

Minutes  
West Virginia University Faculty Senate  
Monday, January 13, 2014

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

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Cronin, A.	Hostuttler, L.	Mucino, V.	Sherlock, L.
Ameri, S.	Elmore, S.	Hutson, Z.	Nutter, R.	Sperow, M.
Anderson, J.	Eschen, E.	Johnston, A.	Oberhauser, A.	Srivastava, A.
Anderson, K.	Ferrara, L.	Johnstone, R.	Orlikoff, J.	Stolzenberg, A.
Atkins, C.	Finkel, M.	Kale, U.	Peace, G.	Tower, L.
Barretto, G.	Funk, A.	Kershner, R.	Perna, N.	Utzman, R.
Bastress, R.	Giacobbi, P.	Kite, S.	Petronis, J.	Valenti, M.
Bergner, G.	Gilleland, D.	Kleist, V.	Petty, T.	Vester, M.
Bilgesu, I.	Graber, S.	Kopriva, N.	Polak, J.	Vona-Davis, L.
Billings, H.	Griffith, R.	Lofaso, A.	Proudfoot, C.	Walter, S.
Bonner, D.	Haines, K.	Mandich, M.	Reddy, R.	Waterson, R.
Boone, D.	Harner, J.	Matak, K.	Regier, M.	Watson, J.
Bowen, E.	Harris, T.	Mays, M.	Reymond, R.	Weihman, L.
Brazaitis, M.	Hartnett, H.	McTeer, M.	Riedel, B.	Wenger, S.
Bryner, R.	Hileman, S.	Meckstroth, R.	Ruscello, D.	Wilcox, G.
Campbell, L.	Hitt, L.	Merrifield, J.	Ryan, K.	Woloshuk, J.
Connors, J.	Holmes, M.	Miltenberger, M.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Yang, H.
Cottrell, L.	Hornsby, G.	Montgomery-Downs, H.	Schreurs, B.	

Members Excused:

Baldwin, C.	Cassels, A.	Garrett, V.	Jaczynski, J.	Prudhomme, J.
Britten, R.	Cohen, S.	Graves, C.	Kromar, R.	Salm, A.
Brooks, R.	Dick, G.	Insch, G.	Munasinghe, R.	Scott, H.
Burnside, J.	Famouri, P.	Jackowitz, A.	Paternostro, M.	

Members Absent:

Brock, R.	Fuller, E.	Kuhlman, J.	Lorimer, D.	Watson, D.
Curtis, R.	Hartley, D.	Lastinger, V.	Maynor, L.	Whiteman, C.
Fisher, M.	Knight, J.	Lively, M.	Tveter, K.	

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, December 9, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
- WVU has changed greatly in the time between his two periods as president – in enrollment, facilities, and level of scholarship among others. However, WVU has not lost its fundamental character or its devotion to the 1.8 million citizens of West Virginia.
  - WVU faces enormous challenges and opportunities brought about by the federal budget deficit, student debt, the recession, and budget reductions. The future of this state and its

economy depends upon the University. The University must find ways to focus on and advance our core businesses despite the financial challenges facing us.

- We cannot afford to have a barrier between faculty, administration, staff, or students.
  - WVU should develop partnerships with institutions around the world because “the world comes to West Virginia through WVU and West Virginia goes out to the world through WVU.”
4. Provost Michele Wheatly spoke more to inspire than to report. She urged faculty to develop BHAGs (big hairy audacious goals) rather than simply get bogged down in the “tyranny of the urgent” everyday tasks. A BHAG that resulted in the establishment of the University College has led to increased retention. About 91% of students who first enrolled in the fall semester have returned. The future advancement of WVU will require us to do extraordinary things. We will not get there with the status quo. We will need to stop doing things that are not mission critical and realign the budget to support our critical missions.
5. Chair DiBartolomeo reported the following:
- Patricia Lee has accepted a position with another university. An email will be sent out soliciting volunteers for Senate parliamentarian.
  - She extended her sympathies to families, friends, colleagues, students, alumni, and others in the affected areas along the Elk River.
  - She encouraged Senators who signed up for committees to attend their committee meetings. If you are unable to complete your service, please consider asking to have your seat reassigned.
  - HEPC is not satisfied with the report submitted by Fox Lawson and Associates. That report has not yet been made public.
  - The fall break survey will be going out shortly. Please take the time to respond.
  - Matt Valenti, Bob Griffith, and Carolyn Atkins will be serving as faculty representatives to the presidential search committee.
  - According to Toni Christian, Director of Employee Benefits, efforts are being made to speed up the reimbursement time for travel forms.
6. Nick Perna, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
- [Annex I](#), New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried after HONR 213, HONR 414, and HONR 415 were pulled from the report.
- [Annex II](#), Changes to the BS in Computer Science at WVU-Tech. Motion carried.
- [Annex III](#), Monthly Alterations Report. Accepted.
7. Lisa Weihman, Chair, General Education Committee, presented the following:
- [Annex IV](#), GEC Actions. Motion carried.
- [Annex V](#), GEC Audits. Accepted.
8. Steve Bonanno, Interim Director, and Ann Bailey Berry, Associate Director, provided an update on WVU Extension Service. They introduced Gypsy Denzine, Associate Provost for Community Engagement and Outreach.

9. Glenn Dillon, WVCTSI Interim Director and Vice President for Health Sciences Research & Graduate Education, provided an overview of the West Virginia Clinical Translational Science Institute. Additional information is available at [www.wvctsi.org](http://www.wvctsi.org).
10. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported the following:
  - The SB330 letters sent out by faculty and staff were noticed by legislators and have had an impact.
  - The Fox Lawson report has been submitted to HEPC. Most of it is being set aside, although the classified staff portion may be used in some form.
  - He is serving on Common Ground, a group formed by HEPC's Associate Chancellor for Human Resources, Mark Toor. The group includes staff, faculty, and human resources representatives. They are reviewing multiple procedural and legislative rules.
11. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported that the presidential search committee will meet January 17, 2014 to sign a confidentiality agreement.
12. New Business

Ruth Kershner expressed concern that eCampus was unavailable until the first day of class. Notes, information, and syllabi need to be available earlier.

Heather Billings reported that she is aware of two separate courses having had issues with the grading scales available on STAR. For some students, the A-F scale was available for a course that should have only been pass/fail. Dr. DiBartolomeo will follow up with the Office of the University Registrar.
13. The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 10, 2014.

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Office Administrator