

MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Monday, September 12, 2011

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

Members Present:

Abraham, R.	Chalupa, C.	Holmes, M.	Nestor, P.	Sperow, M.
Ameri, S.	Clark, B.	Hornsby, G.	Nutter, R.	Stack, S.
Anderson, J.	Cohen, S.	Huffman, V.	Oberhauser, A.	Stuchell, R.
Anderson, K.	Cottrell, S.	Iskander, W.	Orlikoff, J.	Tallaksen, R.
Atkins, C.	Cronin, A.	Jackowitz, A.	Paternostro, M.	Tower, L.
Banta, L.	Curtis, R.	Johnston, A.	Pearson, T.	Turton, R.
Barretto, G.	Davari, A.	Kale, U.	Perone, M.	Urbanski, J.
Bastress, R.	Davis, S.	Kershner, R.	Perry, J.	Veselicky, K.
Bilgesu, I.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Kirby, B.	Polak, J.	Vester, M.
Blake, L.	Dino, G.	Kite, S.	Prudhomme, J.	Vona-Davis, L.
Bonner, D.	Elmore, S.	Knight, J.	Putman, H.	Watson, D.
Boone, D.	Ernst, G.	Kopriva, N.	Reddy, R.	Watson, J.
Bowen, E.	Etzel, E.	Kromar, R.	Reymond, R.	Weihman, L.
Brazaitis, M.	Finkel, M.	Kuhlman, J.	Riemenschneider, S.	Wenger, S.
Bredehoft, T.	Fleming, S.	Lofaso, A.	Ruscello, D.	Whiteman, C.
Britten, r.	Graber, S.	Mandich, M.	Ryan, K.	Woloshuk, J.
Brooks, R.	Harner, J.	Mays, M.	Schreurs, B.	Wood, A.
Bucklew, A.	Hartman, K.	Mucino, V.	Schwaartz, S.	
Cassels, A.	Hileman, S.	Munasinghe, R.	Shelton, E.	

Members Absent:

Afinson, J.	Funk, A.	Huber, J.	Osborne, E.	Sherwin, M.
Carpenter, R.	Hazard, S.	Moritz, J.	Paul, S.	Stout, P.
Clarke, M.	Hogan, T.	Nelson, C.	Scott, H.	Sundaram, M.
Fint-Clark, B.				

Members Excused:

Hashmi, M.	Kleist, V.	Miltenberger, M.	Rockett, I.	Zimmerman, P.
Jones, D.	Miller, M.	Nichols, A.	Tuninetti, A.	

Faculty Senate Officers:

Cottrell, L.	Griffith, R.	Lee, P.	Stolzenberg, A.
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2. Chair Cottrell moved and it was duly seconded to approve the minutes from the Monday, June 13, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President Clements reported on the following issues:
 - Special 9/11 memorial events took place yesterday. One of the events included members of the Student Government Association (SGA) reading names of victims.
 - Last Friday, a discussion was held in Morgantown at the NRCCE for the President's role in the National Innovation Advisory Board. Many people attended the discussion which consisted of three areas related to helping America become more competitive and

innovative. The three focus issues were: Federal Support for Research, Education and Workforce Development, and Infrastructure for the 21st Century. The discussion was good, and many ideas will be submitted to the Department of Commerce. A report will eventually be sent to President Obama. President Clements will take any feedback with him when he goes to Washington D.C., along with information from the meeting that WVU co-hosted in Cleveland, Ohio a couple of weeks ago. He said if anyone has information that needs to be worked into the report to let him know.

- Last Friday a productive BOG meeting was held, and a strong financial report was given for the University.
- Staff Council gave their annual report to the BOG. Dixie Martinelli, Lana Cook and Johnna Beane made the presentation.
- The President said staff and students do a lot for the Institution; he asked faculty to thank them for their efforts.
- The State of the University Address will be given next month.
- Enrollment is strong and there is a higher academic profile for entering freshman.
- Strong research growth continues despite federal cutbacks, and there is a strong level of private giving.
- A candidate was interviewed for the Vice-President for Research position. The President said he would like faculty input because it is important to bring in someone who will fit the University well and be a team player. Two or three more candidates will be interviewed over the next few weeks. The President will keep everyone posted.
- WVU was selected as the fifth best employer in the nation for workers age 50+ by AARP. It is the first time WVU has appeared on the list.
- WVU was named as having one of the top 100 most technological significant products introduced in the market place over the past year at the National Energy Technology Lab, known as the “Oscar of Innovation.”
- The School of Pharmacy was ranked number 32 by *US News and World Report*. Their goal is to become a top 25 School.
- A WVU team of engineering students finished third in the country during an International Lunabotics competition, which was sponsored by NASA. They also received recognition for team spirit and their innovative design.

- WVU gave their first “Women and Science of Engineering” awards under the NSF ADVANCE centered grant. The grants were given to two outstanding female faculty researchers and two graduate students.
 - As part of the role of the land-grant university, it is our job to preserve the history of our state. The WVU libraries received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to digitize 100,000 pages of newspapers published in West Virginia from 1836 thru 1922. It involves collaboration with historic libraries in Virginia for its papers published prior to our statehood.
 - The President invited faculty to the David C. Hardesty’s Festival of Ideas event that will be held this evening at 7:30 p.m. at the College of Law. The featured speaker will be Dr. C. Peter Magrath who will kick off the celebration of Land-grant Universities.
4. Provost Wheatly wished everyone a productive semester, and she reported on the following issues:
- The United Way Campaign starts today; the Provost said she will Chair the campaign. Last year, President Clements and his wife Beth raised \$320,000. This year’s target has been set for \$305,000, but the Provost said she would like to exceed the \$320,000. The United Way is an easy way to invest in our neighborhood, and all the monies are used locally. There is very little overhead, so donations will go to people in need.
 - The Provost said the Faculty Senate has a great Senate Chair this year – Dr. Leslie Cottrell. The Provost said she contacted her and asked if it would be possible to have a University run/walk. In a few weeks, Chair Cottrell, along with a team, put together what will become a tradition called, “Mountaineers’ Run United.” A campus-wide activity that everyone can participate in is scheduled for October 29, 2011, and all proceeds will go toward the United Way campaign. Student journalists will be doing video documentation of various agencies that the United Way supports and this will help them gain an understanding of the various agencies and how United Way helps. The Provost said she would like to see everyone donate this year.
 - One year ago, the Strategic Plan was being discussed and by the end of last year, it was approved. The Provost said as we embark on a new year, we need to revisit where we are in terms of implementing the Plan.
 - Dr. Nigel Clark, Associate VP for Academic Strategic Planning, said we have moved ahead in global engagement and research. He discussed a “round table” process which will be staffed within a week or two. A diversity round table will be announced, which is goal 3 of the strategic plan.

- Provost Wheatly said her major task this year will be to educate the entire campus, including regional campuses, about the Higher Learning Commission's visit for reaccreditation, which will take place in 2013/14. We have positioned ourselves very well with the Strategic Planning, and the framework will be revisited routinely. Everyone has a good understanding of the mission, vision and the five strategic goals. The HLC is changing the accreditation process to an ongoing cycle of evaluation, so it will be similar to the total quality management or improvement cycle. The Institution is in a good position, but we need to undergo accreditation at a time when the criteria is changing. The Provost said she will use some of the existing mechanisms that were created with the 2020 Strategic Plan.
 - Faculty will be receiving information about the honorary doctorate nomination process; the deadline to receive nominations will be October 3, 2011. Nominations can come from anywhere on campus, but faculty should inform their deans of the submissions. Honorary doctorate degrees do a lot to promote WVU's reputation and to advance it.
 - The dollar amount has been increased for the Senate Research Grants from \$260,000 to \$400,000 with a further increase to come in the years ahead.
 - Executive searches are gearing up for the dean of HR&E and a campus provost for WVU Potomac State; Associate Provost Dean will communicate with the various constituencies. Other executive searches will be done later in the year.
 - The Study Abroad Fair will be held September 28, 2011. If faculty want to take students abroad, he/she should work with the Office of International Programs because of safety precautions.
5. Chair Cottrell recognized and welcomed the new senators. She said there are 115 faculty senators; this number is based on the number of faculty in colleges and schools. She asked senators to look at the Senate Constitution, which is on the Senate webpage, and she thanked Professor Steve Kite for constructing the Constitution.

The Chair met new faculty at the Faculty Orientation, and she asked them how she could assist them during their transition. New faculty said that they would like to hear from other faculty concerning things they have learned, what they should be aware of-- successes, challenges, etc. The Chair asked senators to mentor new faculty through their transition.

The Chair met with representatives from the Retired Faculty and the Faculty Welfare Committee to discuss ways to prepare for the transition of faculty retiring within the next 3-4 years. She said an infrastructure should be developed to help faculty who are serving, teaching, and conducting research. She asked senators to share ideas with committee representatives.

The Chair met with some students and staff, and she said even though their perspectives differ from faculty, they do have the same missions. She asked faculty to reach out to the students and staff and ask for their input for senate led discussions, especially since some senate committees have student and staff representatives.

The Chair attended a meeting this past Friday where President Clements discussed the forum for Innovation and Economic Competitiveness. She said she thought about individual roles of researchers, instructors, and community outreach representatives. The Chair said she thought of ways faculty could look at its work collectively. She challenged senators to communicate and collaborate not only with those they represent, but with those they do not know, so goals can be reached and steps can be taken for the University to head in the direction it needs to go in.

6. Lisa DiBartolomeo, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, submitted and moved for approval of Annex I, GEC Actions. Motion carried.
7. Roy Nutter, ACF representative, said the ACF meeting was held last Friday, and he reported on the following issues:
 - Two year schools are under a legislative mandate that says that no more than 20% of their faculty can be tenured.
 - A proposal will be submitted to request the moving of funding to graduation-based funding.
 - Kathy Butler, Vice-Chancellor for Academic affairs, HEPC and CCTC, is the author of the associate programs having a 60-hr credit (maximum) for 2-year degrees. The HEPC policy for 4-year degree programs is a 120-hr. minimum. Shepherd University has switched its degree programs to coincide with 120-hr maximum. Bluefield State has changed all of their programs to 120-hr maximum as well.
 - The Department of Education is changing the education standards for each grade in West Virginia. This change will help students to be better prepared for college classes.
 - A transfer articulation portal is being developed for West Virginia so classes at one school can be transferred to another school. Vendor demonstrations will be held October 20th and academic affairs representatives, registrars, and faculty are invited to attend. Check with Kathy Butler for schedule if you wish to attend.
 - HEPC and CCTC are trying to coordinate all on-line courses, so a state-wide system is being worked on.
 - The HEPC Master Plan is being presented in five forums for the following places and dates: September 28th in Fairmont about innovation; September 29th in West Liberty about economic growth; October 3rd in Glenville State about cost and affordability; October 5th in Bluefield State about access; and October 14th in Shepherd University about learning and accountability.

8. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, reported on the following issues:
 - The BOG will continue the process that was started last year by former Chair Carolyn Long to visit colleges and schools. The BOG visited the WVU Law School this past Thursday. Professor Griffith said they had lunch and a presentation about the School was given. In November, the BOG will visit the WVU School of Journalism.
 - In November, BOG representative Griffith, Faculty Senate Chair Cottrell, Faculty Senate Chair-elect Mays and past Faculty Senate Chair Stolzenberg will present a faculty report to the BOG.
 - The Board approved the issuance of \$20 million dollars in bonds to start construction of the new Student Health Center.
 - The BOG agreed to purchase the former Potomac Valley Hospital, which will provide dormitories for Potomac State.
 - Chair Cottrell has been appointed to the BOG Strategic Plan's Initiatives and Accreditations Committee and the Divisional Campus Committee. Professor Griffith was appointed to the Divisional Campus Committee and the Health Sciences Committee.
9. Carolyn Atkins, Past Chair of Committee on Committees, thanked everyone for volunteering to serve on the committees this year. All of the committees have been filled, and she was able to get volunteers from the regional campuses to serve on the Curriculum Committee, GEC, Faculty Welfare Committee, and Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee. Members were added to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee.
10. Richard Turton, Chair, Committee on Committees, discussed the "Committees at a Glance" spreadsheet that gave a breakdown of all the committees along with names of chairs, chairs-elect, committee charges, and the committee compositions. He said there are 57 senators required to fill all the committee positions, which means 57 senators are not serving. He encouraged those senators to volunteer for committees when the request form is mailed at the end of the year.
11. Professor Turton wrote a memorandum to the Senate Executive Committee requesting that the Research Integrity Committee be formed in support of the new research and integrity procedures that were passed in the May Faculty Senate meeting. The Committee will consist of four faculty senators; eight other faculty and Marjorie McDiarmid will serve as the ex-officio member.
12. Chair Cottrell said, during the May 13, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting, a motion was made and carried to the Senate Executive Committee to establish an Ad hoc Committee for the Marcellus shale drilling. The Chair asked past Faculty Senate Chair and Senate Executive Committee member Alan Stolzenberg to provide background events that have happened since the motion was made. Professor Stolzenberg said at the June Faculty Senate meeting, a resolution was brought forward by a senator who was concerned over the Marcellus shale drilling that was

taking place in the area. A motion was brought forth asking the Senate Executive Committee to establish an Ad hoc Committee of experts for the purpose of running a forum to educate people about the pros and cons of drilling and report back to the Faculty Senate in September. The Senate Executive Committee started discussions over the summer, and it discovered that it was a larger challenge than anticipated. The issue had many more dominions than pro and con. He said to be able to present a single forum that would speak to all aspects and give people an opportunity to come back and forth was a challenge. Other groups on campus were becoming involved in looking at the issue and were providing lectures and forums on their own.

Professor Stolzenberg said the Senate Executive Committee decided that it would be better to have a multiple number of lectures so it could be explored in more detail and the public could be better educated concerning the issues involved.

The Senate Executive Committee made the following motion to the Faculty Senate to ask for a modification.

“The Senate motion of June 2011 concerning the Marcellus shale drilling forum shall be modified so that the Executive Committee is not charged with presenting a forum but rather shall arrange the presentation of lectures to educate the public, potentially leveraging the efforts of other groups on campus.”

The motion was duly seconded. Motion carried.

Professor Sam Ameri, Chair, Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering, volunteered to give the first presentation.

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. to reconvene Monday, October 10, 2011.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary

Memorandum

Date: August 22, 2011

To: Faculty Senate Executive Committee

From: Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee

Re: GEC Actions – For Information Only

Deletions from GEC by request of Department Chair:

FLIT 201 Latin Lit in Trans 2 (Writing)

FLIT 227 German Lit in Trans 1 (Writing)

FLIT 265 Spanish Lit in Trans 2 (Writing)