

MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Monday, January 12, 2009

1. Professor Virginia Kleist, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

2. Members Present:

Abate, M.	Clark, N.	Iskander, W.	Nutter, R.	Shelton, E.
Ahern, T.	Connors, J.	Jackowitz, A.	Oberhauser, A.	Sherlock, L.
Anderson, J.	Cottrell, L.	Kershner, R.	Olson, K.	Sherwood, L.
Banta, L.	Cottrell, S.	Kirby, B.	Peace, G.	Spleth, J.
Bergner, G.	Davari, A.	Kleist, V.	Petronis, J.	Steranka, P.
Bilgesu, I.	Davis, S.	Latmer, M.	Plein, C.	Stolzenberg, A.
Blaydes, S.	Famouri, P.	Long, K.	Rafter, J.	Stuchell, R.
Bonner, D.	Fredette, H.	Malarcher, J.	Rauch, H.	Tallaksen, R.
Bowen, E.	Graber, S.	Mancinelli, C.	Riemenschneider, S	Tower, L.
Boyles, J.	Hall, D.	McDiarmid, M.	Riley, W.	Urbanski, J.
Bredehoft, T.	Hash, K.	Meckstroth, R.	Robbins, J.	Valenti, J.
Brooks, J.	Hessl, A.	Murthy, K.	Rockett, I.	Watson, J.
Bryner, R.	Higgins, C.	Nath, C.	Ruscello, D.	Weihman, L.
Caldwell, J.	Hileman, S.	Nelson, C.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Wenger, S.
Campbell, L.	Huffman, V.	Nestor, P.	Schreurs, B.	Wilcox, G.
Clark, B.	Insch, G.	Nichols, A.	Sedgeman, J.	Woloshuk, J.

Members Absent:

Abraham, R.	D'Souza, G.	Lively, M.	Parks, E.	Zaslau, S.
Bagby, M.	Hermosilla, P.	Mandich, M.	Serafini, M.	
Branch, D.	Hunter, S.	McCombie, R.	Siegrist, J.	
Chetlin, R.	Kuhlman, J.	McGinley, P.	Turton, R.	
Comer, P.	Lake, M.	Miller, M.	Wilson, M.	

Members Excused:

DiBartolomeo, L.	Riley, K.	Vona-Davis, L.	Hutson, Z.	Lastinger, V.
Richards, A.	Hartman, K.	Stack, S.	Walls, T.	Perone, M.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the Monday, December 8, 2009 meeting with the following changes to Interim Provost Martin's report. Listed on page 2, second bullet, second line, change "theatre" to "feeder." The same page, the 3rd bullet, change "representatives of" to "presented to," and remove "held separate meetings." **Motion carried.**
4. Interim President, C. Peter Magrath reported that Faculty Senate Chair-elect Nigel Clark will chair the Ad hoc Committee to "Rescind Asinine Procedures." The Ad hoc committee will be well represented with faculty, staff, students and administrators, and it will begin meeting the end of January or the beginning of February. The charge is still being developed. The purpose of the group is to work along with the administration to encourage implementation and communication regarding outcomes and future steps. The Interim President said he hopes that productivity will be balanced

with accountability as well as increased efficiency and morale. The committee will identify policies, procedures, practices, and processes that seem unduly complicated or redundant. A report will be submitted to the Interim President. The project will take time to develop said the Interim President, but in the end, it should save time for everyone.

Last week, Interim President Magrath, the vice-president for research, and others traveled to the University of Kentucky to meet with their president and senior staff to discuss what they do in terms of general fund raising efforts, and how they have handled and progressed with the bucks for brains initiative that their research trust fund started. This fund has been a model for WVU. The Interim President said they received good tips and perspectives from the University. Energy research was discussed as well.

An active search is underway for the Health Sciences Center's lead position. The committee, the consulting firm, and the chair have recommended that the title of the position be changed from "vice-president" to "chancellor" for Health Sciences. The title change has been done, but the search for the lead position moves ahead at a controlled pace because candidates will not be identified until the president's position has been resolved.

5. Interim Provost Jane Martin reported on the following issues:
 - The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRO) have been working diligently on their report, and they will be coming to WVU on Monday, February 2, 2009 to give a formal reading of the report. The consultants will meet at 2:00 p.m., in assembly rooms A & B of the NRCCE building. Printed copies of the report will be available, and it will also be sent out on the web. After the consultants have given their formal report, Interim President Magrath will address the report and then any concerns and/or questions from the floor. Interim Provost Martin said a recommendation from the officers is to have a University Registrar. A job description has been written for this position, and it is ready to be advertised.
 - Representatives from Coppin State, which included the dean of honors, the provost, and two faculty members, came to visit WVU on January 6 and 7, 2009. Excellent meetings took place as well as discussions with WVU deans of Nursing, B&E and Computer Science. An excellent beginning has taken place with a collaborative relationship with Coppin State, and representatives are interested in opportunities at WVU for their students to go to graduate school as well as their faculty attending the WVU doctorate programs. Representatives from Coppin State will be coming back to WVU in the spring to meet with other faculty in different study areas. She said they will be communicating back and forth, and representatives from WVU will visit the Coppin State campus to see what opportunities may be ahead for this Institution.
 - The 2010 Implementation Team met this morning, and it discussed the agenda for this academic term.
 - OIT continues to be an area of importance and concern. The job description is being revised for Sid Morrison's replacement. A search committee will be put into place soon, and the Interim Provost will call upon the Faculty Senate to give its advice for constituents so everyone can be adequately represented.

- Applicants for the Vice-President for Undergraduate Academic Affairs position have been identified, and interviews will begin this week or next week.

6. Chair Kleist reported on the following issues:

- The HEPC passed the presidential search rules. One of the items in the search rules was that it requires open meetings with candidates. A requirement still remains in the policy for the HEPC to have an interview with the presidential candidate, if they choose, at the end of the process. Chancellor Noland will work with the search committee and the candidates to make sure this process does not get in the way of the candidate's timelines.
- The HEPC rule states that the president's salary will be pegged to a group of peers and the language states that they will seek additional information on a national level. There is room for salary to be reviewed.
- Mr. Parry Petroplus, a member of WVU's Board of Governors, resigned effective the end of December 2008. Governor Manchin must make the new appointment by January 31, 2009. The chair asked the members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to submit names of possible new BOG members. Names should be sent to Mr. Scott Cosco, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and the person in charge of appointments in the governor's office. Mr. Cosco's new email address is: Scott.A.Cosco@wv.gov. This information is also listed on the chair's web-blog. The chair encouraged the Faculty Senate to also send any names and biographical information to Mr. Cosco.
- The presidential search committee asked the Faculty Senate for three interview questions, so the faculty can be well represented during the search. The questions can be e-mailed to the chair, and she will collate them in various categories. The Executive Committee will select three of the questions, and forward them to the search committee. The questions are needed in the next few days. The chair said the request letter asking for the three questions is posted on her web blog.
- A meeting will be held in early February to find out information concerning the background check policy. Questions were given to Human Resources about this issue.
- A meeting was held with Sara Bishop and others from OIT to present information about the e-Syllabus builder (eCSB) for the Curriculum Committee. She said screens of how the submissions will work and how it will tie in with the General Education Committee were discussed.
- The Handbook Committee meeting has been delayed until early February.
- Ed Pastilong, Director, Internal Administrative Affairs, will speak to the Faculty Senate in February; Curt Peterson, Associate VP for Research & Economic Development Research, will speak in March; and Fred Butcher, Sr. Assoc VP Administration, HSC, will speak in April.
- Faculty names were requested to replace the two out-going representatives of the research corporation. The selections were discussed and voted on at the Executive Committee on December 15, 2008. The two new Research Corporation representatives will be Jim Anderson, Davis College and Bojan Cukic, CEMR. The Research Corporation will hold meetings on: January 13, April 14, July 14, and October 13, 2009.

7. The following consent agenda reports were approved:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes.
Annex II, Alteration Report
Annex III, Course Recommendations
Annex IV, GEC Audits

8. Professor Roy Nutter, ACF representative, said the ACF report was presented to the Legislative Oversight Committee on Educational Administration (LOCEA) on Sunday, January 11, 2009. He said three issues that the ACF is pushing for include: funding higher education at the national average, representation for faculty on the HEPC and CCTC, and for higher education employees (primarily faculty) to serve on the Legislature. He said the BOG membership proposal and changes from last time seem to be gaining traction in the Legislature. The BOG change will probably be discussed. Also, he said it looked like the staff of the Senate Education Committee Chair, Senator Plymale, is authorizing a bill for the Senate. The HEPC will have a work session on January 21, 2009, and they will meet together as a group on January 23, 2009. The Legislature will open sessions on February 11, 2009.
9. Professor Cottrell reported that the presidential search committee met once since the last Faculty Senate meeting. She said the group of candidates is strong, and the committee is on-course based on the posted schedule of when things should be done. The search committee asked the Faculty Senate to submit three questions. It also asked staff and the student bodies to submit questions as well so proper representation can be received.
10. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. for an immediate Executive Session. The next meeting will be Monday, February 9, 2009.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary