

Minutes  
The West Virginia University Faculty Senate  
Monday, February 11, 2013

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

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Connors, J.	Huffman, V.	Miltenberger, M.	Scott, H.
Abraham, R.	Cottrell, L.	Iskander, W.	Moritz, J.	Sperow, M.
Ameri, S.	Cronin, A.	Johnston, A.	Munasinghe, R.	Stack, S.
Anderson, J.	Curtis, R.	Kale, U.	Nichols, A.	Stolzenberg, A.
Anderson, K.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Kershner, R.	Nutter, R.	Tallaksen, R.
Atkins, C.	Elmore, S.	Kirby, B.	Osborne, E.	Turton, R.
Baldwin, C.	Etzel, E.	Kite, S.	Peace, G.	Valenti, M.
Barretto, G.	Ferrara, L.	Knight, J.	Perna, N.	Veselicky, K.
Bastress, R.	Finkel, M.	Kopriva, N.	Perone, M.	Vona-Davis, L.
Bilgesu, I.	Fint-Clark, B.	Kromar, R.	Polak, J.	Weihman, L.
Blake, L.	Funk, A.	Kuhlman, J.	Prudhomme, J.	Wenger, S.
Boone, D.	Graber, S.	Lofaso, A.	Putman, H.	Woloshuk, J.
Bowen, E.	Griffith, R.	Mandich, M.	Reddy, R.	Wood, A.
Brazaitis, M.	Harner, J.	Matak, K.	Rockett, I.	Yang, H.
Brock, R.	Harris, T.	Mays, M.	Ruscello, D.	
Bryner, R.	Hartley, D.	Meckstroth, R.	Ryan, K.	
Cassels, A.	Hileman, S.	Merrifield, J.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	
Cohen, S.	Hostuttler, L.	Miller, M.	Schreurs, B.	

Members Excused:

Britten, R.	Graves, C.	Orlikoff, J.	Rose, T.	Watson, J.
Brooks, R.	Kleist, V.	Paternostro, M.	Sherlock, L.	
Campbell, L.	Lastinger, V.	Petronis, J.	Sherwin, M.	
Davis, S.	Lorimer, D.	Petty, T.	Tuninetti, A.	
Famouri, P.	Oberhauser, A.	Reymond, R.	Watson, D.	

Members Absent:

Anfinson, J.	Fisher, M.	Holmes, M.	Lieving, G.	Tower, L.
Bergner, G.	Fuller, E.	Hornsby, G.	Livengood, R.	Whiteman, C.
Carpenter, C.	Hashmi, M.	Huber, J.	Nelson, C.	Wilcox, G.
Dino, G.				

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

Cottrell, L.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Lee, P.	Mays, M.
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2. Chair Mays moved for approval of the [minutes](#) from the Monday, January 14, 2013 meeting.  
Motion carried.
3. President Clements reported on the following issues:
  - One of his highest priorities at the moment is to raise private funds. We have crossed the \$600 million mark towards our \$750 million goal. We will make a major gift announcement tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

- Our bond ratings were reaffirmed by Moody's and Standard and Poor's.
- He provided an enrollment update. Freshman applications are down about 3%; admits are down less than 1%. We are making gains in higher-end students. Graduate applications are up nearly 8% from last year; admits are up 15%.
- Earlier today, we signed a new partnership with the Ohio State University based around research on shale gas utilization.
- Last month we signed an MOU with the U.S. Defense Information School to train military personnel from all branches to serve as communications specialists. He congratulated the School of Journalism for leading this partnership.
- A Benedum Foundation grant will allow 265 first year students in the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, and Pharmacy to participate in health screenings of themselves and then work on a health improvement plan to address at least one issue. This will provide students a first-hand experience as they work with counseling patients about changing behavior relative to preventive health care.
- The Department of Communication Studies launched our first larger-scale MOOC in social media topics.
- He thanked the panel from the CEHS that put together the forum related to the Sandy Hook tragedy.
- He congratulated Dr. Lisa DiBartolomeo on being named the Armand E. and Mary W. Singer Professor in the Humanities.
- Three of our online programs were ranked by U.S. News & World Report: nursing (21), education (26), and business (29).
- 2011 Family Day at the WVU Farm was honored with an award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The event won a silver award in the category of community relations programs, projects, and special events. The event is coordinated by the Office of University Events, the Davis College and the WVU Extension Service.
- Every student in our School of Medicine passed the United States Medical Licensing Exam on their first try. The exam is taken between years two and three.
- For the 12<sup>th</sup> time in 13 years, a team of students from WVU will be participating in the NASA Reduced Gravity Education Flight Program at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. We are one of 14 teams selected nationally. Dr. John Kuhlman is the advisor.
- Two of our graduate students won top honors for their research during an international poultry conference held in Atlanta. One student won the paper award in the Metabolism and Nutrition Section, and the other won the poster award in the Metabolism and Nutrition Section. Both are graduate students in nutritional and food science in the Davis College.
- The Carruth Center for Psychological and Psychiatric Services earned accreditation by the International Association of Counseling Services. WVU is only one of 192 universities in the world to receive that accreditation.

- The legislative session gets under way on Wednesday. He will be present for the governor's State of the State Address. The governor will introduce the budget; we are probably looking at a budget cut.
  - He congratulated students, faculty, and others who worked on the production of "Carmen" for a magnificent performance.
4. Senior Associate Provost Russ Dean reported on the following issues:
- The search committee is almost in place for the Associate Provost for Engagement and Outreach. Elizabeth Dooley will chair the committee. Nigel Clark is working on finalizing committee membership.
  - The Dean of Libraries search is underway. The search committee meets on Monday to review applications and determine the next steps.
  - Reviews are scheduled this spring for two deans: Joyce McConnell from the College of Law and Dana Brooks from the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences. The review committees should begin their work within the next 2-3 weeks.
  - He introduced John Campbell, new Chief Information Officer.
5. Chair Mays reported on the following issues:
- He thanked Karen Anderson for coordinating a presentation from the Department of Psychology prior to today's meeting.
  - He met with John Campbell, Vice President for Research Fred King, and Mitch Finkel, Chair of the Senate Research and Scholarship Committee. Fred King will address the Senate next month.
  - He met with Nichelle Perkins, Deputy Diversity Officer for Equity, as well several other faculty members and members of the university council. Lisa DiBartolomeo organized the meeting in connection with today's agenda item regarding the proposed inclusivity statement.
  - There was an informal meeting with the chair and chair-elect of the Committee on Committees concerning plans for committee assignments for next year. One idea is to have a preliminary session before the June meeting to give new Senators an overview of committee roles.
6. Dennis Ruscello, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
- [Annex I](#), New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
  - [Annex II](#), Curriculum Change for the Forest Resources Management Program. Motion carried.
  - [Annex III](#), Capstone Course for WMAN 450. Motion carried.
  - [Annex IV](#), Monthly Alterations Report, was submitted for information.
7. April Johnstone, Chair, Student Instruction Committee, moved for approval of the following:
- [Annex V](#), Guidelines for Absences Due to Military Service Requirement. Motion carried.

8. Lisa DiBartolomeo moved for approval of the following:

[Annex VI](#), Inclusivity Statement.

An amendment was moved and seconded to add to the statement giving contact information for students who would like to understand how the policy is being implemented by the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Amendment carried.

Motion carried as amended.

9. Dean Sue Day-Perroots provided a presentation on Massive Open Online Courses. Her PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the Faculty Senate web site.

10. Roy Nutter, ACF representative, reported that:

- He attended the ACF meeting on January 31, 2013, as well as the CCTC and HEPC meetings.
- Talks are ongoing with respect to merging Kanawha Valley CTC and Bridgemont CTC.
- There is discussion, especially in the 2-year schools, of charging per-credit hour tuition rates.
- There appears to be a push from the legislature for outcomes-based funding, which targets the number of graduates.
- The Higher Learning Commission is rescinding the final 30 hours mandate for 4-year institutions.
- Moody's Report on Higher Education was a recurring topic of discussion.

11. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, reported that:

- The Board of Governors will meet in Morgantown on February 21-22, 2013. The meeting will begin with a luncheon and tour of the School of Medicine.
- With respect to third tier rights, the Media Rights Analysis Panel was unanimous in its opinion that IMG College provided WVU with the best promised guaranteed financial returns, and in accordance with its fiduciary responsibility, approved entering into the contract with IMG.

12. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, March 11, 2013.

Mary Strife  
Faculty Secretary