

Minutes

The West Virginia University Faculty Senate

Monday, March 12, 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.	Paternostro, M.	Stack, S.
Ameri, S.	Curtis, R.	Iskander, W.	Perone, M.	Stuchell, R.
Anderson, J.	Davis, S.	Jacknowitz, A.	Perry, J.	Tuninetti, A.
Anderson, K.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Johnston, A.	Petty, T.	Turton, R.
Afinson, J.	Dino, G.	Kale, U.	Polak, J.	Urbanski, J.
Atkins, C.	Elmore, S.	Kershner, R.	Prudhomme, J.	Veselicky, K.
Bastress, R.	Ernst, G.	Kirby, B.	Reddy, R.	Vona-Davis, L.
Bilgesu, I.	Finkel, M.	Kleist, V.	Reymond, R.	Watson, D.
Boone, D.	Fleming, S.	Knight, J.	Riemenschneider, S.	Weihman, L.
Bowen, E.	Fuller, E.	Kropiva, N.	Ruscello, D.	Wenger, S.
Brazaitis, M.	Graber, S.	Kuhlman, J.	Ryan, K.	Woloshuk, J.
Bucklew, A.	Harner, J.	Lofaso, A.	Schreurs, B.	Wood, A.
Campbell, L.	Hartman, K.	Mandich, M.	Schwartz, S.	
Carpenter, R.	Hileman, S.	Mays, M.	Scott, H.	
Cassels, A.	Holmes, M.	Mucino, V.	Shelton, E.	
Chalupa, C.	Hornsby, G.	Nutter, R.	Sherwin, M.	
Cohen, S.	Huber, J.	Orlikoff, J.	Sperow, M.	

Members Absent:

Banta, L.	Hazard, H.	Moritz, J.	Paul, S.	Tower, L.
Bonner, D.	Hogan, T.	Nelson, C.	Rose, T.	Whiteman, C.
Bredenhof, T.	Kromar, R.	Nichols, A.	Sundaram, M.	

Members Excused:

Barretto, G.	Cottrell, S.	Hashmi, M.	Munasinghe, R.	Stout, P.
Blake, L.	Davari, A.	Jones, D.	Oberhauser, A.	Tallaksen, R.
Britten, R.	Etzel, E.	Kite, S.	Osborne, E.	Vester, M.
Brooks, R.	Fint-Clark, B.	Miller, M.	Putman, H.	Watson, J.
Clark, B.	Funk, A.	Miltenberger, M.	Rockett, I.	Zimmerman, P.

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, February 13, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President Clements reported on the following issues:
 - Matching research money that was available to the institution from the State has been used up. Over two years ago \$1.5 million dollars was set aside for the Research Trust Fund; it was matched by the State to make it \$3 million dollars. The institution has raised a total of \$35 million dollars, so the matching from the State will make it \$70 million.

The money goes into an endowment for research. Donors have pledged 7 - 8 million dollars, and we are hopeful that the State will match it.

- Fall enrollment numbers look good, but it is too early to predict the exact count. This past Friday, the President talked with a few high-achieving students from around the country. These students could pick any university to attend, but they are serious about choosing WVU.
- Enrollment is not just about receiving applications; it is about retaining our current students as well. The President is pleased with the new initiatives coming out of Academic Affairs that are related to student retention. Congratulations to Provost Wheatly and Associate Provost Dooley who worked on the Mountaineer Success Academy; it will be part of the overall blueprint for success.
- The MD- MBA program was recently announced between the College of Business and Economics and the School of Medicine. The collaboration will allow medical students to learn about revenue streams, cost management, and human aspects of business.
- The WVU College of Law was named one of the top 50 colleges in the country by the *National Law Journal*. WVU ranked number 33, which is above other really good schools.
- The WVU Health Care Clinic was designated as a MDA -ALS Center by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This is the first time that a West Virginia Clinic has received this designation. We are now one of the 40 centers across the country staffed by multi-disciplinary teams who provide specialized care for patients with muscular dystrophy and ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).
- The Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center joined one of the largest clinical trials in the country. The Cancer Center was accepted as a member of the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology, which is a newly formed cancer cooperative formed by the National Cancer Institute.
- Dr. David Graham, Computer Science, earned a National Science Foundation CAREER award for his work on wireless sensors.
- Professor Chris Bise, Mining Engineering, earned the 2012 Erskine Ramsey Metal from the Society of Mining and Exploration. The award is given for distinguished leadership and achievement as an engineer, consultant, educator, administrator and researcher.
- Students from the P. I. Reed School of Journalism earned recognition for their work on WVU News. The student-produced news cast recently received three international AVA awards, a gold award and two platinum awards. The students were recognized at the thirty-third annual Telly Awards and received several bronze awards. The Telly Awards honor the best film and video productions, ground-breaking on-line video content, and outstanding television commercials and programs.
- The College of Creative Arts is launching new ways for students to launch their careers. Students in Theatre and Dance will present the MFA showcase in New York City on March 27, 2012. The location, space booking, selection of material, marketing, invitations and all other aspects of the production will be handled by students.

- This past weekend, the WVU Chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars welcomed 50 fifth grade students from local schools to the March “To College Day” event. Students were able to experience life at WVU and the importance of earning a college degree. Heather Adams, WVU pharmacy major, organized the day. Parents were able to see special presentations by the Mountaineer Parent’s Club, the Office of Admissions, Undergraduate Student Recruitment and Financial Aid.
- The 2012 WV State High School Speech and Debate Tournament was held on campus this past week-end.
- A team of five high school students worked with WVU faculty for the National Radio Astronomy Observation in Green Bank, WV where a new pulsar was discovered. This is the fifth pulsar that was discovered by high school students. Jessica Pal from Kentucky was one of the students who made the discovery.
- The Legislative session was completed this weekend. It will now hold the budget conference.
- The Smoking Policy will be posted soon. If anyone has comments, they can post them and the BOG will read them.
- The Capital Campaign needs donations. The President will be spending some time asking for support. A lot of emphasis will be placed on fundraising this year.

4. Associate Provost Nigel Clark reported on the following issues:

- As a land-grant and flagship university, WVU supplies many of the educational and outreach opportunities within the State. We should invest and grow some of those strengths to get areas of national recognition.
- The Provost’s Office is considering the details of an associate provost position for engagement and outreach. This position was announced in the State of the University Address given by President Clements.
- Two candidates have been interviewed for the dean of Human Resources and Education. The Provost’s Office will decide between the candidates.
- Sr. Associate Provost Dean is leading the Potomac State dean search; airport interviews will be held for seven candidates.
- WVU will have an accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in 2013-14; the last visit was in 2004. Five criteria will include: mission, ethics, teaching and education, evaluation, and resources. Associate Provost Dooley is the institutional liaison for the criteria and Dr. Elizabeth Hamilton is the self-study coordinator. Sue Day-Perroots, Dean of Extended Learning, will assist in the criteria as well.

5. Chair Cottrell reported on the following issues:

- Student Government representatives, Keith Wiseman and Taj Rohr, will be working on faculty/student initiatives.
- The Senate Executive Committee will meet on Monday March 19th ; it was moved up one week because of spring break.

