

Minutes
West Virginia University Faculty Senate
Monday, September 9, 2013

1. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in the Grand Hall, Museum Education Center.

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Curtis, R.	Holmes, M.	Meckstroth, R.	Salm, A.
Ameri, S.	Dick, G.	Hornsby, G.	Merrifield, J.	Schreurs, B.
Anderson, J.	Eschen, E.	Hostuttler, L.	Miltenberger, M.	Scott, H.
Anderson, K.	Famouri, P.	Insch, G.	Montgomery-Downs, H.	Sperow, M.
Atkins, C.	Ferrara, L.	Jackowitz, A.	Mucino, V.	Srivastava, A.
Baldwin, C.	Finkel, M.	Johnstone, R.	Munasinghe, R.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bastress, R.	Funk, A.	Kale, U.	Nutter, R.	Tower, L.
Bergner, G.	Garrett, V.	Kershner, R.	Orlikoff, J.	Tveter, K.
Bilgesu, I.	Giacobbi, P.	Kite, S.	Peace, G.	Utzman, R.
Billings, H.	Gilleland, D.	Kleist, V.	Perna, N.	Valenti, M.
Bonner, D.	Graber, S.	Kopriva, N.	Petty, T.	Vester, M.
Boone, D.	Graves, C.	Kuhlman, J.	Polak, J.	Vona-Davis, L.
Brazaitis, M.	Griffith, R.	Lively, M.	Proudfoot, C.	Walter, S.
Britten, R.	Haines, K.	Lofaso, A.	Prudhomme, J.	Waterson, R.
Bryner, R.	Harner, J.	Mandich, M.	Reddy, R.	Weihman, L.
Burnside, J.	Harris, T.	Matak, K.	Reymond, R.	Wenger, S.
Campbell, L.	Hartley, D.	Maynor, L.	Riedel, B.	Wilcox, G.
Connors, J.	Hartnett, H.	Mays, M.	Ruscello, D.	Woloshuk, J.
Cottrell, L.	Hileman, S.	McTeer, M.	Ryan, K.	Yang, H.
Cronin, A.				

Members Excused:

Barretto, G.	Hutson, Z.	Knight, J.	Petronis, J.	Sherlock, L.
Brooks, R.	Johnston, A.	Paternostro, M.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Watson, J.
Hitt, L.				

Members Absent:

Bowen, E.	Elmore, S.	Jaczynski, J.	Lorimer, D.	Regier, M.
Cassels, A.	Fisher, M.	Kromar, R.	Miller, M.	Watson, D.
Cohen, S.	Fuller, E.	Lastinger, V.	Oberhauser, A.	Whiteman, C.

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

DiBartolomeo, L.	Lee, P.	Mays, M.	Orlikoff, J.
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2. Chair DiBartolomeo moved for approval of the [minutes](#) from the Monday, June 10, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President James Clements reported the following:
- We are about 90 percent of the way to our capital campaign goal with about 2.5 years to go. The money we raise is used to support students, faculty, quality academics, health care, facilities, and other programs and services.
 - We are dealing with a budget cut of about 9 percent, or \$13.5 million, for the immediate fiscal year. Tuition increased, but not above the level planned for in the 5-year budget cycle.

The salary increase package was put on hold. At the same time, we are dealing with uncertainty regarding the budget for the next fiscal year. We have been asked to prepare for another 9 percent cut. We are trying to make our case that compared to our peers, we are underfunded and that the money spent is a great investment for the state.

- The new University College officially launched over the summer. He thanked Dr. Elizabeth Dooley for her leadership.
- The Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion recently held an open house at their new offices.
- Sharon Martin will join the University in early October as the new Vice President for University Relations.
- Earl Scime has been named the Interim Associate Vice President for Research, replacing Mridul Gautum. He will start on a part-time basis, and will be full-time beginning in January.
- We will soon launch searches for the Chancellor for Health Sciences and for the Vice President of Student Affairs.
- The Office of Student Conduct has reported a reduction in incidents from 320 in the first week of 2009 to 143 in the first week of 2013.
- He applauded the Student Government Association for reaching out to faculty to help spread their message about students staying safe and avoiding risky behaviors.
- The offices of Risk Management, Human Resources, and Environmental Health and Safety have been tracking employee accident data over the last several years and identifying ways to improve work place safety. At the same time, they have been looking at alternatives in terms of insurance. The new policy with BrickStreet that went into effect July 1 will save us about \$600,000 per year.
- We are the first university in the United States to use vacant broadcast TV channels to provide the campus and nearby areas with wireless broadband Internet services.
- A team of WVU students placed second in NASA's annual Lunabotics Mining Competition at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- Our six-student delegation brought back five awards from the European International Model United Nation's Conference. Franklin Roberts, a sophomore political science major, earned an award for best delegate in the North Atlantic Council representing Greece.
- Wesley Davis has been selected as a 2013-14 Agriculture Future of America Campus Ambassador.
- The August 7 cover of *The Journal of Neuroscience* features an animated video from a study co-authored by researchers from WVU and the University of California-San Diego and led by George Spirou, director of the WVU Center for Neuroscience.
- Aldo Romero, associate professor of physics, was published in the July 26 issue of *Science* for his research aimed at discovering how rust and decay occur and finding new ways to prevent it.
- WVU is ranked 27th out of 284 national universities by *Washington Monthly* for recruiting and graduating low-income students. We are ranked 50th for service staff, courses and financial aid support, 56th for community service participation and hours served, and 43rd for our ROTC program.
- The National Association for Sport and Physical Education gave the WVU physical education teacher education undergraduate major one of 13 national recognitions. Earning nationally recognized designation is the "gold star" in terms of their accreditation.

- WVU Healthcare expanded their telepsychiatry services to 27 clinics in 12 rural West Virginia counties to provide more mental health treatment to adults, adolescents, and children.
- The West Virginia University Libraries' contribution to the National Digital Newspaper Program went on-line at the Chronicling America website. Thirty-nine years, or nearly 12,000 issues, of the Wheeling newspaper is now available.
- The HSTA program celebrated its 20th summer camp. Over 2000 high school students have been inspired to pursue science, math, and healthcare careers. Ninety-two percent of HSTA students go on to graduate from college.
- *Kiplinger* placed Morgantown 7th among the "10 Great Places to Live" for job and income growth, healthcare, cultural and outdoor activities, and proximity to major cities.

4. Provost Michele Wheatly reported the following:

- The HLC reaccreditation site visit will take place April 7-9, 2014.
- The University College welcomed 5600 students this fall. We are trying to put in place the supports students need for early success.
- The academic profile of entering students has improved as follows: the high school GPA has increased from 3.37 to 3.42, the ACT has increased from 23.35 to 23.41, the SAT has increased from 1044 to 1046. The number of IR1 and IR2 students has increased, and the number of IR5 students has decreased.
- The Vice Presidents have been engaged in a planning exercise for a 10 percent budget cut. We may need to realign or reallocate \$18-30 million.

5. Chair DiBartolomeo reported the following:

- If anyone is interested in providing a display or presentation in the lobby prior to Senate meetings, please let her or Judy Hamilton know.
- Last spring, Mike Mays instituted Senate 101 to orient newly-elected Senators to expectations, responsibilities, and opportunities for participation. She, Mike Mays, Alan Stolzenberg, Lesley Cottrell, and Patricia Lee participated in the session.
- During the summer, she participated in several discussions and meetings concerning PEIA.
- She and Roy Nutter attended the ACF retreat at the end of July at Blackwater Falls resort.
- Throughout the summer, she met several times with the new Student Government Association administration. She is impressed with the goals that President Ryan Campione and Vice President Ben Seebaugh have set forth for their administration.
- To foster better coordination between the catalog and the curriculum process, Senate leadership, in consultation with the Office of University Registrar, has established the following deadlines. Changes to appear in the course catalog must be approved by the May Senate meeting. Curricular changes must be approved by the March Senate meeting to be effective in summer or fall semesters, while the October Senate meeting will be the deadline for any spring semester changes. In addition, as of October 1 the Faculty Senate Office will no longer accept paper submissions for course proposals, changes, or audits.
- She and Bob Griffith attended the HEPC Board of Governors Summit.
- She attended the Provost's new faculty orientation and encouraged Faculty Senate service.
- She attended the state fair in Lewisburg and enjoyed learning about the work Extension Service does throughout the state.

- In preparation for the HLC visit, she encourages Senators to learn as much as possible about fast facts, the General Education Curriculum, and various programs we offer. It is very likely that faculty members will be asked questions by the site team.
 - She, Roy Nutter, and Bob Griffith will be traveling to Sutton, West Virginia on October 18 to meet with their counterparts at Marshall University to discuss mutual concerns.
 - She, Roy Nutter, Bob Griffith, SGA representatives, and staff council representations will meet with our colleagues at Potomac State on November 1st.
6. Nick Perna, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
- [Annex I](#), New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
- [Annex II](#), 2012-13 Committee Report and 2013-14 Goals. Accepted.
- A motion was made and duly seconded to take the following annex (Annex III) from the table. Motion carried.
- [Annex III](#), BS in Energy and Environmental Management. Motion carried.
7. Lisa Weihman, Chair, General Education Committee, moved for approval of the following report:
- [Annex IV](#), GEC Actions. Motion carried.
8. Robert Griffith, Chair, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies moved to reauthorize the following committees: Curriculum Committee, Faculty Welfare Committee, GEC Oversight Committee, Library Committee, Research Integrity Committee, Research and Scholarship Committee, Service Committee, Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee, Student Instruction Committee, Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee, and the Committee on Retired Faculty. Motion carried.
9. Leslie Tower, Chair-Elect, Faculty Welfare Committee invited faculty members to complete the WVU 2013 Faculty Climate Survey, which is a follow-up to the 2009 survey. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FacultyClimateSurveyWVU2013>.
10. John Campbell, Associate Provost for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, provided an update on the Office of Information Technology.
11. Michael Mays, Past Chair, provided an update regarding PEIA:
- A personal letter and fact sheet prepared by the Faculty Welfare Committee was sent out to each state senator and delegate explaining our position regarding PEIA.
 - A follow-up luncheon was held with legislators from Marion, Monongalia, Preston, and Wetzel counties. In attendance were Toni Christian, Margie Phillips, and members of the Faculty Welfare Committee. Toni Christian provided a presentation which included a slide showing an estimated \$20 million difference between what WVU contributes to PEIA in premiums versus what we receive in benefits. The legislators advised that, if necessary, we go forward with a lawsuit demanding PEIA provide aggregate claims data.
 - In hopes of finding an amicable solution, Barbara Fleischauer offered to put a meeting together with Josh Sword of the PEIA Finance Board and Executive Director Ted Cheatham.

- A group from WVU also attended the ACF annual retreat to discuss the PEIA issue, which may end up providing a broader base of support.

12. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported the following:

- He attended the ACF retreat in July. Chancellors and HEPC budget officers were present to speak about budget cuts. Margie Phillips and Mike Mays discussed PEIA.
- Senate Bill 330, passed in 2011, continues to be a major topic of discussion. The bill required that a vice chancellor for human resources be hired by HEPC. Mark Toor, the person currently in that position, is implementing the requirement that a consulting firm conduct a survey of classified, non-classified, and faculty pay salaries. The results of the survey will affect how we hire faculty and how pay raises are implemented.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve [Annex V](#), West Virginia Advisory Council of Faculty 2013-2014 Issues “Creating a Continuum of Learning.” Motion carried.

13. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, presented [Annex VI](#), State of West Virginia’s Budget Forecast, for information. The report was prepared for the HEPC Board of Governors Summit by state budget director Mike McKown.

14. Alan Stolzenberg, Faculty Secretary, reported that he has been exploring implementing electronic balloting for Faculty Senate elections, which is permitted by provisions included in the last revision to the Faculty Constitution. He is looking into Votenet, which Staff Council has used to successfully run their elections. The Student Government has also used Votenet, but set it up in such a way that they had some problems authenticating identities. There is a second product already licensed by the University that he is also exploring. In the meantime, the Executive Committee has authorized establishment of a task group to plan how to approach paperless balloting and to increase transparency. He asked Senators to send him any questions or comments regarding the election process.

15. New Business

Nigel Clark invited Senators to visit the solar decathlon house, which is being built by students from five different colleges. The house will be transported to California to compete with designs by twelve other institutions.

Rhonda Reymond recognized Joyce Ice, Director of the Art Museum of West Virginia University. Dr. Ice invited Senators to attend the September 10 groundbreaking for the new art museum. The new building will have a CTEC classroom, exhibit galleries, research space for the art collection, and a climate-controlled storage area. She encouraged faculty to make an appointment to see the art collection in storage and to talk with museum staff about how they might help instructors use the collection to enhance and enrich their courses.

16. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 7, 2013

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator