

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall
November 26, 2007

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

Members present:

Clark, N.	Garrison, M.	Lang, G.	Richards, A.
Cottrell, L.	Hornsby, G.	Martin, J.	Torsney, C.
Etzel, E.	Jackowitz, A.	McDiarmid, M.	
Famouri, P.	Kite, S.	Nutter, R.	
Garbutt, K.	Kleist, V.	Olson, K.	

Members absent:

Dean, R.	Strife, M.	Wilson, C.B.
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Guests:

Fulks, T. (DA)

2. President Garrison said that the budget request has been sent to the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC). He said the first priority is the salary improvement package, which includes \$23.7 million dollars and will be a significant salary increase. The second and third priorities include: research, infrastructure, graduate education and the campus master plan.

The President said work continues to move forward with the "Bucks for Brains Initiative," which is an effort led by the Chancellor; details concerning this project will be forthcoming. The President said weather emergency procedures are being updated to include better detail and relevance. Provost Lang said weather emergency protocol includes WVU communicating with the local and state police stations about storm tracking. He said there may be times when classes are cancelled, but that does not mean the whole University will be closed because the Health Sciences Center has patients that need care and hospital clinics need to remain open. The Provost said information concerning weather cancellations will be distributed in January to all faculty, staff and students. Faculty may want to include a statement in their syllabi concerning the University's policy for cancelling classes due to weather conditions.

The President reminded committee members about the holiday reception at the Blaney House on Monday, December 10th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The President congratulated the fans on their behavior during the Saturday, November 24, 2007, football game. He said he will try to encourage the same type of behavior during the next game scheduled on Saturday, December 1st between WVU and

Pittsburgh. He said this will be an opportunity to promote all the good things that the University has to offer.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2007, meeting. Motion carried.
4. The draft minutes for the November 12, 2007, Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed with a correction to item 10, “a state” should be replaced with “an estate.”
5. Chair Kite said that on November 5th, he and Chair-elect Kleist visited the Potomac State campus. They met with Provost Kerry O’Dell, two faculty senators, James Hoey, ACF representative, and the faculty assembly chairperson. Issues of discussion included: classroom size, limits of infrastructure, enrollment growth, classroom technical support, structure of summer classes, capital campaign, and the colleges dissatisfaction with the way the Morgantown Faculty Senate votes on various issues. Chair Kite said he will discuss the Senate’s voting procedures with Sid Morrison, Office of Information Technology, to see if other voting options are available. On Monday, December 3rd, the Chair and Chair-elect will visit the Parkersburg campus.

Chair Kite said 14 people have volunteered to serve on the Writing Committee. The group will lead off with a forum on January 11, 2008.

6. Chair-elect Kleist, Chair of the Work Group on Faculty Shared Governance, reported that one-on-one meetings have been held with all but one member, and a telephone conference is scheduled for November 28, 2007. The 10-member group will focus on having better communication with the Board of Governors. Progress reports will be given periodically.
7. Professor Cottrell, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried. The Alteration Report was presented for information in Annex II.
8. Professor Garbutt, Chair, General Education Committee, moved for approval of Annex III, Course Recommendations. Motion carried.
9. Professor Kristina Olson, Chair, Student Rights and Responsibilities, gave a report about “plagiarism,” and handouts were distributed. She said the current code of conduct is ambiguous and unclear; therefore, the committee is working to improve both the reporting form and flow chart so procedures are clearer and easier to understand. The committee will meet next Monday to discuss the draft, and it hopes to have a final report by spring.
10. Chair Kite suggested various topics be presented before the Faculty Senate as “forums,” so feedback and discussion can be received from faculty. The following topics were suggested for future forums: GEC rulings, SEI forms, Plus/Minus grading, Attendance Policy, and Academic Standards.

11. Associate Provost, Cheryl Torsney, reported on “what WVU is currently doing versus peer colleges/schools.” She will discuss this issue at the December 10th Faculty Senate meeting.
12. Professor Nutter, ACF representative, reported that the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) released an agenda for Friday’s meeting. The agenda can be reviewed on the HEPC website.
13. Professor Etzel distributed a handout entitled, “What Students Are Saying About Their WVU Experience.”
14. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, December 17, 2007.

Barbara Dunn
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