

MINUTES  
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
Monday, January 9, 2012

1. Professor Lesley Cottrell, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A&B, NRCCE.

Members Present:

Abraham, R.	Cronin, A.	Huffman, V.	Nichols, A.	Scott, H.R.
Ameri, S.	Curtis, R.	Iskander, W.	Nutter, R.	Sherwin, M.
Anderson, J.	Davari, A.	Jackowitz, A.	Oberhauser, A.	Sperow, M.
Atkins, C.	Davis, S.	Johnston, A.	Orlikoff, J.	Stack, S.
Barretto, G.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Jones, D.	Osborne, E.	Stout, P.
Bastress, R.	Dino, G.	Kershner, R.	Paul, S.	Stuchell, R.
Bilgesu, I.	Elmore, S.	Kirby, B.	Perone, M.	Tallaksen, R.
Blake, L.	Ernst, G.	Kite, S.	Perry, J.	Tuninetti, A.
Bonner, D.	Etzel, E.	Kleist, V.	Petty, T.	Turton, R.
Boone, D.	Finkel, M.	Kopriva, N.	Polak, J.	Urbanski, J.
Bowen, E.	Fleming, S.	Kromar, R.	Reddy, R.	Veselicky, K.
Brazaitis, M.	Fuller, E.	Kuhlman, J.	Reymond, R.	Vester, M.
Bredehoft, T.	Funk, A.	Lofaso, A.	Riemenschneider, S.	Vona-Davis, L.
Bucklew, A.	Graber, S.	Mandich, M.	Rockett, I.	Watson, J.
Campbell, L.	Harner, J.	Mays, M.	Ruscello, D.	Weihman, L.
Carpenter, R.	Hartman, K.	Moritz, J.	Ryan, K.	Wenger, S.
Chalupa, C.	Hileman, S.	Mucino, V.	Schreurs, B.	Wood, A.
Cottrell, S.	Huber, J.	Munasinghe, R.	Schwartz, S.	

Members Absent:

Anfinson, J.	Clarke, M.	Hogan, T.	Prudhomme, J.	Whiteman, C.
Banta, L.	Cohen, S.	Knight, J.	Sundaram, M.	
Britten, R.	Hashmi, M.	Miller, M.	Tower, L.	
Cassels, A.	Hazard, H.	Nelson, C.	Watson, D.	

Members Excused:

Anderson, K.	Fint-Clark, B.	Kale, U.	Pearson, T.	Woloshuk, J.
Brooks, R.	Holmes, M.	Miltenberger, M.	Putman, H.	Zimmerman, P.
Clark, B.	Hornsby, G.	Paternostro, M.	Shelton, E.	

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

Cottrell, L.	Griffith, R.	Lee, P.	Stolzenberg, A.
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2. Chair Cottrell moved and it was duly seconded to approve the [minutes](#) from the Monday, December 12, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President Clements reported on the following issues:
  - The Orange Bowl win was special; and several university events were held in the area.
  - The President wrote an editorial for the *Miami Herald* by discussing the value of land-grant universities; how they are transformational to the country and a key to success.
  - The number of hits on the WVU website have gone up since the bowl win; we are up 35% on the main website and up 18% at the college and department level. WVU is one of the top trend items on Twitter as well.

- An announcement will be given on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. at the Erickson Alumni Center related to academics and research. The President encouraged faculty to attend.
- The President is a member of the National Innovation Advisory Board; last Friday he went to the Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. to deliver his final report on “Competitiveness and Innovation.” He is the only university president on the board, so he represented higher education on a broad scale. His role was to emphasize the importance of land-grant universities. A forum was held at WVU last September to gather information. The key to the future and the country is higher education and transforming lives through educational opportunities, research and outreach.
- There were three main pillars to the report in making progress as a nation and it consists of: education, basic research, and infrastructure. The common thread in the report is the federal investment that is needed in all three areas.
- The President thanked members of the Committee as they searched for a Research Vice-President; unfortunately, no one has been selected, but we will keep looking until the right person has been selected. The President will meet with the new search committee soon.
- Carolyn Long has been appointed as the transitional leader for WVU-Tech. A five member oversight committee has been appointed and it will be chaired by Dave Hendrickson, HEPC. Two members from the HEPC Board and two BOG representatives, Ed Robinson, WVU-Tech, and Robert Griffith, WVU-Morgantown, will serve on the oversight committee as well.
- WVU received a \$400,000 gift from the Hazel Ruby-McQuain Trust, which was matched by the Research Trust Fund. The original gift was announced last year as the largest gift ever given for a graduate endowment to support graduate students. Hopefully, the first Ruby graduate student scholars will be announced this fall.
- A grand piano was delivered to the College of Creative Arts. This is the first Steinway piano that has arrived since WVU joined with 120 other universities announcing that it will become an All-Steinway School. The gift was donated by WVU Physics Professor Arthur Weldon and his wife Barbara Weldon. The College of Creative Arts is trying to raise four million dollars to purchase 65 new pianos.
- WVU Urgent Care has become the first and only Urgent Care Facility in West Virginia to be designated as a certified urgent care facility by the Urgent Care Association of America. Since the facility opened in 2007, it has seen more than 85,000 patients.
- Mary Ann Samyn, Associate Professor in English, was recognized with the Caperton Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Writing at WVU.
- Dr. Laura Gibson, Director of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center and the Alexander B. Osborne distinguished professor, has been appointed as a regular member of the Basic Mechanisms of Cancer Therapeutics study section of the National Institute of Health. She will serve a four year term contributing to the evaluation of scientific merit of research.
- Susan Arnold has been named Librarian of the Year by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Medical Library Association. She is currently the Director of the WVU Health Sciences Library.
- The WVU Microgravity Team has been selected as one of the 24 teams across the country to participate with a research project at the Johnson Space Center in Houston next June. The 11 member student team will attend the program to develop and fly its own research experiment around

NASA's microgravity research aircraft. Congratulations to the students and advisor, Professor John Kuhlman, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

- Five students and two faculty members from the School of Dentistry visited McDowell County over the holidays to help elementary students learn about dental health. They visited seven schools in the southern part of the county and distributed dental packets.
4. Provost Wheatly said in addition to winning the Orange Bowl game, WVU has received a 30% increase in applications to WVU.

The Provost attended the Orange Bowl and was invited to Athletic Director Oliver Luck's "All American Reception." The WVU band performed very well. It was a great time.

The Provost reported on the following strategic goals:

- WVU students are no longer placed on probation; if they are having academic problems, they are encouraged to join PASS, "Preparing to Achieve Student Success." The Provost thanked Dr. Elizabeth Dooley, Associate Provost, for organizing the mid-year efforts to rescue and help students. There are approximately 1700 students on warning and approximately 1064 students that are suspended. New rules are in place for Financial Aid, so as students transition to the second semester, they will need to have a program of study in place before they can continue to receive Financial Aid. We are moving into an era of more accountability.
- There have been 1,248 degrees that have been certified as of the fall semester. Most of the audits were done on DegreeWorks, and there were rave reviews. Five thousand records have been scrubbed of D/F repeats as we move into a more automated system with record keeping and audit process for certification of degrees.
- Mark Six has been appointed as the interim Research Vice President.
- Sixty percent of faculty have synchronized their passwords in Master ID, Mix, Groupwise, etc.
- Carolyn Long has assumed the Executive Officer in Transition position for WVU-Tech. She has moved on the campus, making daily telephone calls, listening to students and working with faculty.
- A dean has been chosen for the Davis College and negotiations are taking place. Bob Jones presented the Provost with the executive report, and hopefully an agreement can be in place by the end of the week.
- Potomac State College has received approximately 30 applications for the provost position.
- No new news about the dean's search for HR&E yet, but the Provost will give a status update next month.
- Associate Provost C.B. Wilson reported that there are 51 applications for continued academic achievement, 87 applications for promotion and tenure and 12 applications under review for the Benedum Outstanding Scholar.
- The College of Engineering and Mineral Resources dedicated their fall magazine to the "new cool," which is about women in Engineering.
- The Provost will meet with some "wise women" tomorrow night to gear up for the Martin Luther King celebratory events coming up. Our day off should include celebrating diversity.

