Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, January 23, 2017

1. Chair Lena Maynor called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:
Cottrell, L. Haines, K. Kleist, V. Turton, R.
DiBartolomeo, L. Hauser, D. Maynor, L. Valenti, M.
Fint-Clark, R. Hileman, S. Nutter, R. Veselicky, L.
Gee, E. Ibrahim, M. Stolzenberg, A.

Members Absent:
Elmore, S. McConnell, J. Merrifield, J.

 Guests:
Campbell, J. Day-Perroots, S. Pfeifer, A. Richmond, T.
Clark, N. King, F. Proudfoot, C. Wilson, C.

2. Chair Maynor moved for approval of the minutes from the December 19, 2016 meeting. 
Motion carried.

3. Vice Provost John Campbell reported the following:
   - In March, we will hold our second annual celebration of long-form scholarship. The deadline for submitting work for inclusion in the celebration is January 31. A book, film, art exhibit, or any other full-length work of art or scholarship published, released, or produced between January 1 and December 31, 2016 is eligible for inclusion.
   - Three MBA students who worked with the Launch Lab on their business plan pitch have been selected to participate in Pitch Austin.
   - WVU has been awarded the Governor’s School for Entrepreneurship, beginning in the summer of 2017. This represents be our third governor’s school, including the Honors Academy and the School for Math and Science. The School of Entrepreneurship was created in collaboration with the Launch Lab and the College of Business and Economics.
   - The search committee for a new CIO held its first meeting on Friday, January 20.

4. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
   - On Friday, the Board of Governors will consider a proposal to close Arnold Hall and move first year students into one of the towers at University Place.
   - We have strong support in Washington from our senators and representatives. We are well-positioned for playing a significant role in defense-related research activities.
   - Governor Justice understands that the University is an essential ingredient for his success. He is looking for ways to generate immediate resources. Many of his
appointments, including Woody Thrasher for Secretary of Commerce, have strong ties to WVU.

- We have drafted a series of bills for submission to the legislature which are about us being free from state regulations. One of our priorities is to ensure that we are able to retain those employees who best serve our institution.
- Richard Golderg has been named the new director of the WVU Cancer Institute. He comes to us from the University of North Carolina and, most recently, Ohio State University. We are placing a great deal of emphasis on cancer, kids, and neuroscience.

5. Chair Lena Maynor reported the following:

- She contacted the registrar to determine whether there is a University policy mandating that grades are due within 48 hours after the final exam. They were unable to find any such policy. However, the course catalog indicates that grades are due within 48 hours after the end of the University’s final examination; the faculty handbook does not include such a requirement. The issue will be referred to the policy committee, led by Sue Day-Perroots. The committee has identified all policies within the undergraduate catalog and is working to prioritize 5-7 of them for review this year. They intend to develop a schedule whereby all policies will be reviewed on a revolving basis.
- Moving forward, the Faculty Senate ad hoc committee considering revisions to the attendance policy will work with the aforementioned undergraduate policy committee.
- The GPA plus/minus work group held its first meeting. The group plans to develop a document listing pros and cons, as well as information about practices at our peer institutions. Plus/minus grades are listed on the transcript but not included in the GPA calculation.
- She emailed Faculty Senate chairs for their suggestions on the composition of their respective committees and the voting status of ex officio members.
- Nomination ballots for open Faculty Senate seats were sent out on January 23. Ballots are available until January 31.

6. Karen Haines, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

- Annex I, New Courses Report. **Motion carried**, as amended. The title for SAGE 318 was changed to Agricultural Project Management.
- Annex II, Course Changes Report. **Motion carried**.
- Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. **Motion carried**.
- Annex IV, Harmonization Report (New Courses). **Motion carried**.
- Annex V, Harmonization Report (Course Changes). **Motion carried**, as amended. CPE 271 was added to the report.
- Annex VI, Harmonization Report (Course Deactivations). **Motion carried**.
- Annex VII, Harmonization Report (Aligned Courses) was submitted for information. **Report filed**, as amended. CPE 271 was removed from the report.
- Major in Interdisciplinary Studies. **Motion carried**.
Professor Haines reported that the drop-down menu for “Your Role” in CIM will soon be revised to rename Faculty Senate ChairElect as Faculty Senate Course Changes to provide a more accurate description for users.


8. Fred King, Vice President of Research, provided an update on R1 status and research.

9. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported the following:
   - HEPC will meet on February 3. One item on the agenda is for approval of a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science at Shepherd University.
   - Institutions that converted to OASIS during 2016 are apparently having trouble receiving accurate and complete W-2 Forms.

10. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported the following:
    - The Board of Governors held an abbreviated meeting on January 18.
    - The Board will hold an abbreviated meeting on January 27. They will consider the proposal to close Arnold Hall.

11. New Business
    Alan Stolzenberg announced that he will be resigning his position as faculty secretary. Executive Committee will consider a plan of action at the next meeting.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 27, 2017.

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