

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, February 22, 2016

1. Chair Richard Turton called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Ameri, S.	Fint-Clark, R.	Maynor, L.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bastress, R.	Gee, E.	McConnell, J.	Turton, R.
Cottrell, L.	Griffith, R.	Nutter, R.	Valenti, M.
DiBartolomeo, L.	Hauser, D.	Orlikoff, J.	Veselicky, L.
Elmore, S.	Kleist, V.		

Members Absent:

none

Guests:

Clark, N.	Merrifield, J.	Proudfoot, C.	Wilson, C.
Christian, T.	Pfeifer, A.	Street, O.	Zaph, K.
Day-Perroots, S.			

2. Chair Turton moved for approval of the minutes from the December 14, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting for January 25, 2016 was cancelled by Faculty Senate Chair Richard Turton due to inclement weather that caused the closure of the University. After consulting with the Faculty Senate Secretary and Parliamentarian (Chad Proudfoot), it was decided to carry out essential business relating to items from the Senate Curriculum Committee (SCC) through an email process. To this end, the following actions were taken:

- An email was sent out to the Executive Committee asking for any comments or objections to the 5 annexes (Annexes I-II – for approval and Annexes III-V – for information) associated with the SCC.
- A blind poll was set up for Annexes I and II.
- Annexes I and II were approved.

Since the remainder of the committee’s business was comprised of “for information items and reports” that would be presented to the full Senate on February 8, these items were not considered for further action by the Executive Committee.

3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:

- We face enormous budgetary challenges which require us to continue to transform the University for growth. If the tobacco tax is approved, we believe our state funding will remain flat.
- Moving into the R1 research classification is quite remarkable, particularly given the level of state support we have and the challenge of being a public, land-grant institution. This underscores how effectively we have been using our resources, the quality of our hiring, and the quality of work done by our faculty.

- Our CAFEE (Center for Alternative Fuels, Engines and Emissions) group won the 2016 Roadshow by CNET Disruptors of the Year award. Automotive News also name WVU an Automotive News All Star in its annual year-end list of people who have led the industry.
- Sean McWilliams was a member of the team that for the first time detected gravitational waves, produced from the merger of two black holes, which confirmed a piece of Einstein's 1915 theory of general relativity.
- The medical amnesty policy is now in full effect. The policy allows students to request help for classmates in distress because of alcohol or drug consumption without fear of legal or disciplinary reprisal.
- The state legislature has passed the Uber bill, which will afford our students increased access to safe transportation.
- We received a huge victory in the legislature. 67 members of the House of Delegates voted in favor of moving WVU Tech campus to the Beckley campus.
- We are moving much more aggressively into "cluster hiring," meaning that we bring a truly terrific candidate on board who in turn recruits other outstanding candidates to his or her team. We just completed our first major cluster hire in cardiovascular surgery, which will transform us into a world class heart and vascular center. We also need to closely focus on using dual career couple recruiting to our advantage.

4. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:

- As part of the 50th anniversary of arts and humanities foundations, nearly 60 faculty members and staff have been invited to celebrate their work on March 8. The celebration will feature publications, performances, and pieces of art.
- The Provost's office has been focusing on faculty support and support of chairs for about a year now. The faculty incentives and rewards committee has been considering issues such as status for teaching professors, salary parity, and recognition of administrative service in the promotion process. We need to make sure the progress we are beginning to see in some of these areas continues and that it is extended to the divisional campuses. In return for supporting our faculty, we receive incredible productivity and loyalty in return.
- She is working with a group from Eberly looking at issues of salary compression, inversion, and hiring at market. One recommendation that came out of those meetings was for forming a faculty club as a mechanism for meeting, socializing, and working with people across colleges. At the same time, Sean Frisbee implemented the idea of using the Kennedy Clubroom for a First Friday to bring faculty together from all over campus. He is looking at expanding the use of the Kennedy Clubroom for use as a faculty club.
- She thanked Lisa DiBartolomeo for her work on an internationalization report, which she completed in her role as a faculty fellow. Her work, in conjunction with a report prepared last year by an external advisor, allowed us to define our needs in the area of international operations. We are seriously considering bringing in an individual regarded as one of the top three international educators in land-grant institutions to reorganize our entire international operations, including intensive English, health sciences, and the divisional campuses.
- Mindy Walls has been working with an advisory team on entrepreneurship across colleges. The Media Innovation Center, LaunchLab, and MakerLab are all now located at Evansdale Crossing. Statler College is also creating a high-tech MakerLab in the engineering building.
- Project 168 will be in place for new student orientation. It will be a road map for guiding students from before they arrive on campus until after they graduate. More information will be presented as project materials are finalized.

5. Chair Richard Turton reported the following:

- He, Bob Griffith, Jennifer Merrifield, and Paul Rakes will be presenting the faculty constituency report to the Board of Governors in April. In preparation for that meeting, he has been considering what he believes characterizes and motivates faculty: 1) thirst for learning, 2) dissemination of information, and 3) recognition.
- The search committee for the ombudsperson will hold its first meeting on February 23. Applications close on February 26.
- ITS is now conducting training sessions on the new eSEI. Contact Jessika Thomas if you would like to schedule training for your department.
- We are still working through some glitches with the new Faculty Senate web site.
- He is serving on an ad hoc committee to address concerns with traffic flow and pedestrian safety on the Evansdale campus.

6. Matthew Valenti, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex II, Course Changes Report. Motion carried. Changes to CHE 312 will apply only to WVU (not to WVUIT).

Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex IV, Alterations Report, was submitted for information. Report filed after it was amended to state that changes to CHEM 115, MATH 126A, MATH 126B, MATH 128, MATH 150, and MATH 155 apply only to WVU (not WVUIT).

Consent Agenda items: BS Degree in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Major in Music Therapy, Change from AoE to Major for Sociology, Change from AoE to Major for Anthropology. Motion carried.

Information items: Curriculum Changes for Physical Education Teacher Education Major; Minor in Agricultural and Natural Resources Law; Minor in Arabic Studies; and Minor in Biomedical Engineering were submitted for information. Reports filed.

Dr. Valenti also suggested that the Curriculum Committee chair present an informational item to Faculty Senate listing new graduate programs approved by Graduate Council. He will follow up with Katherine Karraker, Associate Provost for Graduate Academic Affairs. He also led a discussion of the requirements for minors, some of which specify that 12 of the 15 required credits must be unique (not counted toward another major or minor). Sue Day-Perroots suggested the issue be presented to assistant and associate deans for a recommendation.

7. Dave Hauser, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee. No report.

8. Toni Christian, Director of Employee Benefits, and Kimberly Zaph, Employee Wellness Program Manager provided an overview of resources and activities available through WVU Employee Wellness.

9. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported the following:

- HB 4145, the open carry bill, passed the Senate with a title amendment. The bill will be returned to the House.
- The bill allowing WVU-Tech to move to Beckley passed the House and will now go to the Senate.
- SB 369, which reduces reporting requirements from higher education to the legislature, passed and will be sent to the governor.

- The last day to introduce bills is February 22 in the Senate and February 23 in the House. Bills are due out of committees by February 28. March 2 is the last day to consider a bill in its house of origin.
10. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors met on February 18, 2016. Most of the day was spent in executive session. The Board approved a new PhD program in Forensic Science, a name change for the Department of Chemical Engineering to the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, \$2.5 million to replace the Rec Center roof, and \$1.4 million to renovate lab space in the School of Pharmacy.
 11. Jennifer Orlikoff moved for approval of Annex V, the Preferred Name Policy. Motion carried.
 12. New Business – Proposed changes to Policy 2 will move forward in the near future. A normal 30-day comment period will apply.
 13. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, March 28, 2016.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator