

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, January 28, 2013

1. Chair Michael Mays called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	Curtis, R.	Mays, M.	Ruscello, D.
Bilgesu, I.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Nutter, R.	Strife, M.
Clements, J.	Griffith, R.	Orlikoff, J.	Turton, R.
Cottrell, L.	Kleist, V.	Prudhomme, J.	Wheatly, M.

Members Absent:

Butcher, F.	Elmore, S.
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Guests:

Campbell, J.	Dooley, E.	Lang, A. (DP)	McCarthy, J.
Clark, N.	Karraker, K.	Lastinger, M.	Wilson, C. B.

2. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President Clements reported that:
  - He has spent a lot of time trying to attract external funds. We have passed the \$600 million mark towards the campaign goal.
  - Our bond rating was reaffirmed by both Moody's and Standard and Poor's.
  - Tom Jones, president of the WVU health system, is retiring.
  - Last Friday was Chris Martin's last day. We are working on finalizing a search committee.
  - Three of our online graduate programs were ranked by U.S. News & World Report: nursing (21), education (26), and business (29).
  - We signed an MOU this morning with the U.S. Defense Information School, establishing a first-of-its kind academic partnership.
  - The legislative session kicks off February 13, 2013. We are still looking at a potential budget cut.
4. Provost Wheatley reported that:
  - John Campbell, Chief Information Officer, is on board as of today. She introduced him to the committee.
  - On February 14, Elizabeth Dooley will make a presentation to the University Planning Council on a budget request for the establishment of the University College.
  - The probation rate for students who attended the Mountaineer Success Academy was much better than that of the student body at large.

- The Council of Deans has the task of trying to recruit a class with an improved academic profile. The latest figures suggest that enrollment is strong.
  - The Provost's Office is involved in identifying students for outstanding senior, Order of Augusta, and induction into academic honoraries.
  - Several Mountains of Excellence searches are underway.
  - Larry Starcher provided an excellent keynote address for the Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast.
  - Another 50 mid-level women were brought into the Women's Leadership Initiative.
  - She, Nigel Clark, and others are developing a plan for implementing the recommendations of the global engagement roundtable.
  - The search committee has been seated for the associate provost for engagement and outreach.
5. Chair Mays reported that:
- He is scheduled to meet with John Campbell on Thursday. He and Mitch Finkel, chair of the Research and Scholarship Committee, are scheduled to meet with Fred King on Monday. Let him know if you have items for him to bring up at either meeting.
  - The Graduate Council, under Katherine Karraker, is reviewing its bylaws. They would like to clarify that the faculty member from the executive committee on the graduate council should be a member of the graduate faculty.
6. Dennis Ruscello, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
- Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
  - Annex II, Curriculum Change for the Forest Resources Management Program. Motion carried pending minor changes to GEC language.
  - Annex III, Capstone Course for WMAN 450. Motion carried following a minor revision.
  - Annex IV, Curriculum Change for BS in Wood Science and Technology. The document will be reintroduced following a discussion with the College of Business and Economics regarding the renewable materials marketing area of emphasis.
  - Annex V, Monthly Alterations Report, was submitted for information.
7. Ilkin Bilgesu, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, and Dennis Ruscello, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee reported on their progress for developing guidelines regarding prescribed GEC courses. The GECCO committee will consider the issue further during their February 4, 2013 meeting.
8. Michael Mays, on behalf of the Student Instruction Committee, presented Annex VI, Guidelines for Absences Due to Military Service Requirement. Following discussion, Chair Mays agreed to incorporate changes suggested by the Executive Committee; he will circulate a revised draft to the committee this week. With the Executive Committee's consensus, the revised draft will be presented at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
9. Roy Nutter, ACF representative, reported that the next Advisory Council of Faculty meeting is Thursday, January 31, 2013.

10. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, presented a proposal to change the election date for the faculty representative from Health Sciences/Extension. Following discussion, it was moved and duly seconded that Dr. Griffith draft language changing the constitution to reflect an April nomination date and a May election date. Motion carried.

11. New Business

- Lisa DiBartolomeo presented the ad hoc committee's three draft inclusivity statements. Following discussion, it was moved and duly seconded to present inclusivity statement number three at the next faculty senate meeting for discussion and a vote. Motion carried.
- Roy Nutter indicated that he had students inadvertently sign up for classes at WVU Tech this term. When students go online to enroll, the schedule they view is not limited to the Morgantown campus. Nigel Clark will address the issue with Steve Robinson.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 25, 2013.

Mary Strife  
Faculty Secretary