- April Johnston, Reed School of Journalism, displayed posters and discussed various issues about the School.
 - Sue Day-Perroots, Dean of Extended Learning, is the contact person for an initiative called “quality matters.” This is an international training program for on-line courses. Several faculty are enrolled in this module to learn how to review on-line courses.
 - Faculty, staff and student input is needed for the IT Strategic Planning as it moves forward. The kick off for the program was held today. Focus group sessions will be scheduled.
 - There have been 620 responses received for the GEC assessment. Four of the Big 12 institutions will implement the same survey. The survey will close Wednesday.
 - The Chair introduced two candidates for Faculty Senate Chair-elect – Lisa DiBartolomeo and Joseph Prudhomme. The Chair asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations were given; therefore, the nominations were closed. The two candidates will present a statement to the Faculty Senate on April 9th, and the election will take place immediately following.
6. Toni Christian, Director of Benefits Administration in Human Resources, distributed a handout concerning PEIA health insurance changes. WVU has 7,000 benefit-eligible employees, of which 6,000 have health insurance. From the 6,000 health-insured employees, approximately 5,000 have PEIA. Toni said the changes to PEIA will take effect July 1, 2012. She encouraged faculty to attend the WVU EmployeeFest that will be held at the Erickson Alumni on Thursday, April 12, 2012 because representatives will be available to discuss questions and/or concerns. The handout can be found on the Human Resources website.
7. Jennifer Orlikoff, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee moved for approval of the following reports:
- [Annex I](#), New Courses and Course Changes. HONR 220 was pulled for possible overlap. Motion carried.
- [Annex II](#), MTEC/PATH 475 Capstones. Motion carried.
- [Annex III](#), FCLT 488 Capstone. Motion carried.
- [Annex IV](#), Changes in Marketing Major. Motion carried.
- [Annex V](#), Name Changes for Center for Women’s Studies. Motion carried.
- [Annex VI](#), Proposal for a New Major in Latin American Studies. Motion carried.
- [Annex VII](#), Dance Renumbering for CCA. Motion carried.
- [Annex VIII](#), The Alteration Report was submitted for information.
8. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair, General Education Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
- [Annex IX](#), GEC Actions. Motion carried.
- [Annex X](#), The GEC Audits were submitted for information.
9. Associate Provost Dooley said in November, the HLC will require new regulations about meaning of a credit hour. Because of financial aid, the HLC will make sure that students receive what they are paying for. One credit hour means one face-to-face hour of instruction with two

hours of activity outside the classroom. If there is a three credit hour course where the student is in class for two hours and 50 minutes then there is an expectation of six additional hours of out-of-class work. She said variable credits are causing a dilemma. There may be a course that is listed for 3-9 credit hours for one week of time, but it may be an impossibility to get all these hours in within the week.

Other areas of concern may be with on-line classes, independent study, study abroad, experiential learning, etc. As we begin to look at credit hours in different contexts, it will mean different things.

Chair Cottrell recommended a subcommittee be put in place to look at the various concepts. When the institutional report for the HLC is completed, we will provide them the definition of a credit hour. The HLC will come on board and apply their protocol to make sure WVU is in compliance with the report. Chair Cottrell asked for faculty volunteers to work on this subcommittee, especially faculty who teach some of the non-traditional courses. The task of the subcommittee will be to identify guidelines.

10. Roy Nutter, ACF representative, said the Legislature completed its work this past Saturday. He said 16 Bills from the House made it through the Senate and 6 Bills did not make it through. The Legislature will go into extra session to discuss the budget.
11. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, reported on the following issues:
 - The BOG visited the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences. It toured the new basketball practice facility, which was built with private donations. A dinner was held Saturday night, and the President said the facility will contribute to student recruitment.
 - Representatives from the WVU Student Government gave a report describing the activities they are presently doing in conjunction with faculty.
 - A new BOG member, Mr. David Alvarez, a business man from Bridgeport, WV was sworn in on Friday.
 - A report was given by Oliver Luck, Athletic Director. Revenues increased by \$500,000 for the Athletic Department from the combination of beer, pretzels and hot dog sales. Misbehaviors were down.
 - Narvel Weese reported that investment returns are up.
 - Carolyn Long instituted more intramural programs for WVU-Tech including the swimming team. She is listening to the needs of the students by eating lunch in the cafeteria several times a week.
 - The BOG will hold a meeting at WVU-Tech this Thursday.
 - The BOG approved 3 million dollars to renovate WVU-Tech's "Old Main" building.

- Seven million dollars was approved for new animal quarters at the HSC because it has been substandard for years. If it is not updated, the NIH (National Institutes of Health) will withdraw its funding.
- The BOG approved bonds for the Evansdale construction.
- Additional funds were approved for the Evansdale Greenhouse.
- The purchase of 1.4 acres was approved for the Athletic Department. The property is located by the Shoney's Restaurant in Morgantown.
- Funds were approved for the "pit" parking lot, which is near the Mountaineer Station. Improvements will include repaving and rearrangement of parking spaces.

12. New Business

Stan Cohen recognized Chair Cottrell for her service that exceeded beyond the call of duty for the competition she entered, "Dancing with the Mountaineer Stars."

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, April 9, 2012.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary