

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, January 27, 2020

1. Chair Emily Murphy called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Ballard, D.

Guests:

Gavin, M.	Latimer, M.	Pfeifer, A.	Slimak, L.
Kreider, P.	Neidermeyer, P.	Shannon, R.	Widders, E.

2. Chair Murphy moved for approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. President Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - He and Provost Maryanne Reed attended the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz hosted by the Pi Lambda Phi committee, which is led by Lisa DiBartolomeo.
 - The 60-day Legislative Session is currently underway. The budget continues to look stable. Given that this is an election year, he expects the session to be relatively quiet.
 - Rob Alsop is working on a new funding formula modeled by Tennessee and Ohio which is performance and differentiation-based. This new formula is intended to replace the formula initially proposed by HEPC.
 - The President's office is very focused on recruitment and retention for the upcoming years.
 - During his State of the State Address, the governor mentioned the research WVU is doing with carbon fiber and coal.
4. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
 - The Provost's Office will soon announce the new Dean of Statler College.
 - The Provost's Office continues to work on the faculty rewards structure.
 - Presha Neidermeyer and Chris Staples discussed the proposed changes to the Board of Governor's rules 4.2 and 4.7.

- Melissa Latimer presented an update on the SGA request for mid-term student evaluations. The TACO committee will be working on the mid-term student evaluations which will pilot in Fall 2020 as an opt-out option. The mid-term evaluations will not be required in the promotion and tenure files.
 - Provost Reed announced the new location for next year's Benedum Scholars Event. The event will take place in the Gladys G. Davis Theatre.
 - Provost Reed presented the Strategic Transformation Challenge Mini-Grants which will award up to \$1,500 for as many as 20 groups.
 - Provost Reed, Evan Widders, Betsy Radcliffe, Dave Miller, Nathalie Singh-Corcoran, and a representative from enrollment management will leave January 30 for Georgia State to learn about the techniques they use for retention.
5. Emily Murphy, Chair, Faculty Senate – no report.
 6. Ednilson Bernardes, Chair of the Curriculum Committee moved for approval of the following reports. Motion carried.
 - Annex I, New Courses Report.
 - Annex II, Course Changes, Deletions, and Subject Code Changes Report.
 - Annex III, Capstone Courses Report.
 - Changes to the Major in Public Health.
 - Change AOE to Major in Russian Studies.
 7. General Education Foundations Committee – no report.
 8. Teaching and Assessment Committee – no report.
 9. Lesley Cottrell, Chair of the Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies moved for approval of the following report. Motion carried.
 - Annex IV, Standing Committee Membership Changes.
 10. Lauri Andress, Chair of the Inclusion and Diversity Committee submitted the following reports for information:
 - Annex V, Interim Report
 - Annex VI, Tables & Graphs
 11. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that during the next ACF meeting on February 6, 2020 there are meetings set up with Senate and House leadership. The next HEPC meeting is February 7, 2020.
 12. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that there was a short special meeting on January 24. The Board agreed to amend its contract with the company that provides steam to the campus to permit a switch from coal waste to natural gas. Two new majors were also approved, a BS in Health Services Management and Leadership for the School of Public Health and a BS in Music and Health for the College of Creative Arts. The next meeting is February 28.

13. Chair Murphy reported that the Provost's Office has decided to not implement plus/minus grading. Previously, Faculty Senate voted for plus/minus grading to be counted in students' GPAs. Since this meeting, several requests have been submitted to remove plus/minus grading. Further discussions will continue at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
14. The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 24, 2020.

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