuss the upcoming e-MBA program report. They will meet again to discuss responses and actions that will be taken once they receive the report.

3. Interim Provost Martin said that a replacement announcement for Associate Provost Cheryl Torsney's position has gone out, with a December 1 deadline for receiving applications. She hopes to have someone appointed to the position in early January so that that person will be able to spend time with AP Torsney during the spring term, traveling with her and learning some of the constituents that he/she will be working with.

Interim Provost Martin has recommendations from the Honorary Degree Committee that she would like the Executive Committee to review and then to be moved to the Faculty Senate for a vote at the next Faculty Senate meeting. She requested this be done after the regular meeting in executive session because of confidentiality issues.

4. Chair Kleist reported that:

- The date of the December Executive Committee meeting has been changed from December 22 to December 15.
- There was an error in yesterday's *Dominion Post* article about the writing portfolio project. No proposals will be made to eliminate English 101 or 102 or the writing requirement, as stated in the newspaper article. There will be a presentation at the January or February Faculty Senate meeting about the writing portfolio option.
- She agrees with President Magrath's comments about the AACRO meeting on Friday.
- She and Professors Clark, McDiarmid, and Kite met with Trisha Gyrke (HR) and Margy Phillips (HR) about the background check policy. There were several questions that will be responded to at a later date.
- Curt Peterson, Interim VP, Research and Economic Development will make a presentation at the December Faculty Senate meeting. She will contact Narvel Weese about a January presentation to the Faculty Senate.
- There will be a holiday celebration at the president's house following the December Faculty Senate meeting.

5. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the October 27 Minutes. Motion carried.
6. The draft minutes for the November 10, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed.
7. Professor Stolzenberg, Curriculum Committee Chair, moved for approval of:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes report. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

Annex II, Request for Change in Degree Program Title and Designation for the Three Existing Undergraduate Majors in the Division of Design & Merchandising and a Change in Major Title for One of Those Three Undergraduate Majors. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

(Handout) New Journalism Major. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

Annex III, Alteration Report, was presented for information. Professor Stolzenberg will check to see if the changes to C&I 633 and 680 are alterations or should be submitted as course changes. It was moved, and duly seconded that if Professor Stolzenberg and the Curriculum Committee determine that these minor alterations are indeed proper that they can proceed to the Faculty Senate. Motion carried. Follow-up regarding C&I 633 & 680: Professor Stolzenberg pursued the point and found that these courses are being handled under a flexible title amnesty. The entries for these courses were moved to the amnesty section of this month's alteration report and changed appropriately.

8. Professor Kirby, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee Chair-elect moved for approval of Annex IV, Course Recommendation. It was duly seconded. Motion carried. Annex V, GEC Audits, was presented for information.
9. Advisory Council of Faculty representative Professor Nutter said that:
 - ACF will meet on Thursday. PEIA issues will be one of the agenda items.
 - ACF will present to HEPC on Friday.
 - ACF is hoping to have a common, statewide statement on PEIA changes to present at the PEIA meeting in Huntington on Thursday night.

Professor Jackowitz commended Professor Nutter for his leadership in the PEIA juncture, and other factors as well, that have occurred over the past year. He has represented WVU very well and has also represented ACF very well.

Professor Nutter said that at last week's PEIA meeting, he and Professors Kleist and Sedgeman made presentations.

10. Sara Bishop, OIT, presented a proposal of the electronic curriculum management/syllabus builder (eCSB). She distributed a handout that:
 - Gives background information and target dates.
 - Shows the process flow for submitting applications to the Curriculum Committee.
 - Shows the process flow for submitting applications to the GECO Committee.
 - Shows the flow of building a syllabus.

The Ad-hoc Committee on Curriculum Committee Procedures will meet with Ms. Bishop to discuss this process.

11. Chair Kleist distributed a handout "Comments Regarding the Proposed PEIA Financial Plan Changes".
12. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, December 15. An Executive Session followed to discuss honorary degrees.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary