Minutes The West Virginia University Faculty Senate Monday, October 8, 2012

1. Michael Mays, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A&B, NRCCE.

Members Present:				
Abraham, R.	Connors, J.	Johnston, A.	Orlikoff, J.	Sperow, M.
Anderson, J.	Cronin, A.	Kale, U.	Paternostro, M.	Stack, S.
Anderson, K.	Curtis, R.	Kershner, R.	Peace, G.	Stolzenberg, A.
Atkins, C.	Elmore, S.	Kirby, B.	Perna, N.	Tallaksen, T.
Baldwin, C.	Etzel, E.	Kite, S.	Perone, M.	Tower, L.
Barretto, G.	Famouri, P.	Knight, J.	Petronis, J.	Tuninetti, A.
Bastress, R.	Ferrara, L.	Kopriva, N.	Petty, T.	Turton, R.
Bergner, G.	Finkel, M.	Kromar, R.	Prudhomme, J.	Valenti, M.
Blake, L.	Fuller, E.	Kuhlman, J.	Reddy, R.	Veselicky, K.
Boone, D.	Graves, C.	Lieving, G.	Reymond, R.	Vona-Davis, L.
Bowen, E.	Griffith, R.	Livengood, R.	Rose, T.	Watson, J.
Brazaitis, M.	Harner, J.	Lofoso, A.	Ruscello, D.	Weihman, L.
Brooks, R.	Harris, T.	Mandich, M.	Ryan, K.	Wenger, S.
Bryner, R.	Hartley, D.	Matak, K.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Wilcox, G.
Campbell, L.	Hileman, S.	Meckstroth, R.	Schreurs, B.	Wood, A.
Cassels, A.	Hostuttler, L.	Merrifield, J.	Shelton, E.	Yang, H.
Cohen, S.	Iskander, W.	Nichols, A.	Sherwin, M.	
Members Excused:				
Ameri, S.	Fint-Clark, B.	Lastinger, V.	Osborne, E.	Sherlock, L.
Bilgesu, I.	Huber, J.	Miltenberger, M.	Polak, J.	Watson, D.
Britten, R.	Huffman, V.	Nutter, R.	Putman, H.	Woloshuk, J.
Clark, B.	Kleist, V.	Oberhauser, A.	Rockett, I.	
Members Absent:				
Abate, M.	Dino, G.	Hashmi, M.	Miller, M.	Whiteman, C.
Anfinson, J.	Fisher, M.	Holmes, M.	Moritz, J.	winteman, c.
Brock, R.	Funk, A.	Hornsby, G.	Musasinghe, R.	
Davis, S.	Graber, S.	Lorimer, D.	Nelson, C.	
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Cottrell, L.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Lee, P.	Mays, M.	

- 2. Chair Mays moved and it was duly seconded to approve the minutes from the Monday, September 10, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.
- 3. Provost Wheatly asked for questions:
 - Steve Kite commented that, with respect to vandalism following ball games, City Council recently discussed changing the time at which alcohol can be served from 2:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. The Provost indicated that she cannot address licensing and liquor laws, but she is very concerned with the behavior we have seen.

- Mitch Finkel suggested that there is a need to involve the University community in establishing a new, positive tradition. He also indicated that he does not believe the poor behavior of certain individuals is representative of the student body as a whole.
- Linda Davis commented that the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, asks students to sign a Code of Civility. Engaging in confrontational behavior is grounds for expulsion.
- Joseph Prudhomme proposed opening the stadium for away games, projecting the game on the big screen, and having a concert or other activity on the field afterwards.
- 4. Chair Mays reported on the following issues:
 - He drafted a letter to the governor concerning proposed budget cuts.
 - There is a trip being planned to Potomac State for Friday, October 26, 2012. He hopes some of the Senate committee chairs and other representatives of the university will visit the campus, talk to some of the constituencies there, and make it clear that we are all part of the same team.
 - The assembly rooms of the NRCCE will be converted to classroom and lab space, so the Senate needs to find another place to meet. The best option seems to be the Erickson Alumni Center. Further information will be provided as it develops.
- 5. Dennis Ruscello, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. <u>Motion carried</u>. Annex II, Monthly Alterations Report, was submitted for information.

6. Lisa Weihman, on behalf of the General Education Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex III, GEC Actions. <u>Motion carried</u>.

Annex IV, GEC Audits, was submitted for information.

- 7. Robert Griffith, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies, moved to recommend that the School of Public Health be recognized as a constituency. <u>Motion</u> carried.
- 8. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, reported that the BOG:
 - Met with the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design.
 - Heard a presentation by the staff representative to the board. The staff salary schedule mandated by the state has been fully funded, but that schedule was established in 2001 and has not changed.
 - Approved a \$15 million improvement program for upgrading the PRT system. Through the 2016-17 fiscal year, there will be a \$10 per semester increase in the student transportation fee.
 - Approved a student housing master plan to renovate housing and provide additional housing to accommodate 25 percent of our full-time students in University housing. Several pieces of property have been acquired.
 - Formally established the School of Public Health.

- Approved a large expansion of the weight room at the Pushkar Center, funded through private donations.
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, November 12, 2012.

Mary Strife Faculty Secretary