

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, May 18, 2020

1. Chair Emily Murphy called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Committee members and guests participated via videoconference.

Members Present:

Andress, L.	Cronin, A.	Hileman, S.	Singh-Corcoran, N.
Ballard, D.	Di Bartolomeo, L.	Martucci, A.	Veselicky, L.
Bastress, R.	Elliott, E.	Murphy, E.	
Bernardes, E.	Gee, G.	Nutter, R.	
Cottrell, L.	Hauser, D.	Reed, M.	

Members Absent:

Sowards, A.

Guests:

Cohen, S.	Hessel, A.	Ogden, L.	Slimak, L.
Crichlow, S.	Kreider, P.	Pfeifer, A.	Widders, E.
Gavin, M.	Latimer, M.	Scott, D.	
Hambrick, G.	Neidermeyer, P.	Shannon, R.	

2. Chair Murphy moved for approval of the minutes from the April 27, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President Gordon Gee reported the following:
  - WVU held a virtual graduation experience, Mountaineer Graduation Day, on May 16. The online ceremony went well.
  - He extended a thank you to the members of the Executive Committee for all their work on the committee this year.
  - The President’s Office remains focused on recruitment and retention as well as locking down reserve funds.
  - Numbers continue to look strong for the upcoming fall semester. President Gee hopes to call senior class presidents and valedictorians to connect with them during the upcoming week.
  - He asked the committee to ponder the question “how can we get better with limited resources?” He also asked the committee members to be advocates for change.
4. Provost Maryanne Reed provided an update on the tactical teams’ planning efforts for the upcoming fall semester. They are focused on course delivery for the upcoming semester.
5. Chair Murphy reported the following:
  - There will be a Faculty Senate meeting in June via Zoom to wrap up the year and officially introduce Nathalie Singh-Corcoran as the new chair.

- She plans to invite Rob Alsop and Sharon Martin to speak at the June senate meeting to discuss updates for fall related to budget, students returning to campus, etc.
- She will follow up on asking the committee for their input on the op-ed from the president of the faculty senate at Utah State University regarding sustainability at land-grant universities.
- Communication has been a recurring discussion over the last year. She sent out an article that the provost shared regarding the importance of effective communication between faculty and administration during these unprecedented times. She believes the need to streamline two-way communication is particularly important.

6. Ednilson Bernardes, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee – no report.
7. Lesley Cottrell, Chair of the General Education Foundations Committee, reported that the committee met on May 4, 2020 to begin a discussion of GEF assessment.
8. Ashlee Sowards, Chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee – no report.
9. The following 2019-2020 Committee Reports and 2020-2021 Goals were submitted by their respective committee representatives. Lesley Cottrell, Chair of the Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies, moved for approval of Annex III (committee appointments); motion carried. Annexes I, II, and IV through XIV were submitted for information; reports filed.

Annex I, Committee of Retired Faculty

Annex II and Annex III, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies

Annex IV, Curriculum Committee

Annex V, Faculty Welfare Committee

Annex VI, General Education Foundations Committee

Annex VII and Annex VIIA, Inclusion and Diversity Committee

Annex VIII, Library Committee

Annex IX, Research and Scholarship Committee

Annex X, Service Committee

Annex XI, Shared Governance Committee

Annex XII, Annex IIA, Annex IIB, and Annex XIIC, Sustainability Committee

Annex XIII, Teaching and Assessment Committee

Annex XIV, Research and Integrity Committee

10. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that most discussions he hears concern budgets and fall enrollment. Nationwide, enrollment is expected to drop 15 percent. However, high unemployment may actually increase enrollment, especially at community colleges.
11. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the BOG met several times for COVID-19 updates. They discussed tuition and fees, as well as furloughs and other budget issues. Their next meeting is scheduled for June 19, at which time he and Emily Murphy will be presenting a faculty report.

12. Appointment of Ex Officio Members to the Executive Committee A motion was made and duly seconded to appoint the chairs of the Curriculum Committee, General Education Foundations Committee, and Teaching and Assessment Committee as ex officio members of the Executive Committee for 2020-2021. Motion carried.
13. The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, August 24, 2020.

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