- The International Study Abroad Fair will be held January 25th; a lot of activity will take place since foreign delegations will be coming to the institution.
  - We are celebrating the Land-grant year, and we will be doing a lot with STEM outreach opportunities.
  - Discussions concerning how to best staff Goal 5 continue since David Miller's position was vacated. A Community Engagement and Outreach position will be available in the Provost's Office.
  - A successful grassroots function was held in December with 130 scouts; faculty, staff and students shared future plans.
  - As we start the new year, remember the Strategic Plan goals. Three round tables will be starting up under Goal 5, and one will be led by Bob Jones on economic development.
  - The Provost wished everyone a successful semester.
5. Chair Cottrell said everyone should have received a nomination ballot for senators and a volunteer blue sheet for committee service. Descriptions and definitions of the various committees are on the Faculty Senate webpage. The Chair encouraged senators to fill out the ballots and volunteer sheets.

The Chair and others are working with the Student Government Association to conduct focus groups related to faculty/student mentoring. The Chair appreciates all faculty who participated in the focus groups already. If anyone is interested in participating in future groups, it takes 45 minutes. Bridget Boyd is leading this effort, and she will give a presentation at a future Faculty Senate meeting.

We are looking at how the general education curriculum is being implemented and what its relationship is to the larger curriculum. How are people using it, and how is it being implemented. We would like to make a request and ask faculty leaders to clearly define how GEC courses contribute to their degrees. Ideas can be found on the web.

The Writing Course Committee, which was constructed through the Faculty Senate a few years ago to look at writing courses, has reconvened. Its purpose was to work with the current General Education Committee to clarify criteria.

Thank you to World Languages, Literatures and Linguistics for displaying their posters in the lobby today. There is a lot of work going on in the department in terms of research, service and teaching.

6. Jennifer Orlikoff, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval to amend a previous motion made by Professor Vester at the November 14, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting which was to postpone FDM 225, Introduction to Italian Culture, until the Faculty Senate can clarify its position whether the courses in the catalog should be taught, at least occasionally, by WVU faculty and offer some guidance about how the principle of disciplinary coherence should be reflected on the curriculum to the following motion:

“Add FDM 225 to Annex I for consideration of approval by the Faculty Senate. Its approval will not be contingent on the instructional expertise, which is to be separated from the approval of FDM 225 and sent to the Student Instruction Committee for consideration.” It was duly seconded. A hand count of 66 in favor, which is a 2/3 total vote. Motion carried.

Professor Vester moved to remove FDM 225 from the consent agenda listed in Annex I. It was duly seconded. A hand count was taken with 26 in favor of removing the course, 56 against removing the course and 12 abstentions. Motion failed. FDM 225 will remain on the consent agenda.

[Annex I](#), New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.

[Annex II](#), Capstone Request for Philosophy 480. Motion carried.

Professor Orlikoff moved for approval of catalog statement regarding credit hours for an undergraduate degree: A minimum of 120 hours is required for a WVU undergraduate degree. Some degree programs require additional hours (see specific requirements for each major in the catalog).

Chair Cottrell said the statement was reviewed by the Senate Executive Committee.

Discussion included that the “minimum” could become the standard. Professor Orlikoff said the HLC is reviewing all programs and asking for a minimum of hours, which does not include a ceiling. Nothing below 120 hrs would be accepted as an undergraduate degree.

A hand count was taken with 25 in favor of the statement, 56 against the statement and 4 abstentions. Motion failed.

[Annex III](#), The Alteration Report was submitted for information.

7. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

[Annex IV](#), GEC Actions. Motion carried.

Professor DiBartolomeo moved for approval of a Statement regarding the number of hours required for the GEC at WVU: Given potential changes in hours required for a degree, and increasing pressures on credit hours for undergraduates, the WVU Faculty Senate affirms its support for the GEC in its current form and in its current credit-counts, between 41-43 hours. Motion carried.

[Annex V](#), The GEC Audits were submitted for information.

8. No report from Roy Nutter, ACF representative.
9. Professor Griffith, BOG representative said the Board met in December. It confirmed the donations for “Bucks for Brains,” and it approved the honorary degree candidates.
10. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m. to reconvene Monday, February 13, 2012.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary