

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, January 26, 2015

1. Chair Jennifer Orlikoff called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Gee, E.	Maynor, L.	Turton, R.
Bowen, E.	Griffith, R.	Nutter, R.	Veselicky, L.
Cottrell, L.	Harner, E.	Orlikoff, J.	
DiBartolomeo, L.	Kleist, V.	Stolzenberg, A.	

Members Absent:

Bastress, R.	Elmore, S.	McConnell, J.	Perna, N.
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Guests:

Campbell, J.	Dooley, E.	Proudfoot, C.	Wilson, C.
Clark, N.	Karraker, K.	Robinson, S.	

2. Chair Orlikoff moved for approval of the minutes from the December 15, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Associate Provost C.B. Wilson reported the following:
 - Clay Marsh has been appointed Vice President and Executive Dean for Health Sciences. William Schafer has been appointed Vice President for Student Life, effective March 1. Shane Lyons has been appointed Director of Athletics and Associate Vice President.
 - The College of Law dean search committee, chaired by Gene Cilento, is contacting references and expects to extend invitations for campus visits within the next week or so. Visits will probably take place during the last week of February.
 - The Eberly College dean search is being chaired by Dan Robison. Airport interviews will be conducted this week. Campus visits will likely occur in late February or early March.
 - The WVU Extension dean and director search is being chaired by Maryanne Reed. Two of the four finalists have been interviewed. Finalist interviews should be completed by February 6.
 - The Honors Program dean search committee, chaired by Katherine Karraker, has posted the position announcement in a variety of outlets. The committee will begin reviewing applications around February 15.
4. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - We have been cleared by the court to purchase the Mountain State University assets. He congratulated Rob Alsop and his team for their efforts.

- We have a new legislature and a governor who is supportive. He appreciates the governor for extending an olive branch to the new legislature by delivering a non-political address. We have a clear agenda, much of which has to do with freedom in University operations, for advancing the University's goals.
- "It's On Us," the campaign against sexual misconduct, was launched last week. He believes it is an effective campaign, and one in which our students are heavily involved and engaged.
- Our Greek organizations have taken their responsibility seriously for initiating cultural changes in the University community. As a result, we are slowly moving towards the Greek Life moratorium being lifted. Alcohol abuse on campus is part of a national phenomenon which resulted in the deaths of 1800 students nationwide last year. We intend to take a leadership role in addressing that issue.

5. Chair Jennifer Orlikoff reported the following:

- The Faculty Senate agreed unanimously on January 12 to send a letter to Gail Manchin and the West Virginia Board of Education to adopt the Next Generation Science Standards without modification. The letter was sent on January 13. According to feedback President Gee received, our letter made a substantial difference. The Board of Education reverted to the original Next Generation Science Standards.
- The calendar committee will reconvene soon to determine the academic calendar for 2016-2017. Please let Chair Orlikoff know if you would like to participate on the committee.
- She, Richard Turton, and a team from the Office of the University Registrar traveled to Potomac State College to present the Curriculum Inventory Management (CIM) system. The divisional campuses are now able to submit their course proposals electronically.
- Nomination ballots for the upcoming Faculty Senate election will be sent out by February 1.

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

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried after GRAD 680 was pulled from the report, and all references to MATH 122A and 122B were changed to MATH 112 and MATH 122, respectively.

Annex II, Program Change for BA in Interdisciplinary Studies. Motion carried.

Annex III, BS Degree in Public Health. Motion carried.

Annex IV, Alterations Report. Accepted after EDUC 311, EDUC 411, EDUC 430, and EDUC 450 were pulled from the report.

7. Lena Maynor, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for acceptance of the following report:

Annex IV, GEC Audits. Accepted.

Dr. Maynor explained that, as part of the general workflow of items needed for transition to the new General Education Foundations (GEF), the GECO Committee will prepare proposals related to GECO's mandate that will go to the GEF implementation committee, followed by Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The proposals will include items such as learning objectives and revisions needed to CIM forms.

8. Nigel Clark, Associate Vice President for Academic Strategic Planning, offered a brief presentation on Digital Measures. We now have an institution-wide contract, meaning that we will have 18 units on board. Digital Measures allows for data to be entered into a database once and extracted in a variety of formats, such as a resume. It will ultimately be a pathway for providing reports for annual review, promotion, and tenure. Program and institution level reports can also be produced. More information is available at www.digitalmeasures.com.
9. Jon Cawthorne, Dean, WVU Libraries, provided an update on what is happening in the WVU Libraries, and what is upcoming in 2015.
10. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported that January 27 is Higher Education Day at the Legislature. ACF will hold a meeting that afternoon after spending the morning visiting legislators.
11. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported that the board will meet February 19. He and Lisa DiBartolomeo will present the faculty constituency report. Members of Faculty Senate Executive Committee are invited to lunch with the board, followed by the faculty constituency presentation.
12. New Business
 - John Campbell reported that our SEI system, which was developed in-house at a time when commercial packages were not available, is not sustainable. None of the workers who had knowledge of the system design and programming are currently employed at WVU. He suggested that members of the faculty senate team up with Information Technology Services staff to investigate options so that we can make the most educated decision moving forward. Jessica Thomas, Director of Information Technology Services, has agreed to provide the administrative resources necessary to pull a committee together. A motion was made and duly seconded to empower an ad hoc committee to investigate SEI platforms for adoption as soon as possible. Motion carried.

A follow-up motion was made and duly seconded that John Campbell and Jessica Thomas work with the Teaching and Assessment Committee and the Student Government Association in appointing representatives to the ad hoc committee to investigate platforms for the SEI. Motion carried.
 - The committee discussed ways to in which they could foster better communication with Potomac State College. One suggestion was to remind faculty that they are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings as guest observers.

13. Executive Session

A motion was made and duly seconded that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee resolve itself into Executive Session according to WV code Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4 for the purpose of discussing potential changes to personnel policies for faculty related to pending legislation. Motion carried.

Following the conclusion of Executive Session, the Committee reconvened into regular session.

14. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 23, 2015.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator