

MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
MAY 8, 2006

1. Professor Michael Lastinger, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

Member Present:

Abbott, J.	Etzel, E.	Kite, S.	Nath, C.	Sedgeman, J.
Ameri, S.	Garbutt, K.	Kleist, V.	Nelson, C.	Selin, S.
Atkins, C.	Gerbo, R.	Kuhlman, J.	Olson, K.	Stockdale, T.
Bergner, G.	Gladwin, M.	LaGodna, B.	Outterson, K.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bilgesu, I.	Griffith, R.	Lastinger, M.	Panaccione, D.	Tauger, M.
Bowen, E.	Held, J.	Latimer, M.	Peace, G.	Walker, E.
Brooks, R.	Hill, R.	Long, K.	Perry, J.	Weihman, L.
Brown, G.	Hoey, J.	Mandich, M.	Petronis, J.	Wilcox, G.
Bryner, R.	Hornak, L.	Mays, M.	Price, S.	Wilkinson, C.
Burton, J.	Howard, S.	McCutcheon, T.	Putman, H.	Woloshuk, J.
Campbell, L.	Jackowitz, A.	McDiarmid, M.	Riemenschneider, S.	
Clark, N.	Janson, D.	Mullett, C.	Riley, W.	
Cohen, S.	Johnson, D.	Mutz, C.	Royall, B.	
D'Souza, G.	Kershner, R.	Napolitano, M.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	

Members Absent:

Almond, C.	Dedhia, H.	Iskander, W.	Ogershok, P.	Ullrich, I.
Behling, R.	Dillis, C.	Jackson, K.	Richards, A.	Valentine, S.
Branch, D.	Dixon, S.	Lively, M.	Robbins, J.	Verlinden, S.
Brown, P.	Douglas, W.	Mancinelli, C.	Rosen, C.	Voelker, J.
Bryan, W.	Elmore, S.	McNerney, K.	Ruscello, D.	Wison, R.
Canfield, P.	Graeber, J.	Miller, M.	Sexstone, A.	Wright, F.
Cook, L.	Grose, K.	Morgan, D.	Shambaugh, N.	Yeater, R.
Cottrell, L.	Harris, B.	Myers, T.	Steranka, P.	
Culberson, J.	Hornsby, G.	Nuss, M.	Temple, J.	
Cumming, J.	Hurst, M.	Nutter, R.	Townsend, C.	

2. Provost Lang thanked all the senators for their commitment to the Faculty Senate this past year, and he discussed the following issues:
- The year started with the strategic planning process and will end with the discussion of pandemic influenzas, and how the University will prepare. A working grouping will be on campus May 10, 2006 to discuss the University's response to the pandemic initiatives. A group will be formed to include approximately 100 faculty, staff, students, administrators and others from the community; this was in response to a request from the state that businesses, including the University, prepare for a pandemic.
 - Eleven functional groups have been set up, which includes dealing with on-campus as well as off-campus students, international students, employees, how to deal with food service, operations, academics, communication structure, public safety, and farm and extension workers. The group will report back to the campus early fall and provide details of the plans that the institution is undertaking.

- A report concerning the strategic planning activities for this year can be reviewed on the web including a third task force on career placement and student advising that was implemented. The planning committee will report back to the campus in the fall.
 - Legislative session was held, and a significant decision was made concerning WVU-Tech and whether it would become independent, remain a regional campus or become a fully integrated division. It was decided to make WVU-Tech a fully integrated division of WVU effective July 1, 2007.
 - A major gift was given by Dow to the University that will support a research initiative in the Charleston area.
 - This year, for the first time in the last 3 or 4 years, there has not been a budget cut from the State and money has been provided for an annual increment for faculty.
 - The BOG approved a 7-1/2% increase for student tuition and fees for the new fiscal year.
 - Assuming enrollment remains strong, all faculty, staff, and regional campuses will receive a pay increase; the increase will begin on October 1, 2006.
 - Faculty are asked to attend the May 14, 2006 graduation ceremony this weekend. It is an important weekend for families and students to celebrate their successes.
3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.
 4. Chair Lastinger said a report was attached to the agenda concerning the Advisory Council of Faculty. He said working with the ACF was a big part of the year's activities, and it was a pleasure to work with them.
 5. The Executive Committee nominated Kevin Outterson, College of Law, as a candidate for the Faculty Senate Chair-elect. The floor was open for additional nominations; hearing none, the nominations were closed. By a vote of acclamation, it was moved and duly seconded to approve Professor Outterson as the Faculty Senate Chair-elect for 2006-2007. Motion carried.
 6. The following committee reports were approved:

Curriculum Committee Reports

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes
Annex II, Animal & Veterinary Sciences Curriculum Revisions
Annex III, Modifications of BSCE Curriculum
Annex IV, New Dual Degree Curriculum in Geology and Mining Engineering
Annex V, Alteration Report

General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee Reports

Annex VI, Course Recommendations
Annex VII, Annual Report 2006 and Goals 2007

Faculty Welfare Committee Report

Annex VIII, Committee Recommendations

Student Instruction Committee Reports

Annex IX, Annual Report 2005-2006

Annex X, Committee Goals 2006-2007

Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee Reports

Annex XI, Annual Report 2005-2006

Annex XII, Committee Goals 2006-2007

Professor Kershner said the committee will be working this summer to diligently prepare some education specific to the academic policy to make it easier for people to facilitate.

Library Committee

Annex XIII, Annual Report 2005-2006 and Committee Goals 2006-2007

7. Professor Famouri chaired a Joint Rules Ad hoc Committee, which included Mike Mays, Larry Hornak, Vivian Hamilton and Roy Nutter. The group was charged to look at the rules and regulations for the Faculty Senate to make sure they were in compliance with the state code. Parliamentarian Vivian Hamilton discussed the report that was submitted by the Ad hoc Committee, and she said the Faculty Senate had approved a motion that made the faculty senate chair the Advisory Council of Faculty representative for one year, but since the state code requires a representative to serve for a two-year term, the Faculty Senate is not in compliance with the code. She said the Ad hoc Committee recommended that the Senate Executive Committee nominate a representative that is willing to serve a two-year term as the ACF representative.

Professor Famouri said Roy Nutter has agreed to serve as the ACF representative; he will serve for one year and then in April, 2007, he will be re-elected because the state code says the candidate should be elected in an odd numbered year.

Professor Famouri moved that Roy Nutter, CEMR, be elected to serve as the ACF representative, it was duly seconded. Motion carried. Chair Lastinger said serving as the ACF representative this year was one of the most interesting activities that he engaged in as well as serving on the BOG and chairing the Faculty Senate; he congratulated Professor Nutter and wished him the best as he moves forward to represent the interests of the Faculty Senate and moves forward at the level of the state.

8. The results of the 2006 Faculty Senate election were submitted for information.

9. New Business

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary, reported that the electronic voting had a few glitches this year, but she said next year should have a better response if the process can be publicized better and the voting can be started earlier.

Chair Lastinger will be out of the country in June; therefore, he passed on the “ceremonial” parking permit to chair-elect Parviz Famouri.

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, June 12, 2006.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary