

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
December 15, 2008

1. Chair Virginia Kleist called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

Members present:

Clark, N.	Kite, S.	Perone, M.	Torsney, C.
Dean, R.	Kleist, V.	Sedgeman, J.	Wilson, C. B.
Hartman, K.	McDiarmid, M.	Stolzenberg, A.	Woloshuk, J.
Jackowitz, A.	Nutter, R.	Strife, M.	

Members absent:

Cumming, J.	Magrath, P.	Peace, G.
Lastinger, V.	Martin, J.	

Guests:

Kirby, B.	Marra, A. (DA)	Shaner, C. (DP)
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2. There was no report from the President's Office or the Provost's Office.
3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 17 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Draft Minutes for the December 8, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed.
5. Chair Kleist said that there will be an executive session immediately following this meeting to discuss replacing Larry Hornak and Earl Scime, the two interim members on the Research Corp Board.

She also said that Jonathan Cumming will discuss the undergraduate catalog at the next Executive Committee meeting. The catalog needs to list a minimum number of credit hours needed to meet degree requirements.
6. Professor Stolzenberg, Curriculum Committee Chair, moved for approval of Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. It was duly seconded. Motion carried. Annex II, Alteration Report, was presented for information.
7. Professor Kirby, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee Chair-elect, moved for approval of Annex III, Course Recommendations. It was duly seconded. Motion carried. Annex IV, GEC Audits, was presented for information.

Associate Provost Torsney will talk to Admissions and Records about tracking GEC courses to help advisors know if a course taken was a GEC course during the period of time the class was taken.
8. ACF representative Roy Nutter said he attended the WV Council for Community and Technical College Education meeting on December 12 to do the annual ACF presentation. Three things that he believes could affect WVU are:

- a. A push for on-line classes by the Council. They feel their number of students are dropping because they're local schools. And they're trying to increase the number of adult students. They believe they can do this with on-line classes.
 - b. Change in the tax deferred retirement plan for higher education. Currently there's a 401(a) and 457(b) deferred compensation plan. Professor Nutter said that the IRS now requires a 403(b) be available. He gave a copy of the plan to the Provost's Office for their review. He also said that this is an item for discussion at the next HEPC meeting.
 - c. A new GI Bill. Professor Nutter said that there could be as many as 20,000 WV veterans who will qualify for this bill over the next few years.
9. Professor Sedgeman, Chair of the SEI Committee, said she met with Professor Kershner to discuss Professor Kershner's concerns about the difficulties faculty are having with the SEI's. Professor Sedgeman discussed these concerns with the committee. OIT acknowledged that the problems that were raised are real. Steps have been taken to correct some of the problems. She said the committee is creating a faculty survey that they would like to bring to the Faculty Senate in February for their review before it is distributed electronically to the full faculty. She would also like for Sara Bishop, OIT, to explain what has been corrected and how the system will be corrected for the spring semester so faculty will not have the same problems that they've had this semester.
 10. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, January 26. An executive session followed.
 11. After coming out of Executive Session, Bojan Cukic and Jim Anderson were confirmed as the new representatives to the Research Corp.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary