

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, February 22, 2021

1. Chair Nathalie Singh-Corcoran called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Committee members and guests participated via videoconference.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Gee, G.	Nutter, R.	Vanderhoff, J.
Bastress, R.	Hauser, D.	Reed, M.	Veselicky, L.
Cottrell, L.	Hileman, S.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Wayne, S.
Di Bartolomeo, L.	Martucci, A.	Sowards, A.	
Elliott, E.	Murphy, E.	Steele, J.	

Members Absent:

Chisholm, S.

Guests:

Becker, K	Gavin, M.	Leight, M.	Slimak, L.
Beckley, T.	Germana, M.	Neidermeyer, P.	Staples, C.
Brugnoli, A.	Grushecky, S.	Ogden, L.	Thomas, R.
Carr, J.	Kreider, P.	Pfeifer, A.	
DeBastiani, A.	Latimer, M.	Shannon, R.	

2. Chair Singh-Corcoran presented for approval the minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
3. President Gordon Gee provided a legislative update. He and Rob Alsop met with the Senate Finance Committee regarding the need for stable funding for WVU and to protect investments in higher education. Bills have been introduced this year that would repeal or redirect the soda tax; WVU receives about \$14 million a year for the academic medical center from this tax. Campus carry has one sponsor and is not expected to move forward.
4. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
  - She hopes that the February 18 campus conversation cleared up some misconceptions about the vaccination program being led by the state. Higher education and K-12 faculty and staff age 50 and over are included in phase 1-D. Faculty under age 50 will be included in phase 2-B.
  - Her office is working with 4-H to create a template for academic units to follow for hosting summer camps. Brent Clark from 4-H will be working with the health and wellness committee on the approval process.
  - Plans are underway for in-person commencement ceremonies to be held May 15-16, 2021 at Milan Puskar Stadium.
  - Our hope is to return to a normal semester in the fall, but that will depend upon the health and safety protocols in place at that time.

- The names of people serving on academic transformation committees, as well as the charges of those committees, will be announced this week.
- The Benedum Distinguished Scholars Showcase will take place as a virtual celebration from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on March 2, 2021.

5. Chair Singh-Corcoran reported the following:

- She reached out to faculty senate chairs at the University of Kentucky and Penn State University to get a sense of how vaccine distribution is working in their communities. Provost Reed also reached out to her Big 12 counterparts. The institutions are doing different kinds of things depending upon their states' guidelines.
- The academic advisory transformation committee met last week. Notes from those meetings will be posted on the Office of the Provost web site. Davis Attis will address the Faculty Senate in April on the changing landscape of higher education.
- She, Dave Hauser, Emily Murphy, Ashley Martucci, and Melissa Latimer will be meeting this week to brainstorm an RFP for the Office of the Provost transformation grants. The intention is for this year's grants to support projects that promote social equity.
- The second engagement panel will take place from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. on March 15, 2021.

6. Jennifer Steele, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, presented the following reports for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 13-0.

Annex I, New Courses Report  
 Annex II, Course Changes Report  
 Annex III, Capstone Courses Report  
 Program Changes to the BS in Fashion, Dress, and Merchandising  
 Program Changes to the AOE in Fashion Design  
 Program Changes to the AOE in Fashion Merchandising  
 Program Changes to the AOE in Health Professions  
 Program Changes to the BA in Interactive Design for Media  
 Program Changes to the BM in Music Education  
 New BA in Mental Health and Addiction Studies

The following reports were submitted for information. Reports filed.

New Minor in Healthcare Data Analytics  
 New Minor in Land Reclamation  
 New Minor in Sustainable Trails Development  
 Annex IV, Graduate Programs Report

7. Lisa Di Bartolomeo, Chair of the General Education Foundations Committee, presented the following report for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 13-0.

Annex V, GEF Actions

The following report was submitted for information. Report filed.

Annex VI, Faculty Fellow Courses

8. Jessica Vanderhoff, Chair, Teaching and Assessment Committee, reported that the committee has multiple working groups assigned to various projects. One working group is updating the eSEI video on providing constructive feedback. The committee is also revisiting the eSEI complaint workflow to consider feedback that does not rise to the level of violating the code of student conduct and the recommendation for a panel that would review those complaints.
9. Keri Valentine, Chair, Inclusion and Diversity Committee, and Jerry Carr, president of the Morgantown and Kingwood branch of the NAACP, presented Annex VII, An Ordinance Establishing a Civilian Police Review and Advisory Board. The Faculty Senate will be asked to support the proposed ordinance.
10. Lori Ogden and Megan Leight, Co-Chairs of the Third-Party Tools Committee, presented Annex VIII, Ad Hoc Committee Final Report.
11. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that the discussion on concealed carry has quieted down among faculty in the state. Keeping track of House and Senate activities is challenging this year, since they are not publishing their agendas until right before opening their sessions. He believes we need to pay attention to finance issues.
12. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors met on February 10, 2021. The Board approved a rule change for BOG Talent and Culture Rule 3.4 (Drug and Alcohol Testing for FTA and FMSCA Covered Positions). They received legislative updates; information of COVID-19 testing, vaccination, and finances; and updates on academics and transformation. The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2021.
13. Dave Hauser presented Annex IX, Resolution to Renew Faculty Senate Special Committee on Shared Governance. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried by a vote of 12-0.
14. Dave Hauser presented the following:

Annex X, Resolution to Create Faculty Senate Sustainability Committee. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried by a vote of 12-0.

Annex XI, Resolution to Create Faculty Senate Committee on Educational Technology. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried by a vote of 12-0.
15. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, March 22, 2021.

Judy Hamilton  
Office Administrator