



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, March 10, 2025 – 3:15 P.M.  
 Location: WVU College of Law, Zoom

Faculty Senate Chair Diana Davis called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Dahle, G.	Hedrick, J.	Moser, J.	Tarabishy, A.
Abraham, J.	Davis, D.	Hood, C.	Murphy, E.	Taylor, G.
Adkins, B.	Deci, S.	Horstick, E.	Nolan, K.	Terry, D.
Ameri, S.	Demarco, F.	Johnson, D.	O'Quinn, J.	Thomay, A.
Ballard, D.	Descoteaux, J.	Jones, J.	Ostrowski, A.	Totzkay, D.
Bardes, J.	Dilcher, B.	Jones, M.	Palmer, A.	Unger, K.
Beall, A.	Dumitrescu, C.	Kelly, C.	Peck, A.	Utzman, R.
Best, K.	Elliott, E.	Kidd, K.	Pena-Yewtukhiw, E.	Valenti, M.
Bhandari, R.	Elswick, D.	Lastinger, A.	Phillips, B.	Vance, B.
Bilgesu, I.	Fidelman, E.	Leary, B.	Phillips, B.	Velichkovski, D.
Bonasso, P.	Field, J.	Leight, M.	Phillips, T.	Wartella, J.
Bresock, K.	Fleming, S.	Li, H.	Powell, B.	Watson, K.
Brewster, D.	Floyd, K.	Liller, B.	Prinzo, L.	Wayne, S.
Bryner, R.	Fonseca, C.	Lituma, C.	Rakipi, R.	Weatherford, L.
Burnside, J.	Fullen, M.	Livengood, H.	Scally, J.	Weislogel, A.
Chapman, K.	Graves, C.	Lucci, S.	Siekmeier, J.	Williams, D.
Chisholm, S.	Greenfield, J.	Martin, E.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Woloshuk, J.
Collignon, S.	Gross, J.	M'Bayo, T.	Soccorsi, A.	Woodberry, K.
Cook, A.	Gross, J.	McCloskey, J.	Sowards, A.	Zeni, T.
Corcoran, K.	Hairston, P.	McCluskey, C.	Staniscia, S.	
Costello, L.	Hamrick, A.	McWilliams, S.	Stueckle, J.	
Cottrell, L.	Hanif, A.	Milans, K.	Sundararajan, V.	
Crichlow, S.	Hatipoglu, K.	Miller, C.	Tack, F.	

Members Excused:

Nix, A.	Vester, M.	Galvez Peralta, M.
Reece, J.	Ruseski, J.	Kim, D.

Members Absent:

Barghouthi, N.	Coy, A.	Hambrick, G.	Olgers, F.	Thayer, J.
Bergeron, J.	Dadyburjor, D.	Kerr, P.	Olson, D.	Walker, J.
Bianco, C.	Dietz, P.	Labus, A.	Panta, Y.	Witsberger, S.
Bogdansky, K.	Dimachkie, Z.	Leary, M.	Pyles, L.	
Carducci, H.	Dionne, C.	Murray, A.	Sizemore, J.	
Celikbas, E.	Giacobbi, P.	Nguyen, J.	Sokos, G.	

1. The [Minutes](#) of the February 10, 2024, Faculty Senate meeting were approved without corrections.

**2. Report from Faculty Senate Chair (Diana Davis)**

a. Senate election updates:

- 1) Davis announced that nominations for chair-elect would be accepted until March 21, with a vote scheduled to follow the April Senate meeting.
- 2) Faculty interested in running for the Representative to State Government or Faculty Secretary roles must submit a letter of interest to Corey Hunt by April 14.
- 3) Faculty Senator nominees have two weeks to confirm or decline, with elections to follow.
- b. President Michael Benson plans to address the Faculty Senate at the April meeting.
- c. HB 3279, which removes voting rights for faculty, staff, and student representatives on the Board of Governors, has been introduced in the WV House of Delegates. Davis noted that Senate leadership has been actively responding to the legislation and expressed concern over the potential impact on shared governance at WVU.

3. The **consent agenda** was approved as presented by unanimous vote.

Curriculum Committee

- For Approval – New Program Report – [Annex I](#)
- For Approval – Program Change Report – [Annex II](#)
- For Approval – New Course Report – [Annex III](#)
- For Approval – Course Change Report – [Annex IV](#)

General Education Foundations Committee

- For Approval – GEF Actions – [Annex V](#)

#### 4. Standing Reports

- i. **Curriculum Committee Report (Darko Velichkovski)**
  - a. Reviewed 10 programs and 49 course proposals, including 30 new course proposals and 19 course change proposals. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 13.
- ii. **General Education Foundations Committee Report (Cody Hood)**
  - For Information – Honors Faculty Fellow Courses – [Annex VI](#)
  - a. Hood noted the for-information attachment which provides information on Honors College Faculty Fellow courses.
- iii. **Teaching and Assessment Committee Report (Sheri Chisholm)**
  - a. Proposed additions and changes to the Student Perception of Teaching (SPoT) instrument are being finalized and will be delivered at the April meeting.
  - b. Chisholm noted that a Qualtrics survey is active for recommended updates.
- iv. **Committee on Committees Report (Ilkin Bilgesu)**
  - For Information – Committee Composition Report – [Annex VII](#)
  - a. Bilgesu noted that the committee survey will be opening within the week, with work on committee rosters beginning in April.
- v. **Report from Faculty Representative to State Government (Eloise Elliott)**
  - a. Elliott provided extensive updates on WV legislation:
    - 1) HB 3279: Focused efforts to gather talking points and engage legislators.
    - 2) SB 474 (Governor’s DEI Bill): Highlighted exceptions granted to WVU, such as protections for research, mental health services, and compliance with federal law.
    - 3) PEIA Bills (HB 2965 and 2968): currently monitoring efforts to address privatization concerns.
  - a. Elliott emphasized the importance of faculty engagement and advocacy.

**vi. Board of Governors Report (Lesley Cottrell)**

- a. Updates from February Board meeting:
    - 1) Positive outcomes include renewal of WVU's R1 status and updates on self-study for Higher Learning Commission.
    - 2) The requirement that all travel go through travel agencies has been removed.
    - 3) WVU Day of Giving scheduled for March 26.
    - 4) Faculty voices commended for influencing decision-making and strengthening shared governance.
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**5. Guest Reports****i. Report from Associate Provost Lou Slimak – Updates on HLC Self-Study, Blackboard Ultra [Presentation Slides - PDF](#)**

- a. HLC Self-Study
  - 1) 15 submissions were received during the public comment period, several of which provided great assistance.
  - 2) Board endorsed the self-study at the February meeting.
  - 3) HLC team scheduled to visit campus on March 31 and April 1.
  - 4) The review team will meet with a variety of constituent groups, each for about 30 minutes.
  - 5) Student survey responses were very similar to the same survey administered in 2018. Roughly 200 written responses received, closely split between positive and negative, with academic advising being the largest point of focus.
- b. eCampus Ultra
  - 1) Summer 2025 is the last term with eCampus Original as the default version. Fall 2025 and onward will use Ultra by default.
  - 2) Faculty are encouraged to request development shells from ITS to gain familiarity.
  - 3) There will be a process to request remaining in Original for Fall 2025 via ITS form. Request and rationale will be reviewed by ITS and the Office of the Provost.
    - i. The deadline for this request is June 20, 2025.
  - 4) eCampus Original will be retired on March 23, 2026.
  - 5) Additional resources link in the attached presentation.

**ii. Report from Interim Provost Paul Kreider**

- a. Expressed optimism about incoming WVU President Michael Benson, who is engaged, approachable, and committed to shared governance.
- b. Dean Pedro Mago successfully completed his five-year review and has been reappointed. Kreider praised Mago for leadership, faculty recruitment, and response during COVID-19.
- c. Statler Mine Rescue Team won its third consecutive international championship.
- d. Benedum Distinguished Scholar event will feature presentations from distinguished WVU scholars on a range of research topics, and will be live-streamed.
- e. Faculty Recognition: Two WVU faculty members, J.T. Hird (WVU Tech) and Christopher Ramezan (Chambers), are finalists for the 2024 Professor of the Year award. Additionally, several academic advisers received accolades from NACADA for their contributions to student success.
- f. Day of Giving scheduled for March 26. The event has raised over \$96 million since 2017.

- g. Upcoming Teaching and Learning Center Workshop sessions feature student success strategies and teaching scholarship.
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## 6. Senate Business and Announcements

- i. **For Information – University Promotion and Tenure Advisory Board Appointments – [Annex VIII](#)**
  - ii. **For Approval – Resolution on Academic Freedom, Inclusion, and Advocacy – [Annex IX](#)**
    - a. J. Greenfield motioned to adopt the resolution.
      - i. D. Brewster motioned to amend by inserting the words “sexual orientation” in line two of paragraph six, between ethnicity and gender. Motion carried by voice vote.
      - ii. Main motion carried by show of hands.
  - iii. **Proposed Revisions to Faculty Evaluation, Promotion, and Tenure Guidelines – [Annex X](#)**
    - a. Davis provided a recent history of the revision process, the details of which are available on a new [Faculty Senate webpage](#) dedicated to the proposed guidelines. The webpage provides links to “clean” and “track changes” versions of the document.
    - b. The guidelines were presented as an announcement, with Davis directing Senators to gather feedback from constituents so that document may be discussed and considered at the April Faculty Senate meeting.
  - iv. **New Business**
    - a. Daniel Brewster noted that the university’s non-discrimination policy is up for review with the Board of Governors and noted concerning changes that appeared on the WVU website that are potentially related to pending Board action.
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## 7. Adjournment

- a. Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is April 7, 2025.

Minutes recorded by:  
Corey Hunt  
Faculty Senate Office Administrator

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