Minutes
West Virginia University Faculty Senate
Monday, June 9, 2014

1. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m. in Ruby Grand Hall, Erickson Alumni Center.

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Eschen, E.	Hileman, S.	Maynor, L.	Salm, A.
Ameri, S.	Ferrara, L.	Holmes, M.	Mays, M.	Scott, H.
Anderson, J.	Finkel, M.	Insch, G.	Montgomery-Downs, H.	Sherlock, L.
Atkins, C.	Fuller, E.	Jacknowitz, A.	Munasinghe, R.	Sperow, M.
Bastress, R.	Funk, A.	Johnston, A.	Nutter, R.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bilgesu, I.	Garrett, V.	Johnstone, R.	Perna, N.	Utzman, R.
Billings, H.	Gilleland, D.	Kite, S.	Proudfoot, C.	Vester, M.
Bonner, D.	Griffith, R.	Kleist, V.	Reymond, R.	Walter, S.
Boone, D.	Haines, K.	Knight, J.	Riedel, B.	Watson, J.
Bowen, E.	Harner, J.	Kopriva, N.	Ruscello, D.	Weihman, L.
Campbell, L.	Harris, T.	Kromar, R.	Ryan, K.	Woloshuk, J.
Curtis, R.	Hartley, D.	Lofaso, A.		

Members Excused:

Baldwin, C.	Graves, C.	Kershner, R.	Mucino, V.	Srivastava, A.
Brazaitis, M.	Hartnett, H.	Matak, K.	Oberhauser, A.	Valenti, M.
Brooks, R.	Hostuttler, L.	McTeer, M.	Orlikoff, J.	Vona-Davis, L.
Cohen, S.	Hutson, Z.	Meckstroth, R.	Peace, G.	Waterson, R.
Elmore, S.	Jaczynski, J.	Merrifield, J.	Petty, T.	Wenger, S.
Famouri, P.	Kale, U.	Miltenberger, M.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Wilcox, G.
Giacobbi, P.				

Members Absent:

Anderson, K.	Cassels, A.	Kuhlman, J.	Prudhomme, J.	Tippets, W.
Barretto, G.	Connors, J.	Lively, M.	Reddy, R.	Tower, L.
Bergner, G.	Cottrell, L.	Lorimer, D.	Regier, M.	Tveter, K.
Britten, R.	Cronin, A.	Mandich, M.	Rishel, C.	Watson, D.
Brock, R.	Graber, S.	Paternostro, M.	Sadler, J.	Whiteman, C.
Bryner, R.	Hitt, L.	Petronis, J.	Schreurs, B.	Yang, H.
Burnside, J.	Hornsby, G.	Polak, J.		

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

DiBartolomeo, L.	Nutter, R.	Stolzenberg, A.

2. Chair DiBartolomeo moved for approval of the minutes from the Monday, May 12, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:

- He met with education leaders from around the state. The meeting focused on K-12 education. Support for public education is critical as the number of graduates become more limited and the quality of our institution continues to rise.
- He will finish his 55 county tour by August 15.

- Two former presidents, Gene Budig and Peter Magrath, attended the Board of Governors meeting. They provided important outside perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing the University.
- The BOG announced a tuition increase of 8% for in-state and 4% for out-of-state students. We must think much more carefully about how we deal with our financial issues in ways that do not cause us to look towards increases in tuition. In addition to political concerns, other schools are finding that they have reached the point where tuition raises decrease yields.
- Our alumni and foundation boards met this weekend. They continue to be very generous and engaged with the University
- We have met our $750 million State of Minds campaign goal. We are asking the Foundation to extend the campaign and increase the goal.
- He has asked Russ Dean and a small group of colleagues to focus on the quality of the undergraduate experience. We need to make sure we have a strategy to increase incoming class sizes to about 5500 students. Our goal should be to achieve a total enrollment of about 40,000 students within the next 4 to 5 years, assuming we can manage the infrastructure and can dramatically increase the number of applications for admission while maintaining high admissions standards.
- He has asked Narvel Weese to review and reduce our bureaucratic encumbrances.
- We are orienting our freshman students. We will have an entering class of about 5000. They will be qualitatively the best class in the history of the University.
- He thanked Lisa DiBartolomeo for reaching out to him and for her candid assessment of the challenges and opportunities facing the institution. He acknowledged her work in reforming the GEC.
- He recognized Bob Griffith for his capable service to the Board of Governors.

4. Senior Associate Provost Russ Dean thanked the faculty on behalf of the Provost's office for all of their hard work and support this past year.

5. Chair DiBartolomeo reported the following:

- She thanked Senators for their patience with the lengthy May agenda and apologized for our being hurried out of the room.
- She recognized the remarkable achievements of General Ken Gray, who has served with honor and distinction for 17 years. He touched the lives of thousands of students.
- She acknowledged Margie Phillips, Vice President for Human Resources, for spearheading the effort to disseminate information to the University community regarding Senate Bill 330. Her leadership brought faculty, classified staff, non-classified staff, students, and administration together to address challenges posed by the legislation.
- She thanked Carolyn Atkins, Matt Valenti, and Bob Griffith for serving as faculty representatives to the presidential search committee. Virginia Kleist led the effort of the Faculty Senate to choose those representatives.
- The forums between faculty leadership at WVU and their counterparts at Marshall University mark the beginning of a crucial dialogue to address the challenges facing higher education in West Virginia.
- She thanked everyone who participated in the HLC visit, most notably Provost Wheatley, Associate Provost Elizabeth Dooley, and Elizabeth Hamilton.

- She recognized 100 years of Extension, and encouraged anyone who is interested in collaborating with 4-H or Extension to contact Chad Proudfoot.
- She thanked Lesley Cottrell, Lisa Weihman, and Nick Perna for their work in implementing the Course Inventory Management system.
- She thanked OIT and the Faculty Senate Office staff for implementing an electronic balloting system.
- She acknowledged Toni Christian, Director of Employee Benefits, for her tireless efforts towards achieving reforms to PEIA on behalf of WVU.

6. Chair DiBartolomeo reported that Robert Griffith was re-elected to serve as the representative on the WVU governing board. His term will run from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

7. Chair DiBartolomeo reported that the following Senators were elected to serve on the 2014-15 Faculty Senate Executive Committee:

   Carolyn Atkins, CEHS
   Robert Bastress, Law
   Elaine Bowen, Extension
   Lesley Cottrell, Medicine
   Sandra Elmore, WVU-Tech
   Virginia Kleist, B&E
   Nicholas Perna, CCA

8. Nick Perna, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

   Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
   Annex II, Course Changes. Motion carried.
   Annex III, Changes to the Information Systems Curriculum for WVU-Tech. Motion carried.
   Annex IV, BS Degree Program and Major in Energy Land Management. Motion carried.
   Annex V, BFA in Musical Theatre. Motion carried.
   Annex VI, Alterations Report. Accepted.

9. Lisa Weihman, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

   Annex VII, GEC Actions. Motion carried.
   Annex VIII, GEC Audits. Accepted.
   Annex VIIIA, 2013-14 Committee Report and 2014-15 Goals. Accepted.

10. Sam Ameri, Chair, Faculty Welfare Committee, submitted the following report for acceptance:

    Annex IX, 2013-14 Committee Report and 2014-15 Goals. Accepted.

11. Rebecca Kromar, Chair, Library Committee, submitted the following report for acceptance:

    Annex X, 2013-14 Committee Report and 2014-15 Goals. Accepted.

12. Mark Sperow, Chair, Research and Scholarship Committee, submitted the following report for acceptance:

Annex XI, 2013-14 Committee Report and 2014-15 Goals. Accepted.

13. Art Jacknowitz, on behalf of the Committee of Retired Faculty, submitted the following report for acceptance:

    Annex XII, 2013-14 Committee Report and 2014-15 Goals. Accepted.

14. Randy Bryner, Chair, Service Committee, submitted the following report for acceptance:

    Annex XIII, 2013-14 Committee Report and 2014-15 Goals. Accepted.

15. Jim Harner, Chair, Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee, submitted the following report for acceptance:

    Annex XIV, 2013-14 Committee Report and 2014-15 Goals. Accepted.

16. Deborah Boone, Chair, Student Instruction Committee, submitted the following report for acceptance:

    Annex XV, 2013-14 Committee Report and 2014-15 Goals. Accepted.

17. Deborah Boone, Chair, Student Rights and Responsibilities, submitted the following report for acceptance:

    Annex XVI, 2013-14 Committee Report and 2014-15 Goals. Accepted.

18. Robert Griffith, Chair, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies, submitted the following report for acceptance:

    Annex XVII, 2013-14 Committee Report and 2014-15 Goals. Accepted.

19. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported that the legislature is currently busy with re-elections and that the annual request for information required by SB 330 has been delayed for further study. ACF will hold its annual meeting in mid-July.

20. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, reported that:

    - The 8% tuition increase for resident undergraduates equals $252 per semester, and the 4% increase for non-resident undergraduates equals $396 per semester.
    - The BOG approved the state-mandated across-the-board raise of $507 per year.

21. Faculty Secretary Alan Stolzenberg presented Chair DiBartolomeo with a plaque recognizing her service. He commended her courageous leadership style and her ability to build coalitions, all while maintaining a sense of humor and civility.

22. New Business

    Jim Harner, Chair, Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee, moved for approval of the following:

"The SEI Committee recommends the Senate approve the new SEI instrument and Interpretive Guide for trial use in the 2014-15 academic year. The new SEI will be refined and coded in the Fall 2014 term and will be piloted in the Spring 2015 term on a voluntary basis. Based on statistical analyses and user feedback, the results of the pilot will be submitted to the Senate as part of the TAC annual report. If the feedback is positive, the TAC may recommend that the new SEI be used as the standard SEI instrument beginning in the Fall 2015 term."

An amendment was made and duly seconded to add a sentence at the end of the motion that states: "There will be an option of using both new and old SEIs within the same section." The amendment carried. The amended motion was approved.

23. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, September 8, 2014.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator