

MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Monday, February 13, 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.	Cottrell, S.	Johnston, A.	Perone, M.	Tower, L.
Ameri, S.	Cronin, A.	Kale, U.	Perry, J.	Tuninetti, A.
Anderson, J.	Curtis, R.	Kershner, R.	Polak, J.	Turton, R.
Anderson, K.	Davari, A.	Kirby, B.	Prudhomme, J.	Urbanski, J.
Atkins, C.	Davis, S.	Kite, S.	Reddy, R.	Vester, M.
Barreto, G.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Knight, J.	Reymond, R.	Vona-Davis, L.
Bastress, R.	Elmore, S.	Kromar, R.	Riemenschneider, S.	Watson, J.
Bilgesu, I.	Etzel, E.	Kuhlman, J.	Rockett, I.	Weihman, L.
Blake, L.	Finkel, M.	Lofaso, A.	Rose, T.	Wenger, S.
Bonner, D.	Fleming, S.	Mays, M.	Ruscello, D.	Whiteman, C.
Boone, D.	Fuller, E.	Miller, M.	Ryan, K.	Woloshuk, J.
Bowen, E.	Funk, A.	Munasinghe, R.	Schreurs, B.	Wood, A.
Brazaitis, M.	Harner, J.	Nichols, A.	Scott, H.	
Bredehoft, T.	Hartman, K.	Nutter, R.	Shelton, E.	
Campbell, L.	Hileman, S.	Oberhauser, A.	Sherwin, M.	
Carpenter, R.	Holmes, M.	Orlikoff, J.	Sperow, M.	
Cassels, A.	Hornsby, G.	Osborne, E.	Stout, P.	
Cohen, S.	Jackowitz, A.	Paul, S.	Stuchell, R.	

Members Absent:

Anfinson, J.	Dino, G.	Hogan, T.	Mucino, V.	Sundaram, M.
Banta, L.	Graber, S.	Mandich, M.	Nelson, C.	
Clarke, M.	Hazard, H.	Moritz, J.	Petty, T.	

Members Excused:

Britten, B.	Ernst, G.	Iskander, W.	Paternostro, M.	Veselicky, K.
Brooks, R.	Fint-Clark, B.	Jones, D.	Putman, H.	Zimmerman, P.
Bucklew, A.	Hashmi, M.	Kleist, V.	Schwartz, S.	
Chalupa, C.	Huber, J.	Kopriva, N.	Stack, S.	
Clark, B.	Huffman, V.	Miltenberger, M.	Tallaksen, R.	

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, January 9, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President Clements reported on the following issues:
 - More than 1,000 students have gone through the HSTA program; 97% of those students attend college, 94% graduate from college, and 92% stay and work in West Virginia.
 - Governor Tomblin declared February as HSTA Month.

- The “Mon Quest Project” is a program that has been a success through the West Virginia Water Research Institute at WVU. It has been deemed “the best” in terms of research, education and outreach projects in the nation. The Mon Quest Project is a nominee for the National Impact Award, which will take place tomorrow in Washington, D.C.
- The WVU Law Clinic celebrated 35 years of clinics that have provided direct service to the State. The Land Use and Sustainable Development Law Clinic has been added, and it will provide assistance to land owners and land trusts in county and municipal governments to protect local land and water. Students will give legal assistance in various areas, and the plan is to make it State-wide.
- The WVU Masters Business and Administration program has been recognized as one of the top on-line programs by *US News and World Report*. Rankings include: faculty credentials and training, teaching practices and student engagement, admission selectivity, and student services and technology.
- Professor Jim Dean, Director of Mining and Industrial Extension at WVU, was selected by the National Research Council Committee to study how to equip miners to escape from disaster before help arrives.
- A team of students have been selected to participate in the 2013 Solar Decathlon hosted by the United States Department of Energy. WVU is one of 20 teams selected world-wide to design, build, and operate the most affordable, attractive and energy-efficient solar power house that they could create. The team is creating a log cabin, and the project will be totally student-driven. Colleges involved include: the Benjamin Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, the College of Creative Arts, the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design, the Reed School of Journalism, as well as a branch of the University of Rome.
- The State set aside \$35 million dollars for the institution to get matches in selected areas. All of the money has been used and matched to include \$70 million dollars in endowments to support research and student fellowships. Hopefully, the State will give WVU another round of research money.
- The hospital expansion will include a ten story tower; it will add 700 - 800 jobs, and the capacity for patient care will be increased.
- The final touches to the Physics rooms in White Hall are spectacular and the new greenhouse at Evansdale is underway. A revitalization plan is taking place at the Evansdale Campus to include new buildings for the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design, the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, Student Health and Wellness, a new Engineering Research Facility, and a new connector building for the PRT.
- WVU Day will be held the 21st of February in Charleston, WV.
- The budget is stable; watching to make sure there are no decreases in funds.

- Some OPEB legislation has passed; implications look promising.
- Salary increases are a goal as we endeavor to make the University more competitive.
- George Esper, alumni from the Reed School of Journalism, passed away. The outpourings of tributes for him have been tremendous including condolences from the government of Vietnam and his students.
- Mark Brazaitis, Director, Creative Writing Program, won the Richard Sullivan prize for a collection of short stories.

4. Provost Wheatly reported on the following issues:

- The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) will be on campus 2013-2014; one of the Strategic Planning goals will be to bring the planning department into alignment with reaccreditation.
- Workshops have been held for the Council of Deans in the academic units. Everybody will be involved in the planning process because it involves student learning; input will be needed from all units. The HLC will hold a conference in Chicago sometime in April of this year.
- We are working with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to assess the learning outcomes for the General Education Program. We have been working with the HLC advisors to see how Potomac State and WVU-Tech will enter into the accreditation; they are part of WVU, but they will have different chapters dedicated to their particular goals and objectives. We are working with OIT to set up the electronic resource room so information can be made available to the representatives.
- The Mountaineer Success Academy will be overseen by Associate Provost Dooley. A number of supports will be set in place for students when they arrive on campus involving descriptive programming and placing students in sections where they can get the best resources and help. Students in the Academy will begin classes one week earlier, and 300 spots have been reserved. We are hopeful that this program will help to retain students.
- A Pre-Health Professions Advisement Center will be set up and it will be geared toward helping honors students and students with scholarships. Dr. Garbutt is restructuring the honors program to include a council of representatives from each of the colleges. Dr. Garbutt is searching for an associate dean for the Honors College.
- We are looking at new ways to fund undergraduate research for the summer months.
- The executive search at Potomac State is underway and doing very well with many qualified applicants.
- Carolyn Long, the Executive Officer for WVU-Tech, and her senior leadership team, visited the campus last week.

- The Provost met with the HR&E dean's search committee on Friday; a slate of finalists is forthcoming so interviewing can begin for the dean's position.
- We are working with Fred King and Narvel Weese to align the Research Office so we can address issues that have been raised by faculty to provide better customer focus and research support.
- A Council of Deans retreat will be held this month, and we will discuss disbursement of the remaining faculty lines. Innovative proposals have been requested, and each academic unit has been asked to identify parts of the University that are outstanding. More resources and lines are needed to grow to the next level.
- There is a lot going on with the diversity agenda. The advanced grant is up and running; it is changing the way we do business at the University.
- The Provost met with the fourth STEM department, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, which is ranked number 23. A diverse perspective is the issue standing between them and a higher ranking.
- As new lines are assigned, so is more accountability for gender-neutral searches; therefore, mentoring plans are being defined for young faculty members.
- Extraordinary presentations were given for Martin Luther King Day as well as a wonderful concert.
- A Women's Studies lecture will be held this evening.
- Every week, two or three engagements are held with international partners; this evening a gathering will be held to discuss engineering opportunities.
- We are working on structuring the administration to better achieve Strategic Goal 5 – State Engagement. Three round tables are working to gather intelligence about economic development, life-long learning, and health and quality of life. An executive search has been done by a “think tank.” We will be talking with the HSC and everybody in the senior leadership group about how to structure to do more with the same kinds of resources.
- We are still engaged with the Boy Scouts of America. We are entertaining a proposal from the group to generate a curriculum surrounding the Stem Cloud. We are looking at a piece of property to purchase in Beaver.

5. Chair Cottrell reported on the following issues:

The Mary Catherine Buswell award for outstanding service to WVU women is due February 24, 2012. If additional information is needed, contact Chair Cottrell.

Elaine Bowen, WVU Extension, distributed “Acts of Kindness” notices. The Extension office is overseeing a “wild wonderful wellness challenge,” and this week they are asking everyone to spread “acts of kindness.” More information is available on the WVU Extension webpage.

Professor Reagan Curtis, HR&E, displayed posters today concerning the Program Evaluation Research Center which opened in July.

The Faculty Senate approved a policy around 1999 concerning evening classes that states if students have a regularly scheduled evening examination for a day class that coincides with an evening class they are taking, students can receive a make-up exam for the evening examination. (March 10, 1999, Annex IV)

Exact wording from the March 10, 1999 minutes: *Students taking courses with regularly scheduled evening examinations cannot use the fact as basis for missing a regularly scheduled class that meets at the same time as the examination. Students taking courses with scheduled evening examinations shall have the right to make up these examinations if they miss an examination in order to attend a class that meets at the same time.*

6. Jennifer Orlikoff, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following Curriculum Committee reports and a revised credit hour statement:

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

[Annex II](#), New Strategic Communications Major Plan. Motion carried.

[Annex III](#), STCM 459 Capstone Request. Motion carried.

[Annex IV](#), The Alteration Report was submitted for approval.

Associate Provost Dooley said the Higher Education Act in 2008 was reauthorized. In 2010, the United States Department of Education decided that there should be statutory requirements. One of those requirements is credit hours. They stated that there is a commonly accepted minimum number of credit hours that are degree programs must be compliant with. HLC, our accrediting body, has been charged with monitoring whether or not WVU and other institutions are in compliance with this order. So we are getting ready to go through reaccreditation in 2013-14, and a team of people have been meeting to determine where the gaps are. One of the gaps is that we do not have a statement in the catalog to address the minimum number of credit hours. The Senate Curriculum Committee was asked to come up with a statement concerning the minimum number of credit hours needed.

Professor Orlikoff said the statement (listed below) will keep WVU in alignment with the HLC which states that a minimum of 120 credit hours needs to be completed in order to confer a BA degree. We need a statement in place to protect us so someone cannot come along with a program asking for fewer credit hours. An approval of the following statement will allow a policy to be put in place.

Professor Orlikoff moved for approval of the following catalog statement:

Bachelors degrees conferred by West Virginia University must require at least 120 credit hours. Most degree programs require additional hours (see specific requirements for each major in the catalog).

Motion carried with 2 not in favor and 5 abstentions.

7. Robert Davis, WVU Sophomore from Fairmont, WV, studying International Relations and Arabic spoke on what it means to be a veteran at WVU. Mr. Davis joined the Marines and served 13 months in Iraq and 12 months in Afghanistan. He was a Communications Specialist, and he earned the rank of Sergeant. Upon graduation, he hopes to have a career in Diplomatic Services. West Virginia has a high number of veterans per capita, and WVU has been recognized as one of the most veteran-friendly schools in the country for the past 3 years.

He said a WVU Adventure WV trip changed his life. He experienced high adrenaline activities, and he gained a valuable network of staff members, students and incoming veterans. Entering the University can be overwhelming for a veteran, but WVU has given service men and women the opportunity to enjoy others, work as a team, and accomplish a mission.

Mr. Davis was part of a public speaking class designed for veterans and taught by Professor Carolyn Atkins. He spoke at the Capital Classic luncheon last month in Charleston, WV.

8. Associate Provost C. B. Wilson discussed [Annex V](#), WVU Parental Work Assignment Recommendation: Phase II. He said Provost Wheatly has approved the recommendations.
9. Associate Provost C. B. Wilson discussed [Annex VI](#), Statement Added to Faculty Handbook. An addendum was added to the section in the catalog that refers to emeritus status. It also encourages faculty who are not in a tenure track position to have the opportunity to be awarded emeritus status as well. Associate Provost Wilson said they are using the protocol to add statements to the handbook once they have been established. He discussed the protocol with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
10. Roy Nutter, ACF representative, said last Friday was Higher Education Day. He discussed several Senate Bills and House Bills.
11. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, said the BOG will meet next week.
12. New Business

Ruth Kershner said that she looking for faculty volunteers. The Department of Community Medicine and student organizations are sponsoring a spring fashion show along with alcohol education. The show will take place March 6, 2012. Professor Kershner said she needs 3 judges. If anyone is interested, contact Professor Kershner.

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m. to reconvene Monday, March 12, 2012.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary