

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, December 15, 2014

1. Chair Jennifer Orlikoff called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. in the Rhododendron Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Elmore, S.	Maynor, L.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bastress, R.	Gee, E.	McConnell, J.	Turton, R.
Bowen, E.	Griffith, R.	Nutter, R.	Veselicky, L.
Cottrell, L.	Kleist, V.	Orlikoff, J.	

Members Absent:

DiBartolomeo, L.	Harner, E.	Perna, N.
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Guests:

Clark, N.	Karraker, K.	Proudfoot, C.	Stump, J. (NIS)
Hessler, A. (DP)	Morris, M.	Ruscello, D.	Wilson, C.

2. Chair Orlikoff moved for approval of the minutes from the November 17, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:

- Students in the Panhellenic society met with outside facilitators to begin the process of determining what can be done to change the culture on campus. The students met in confidence with the facilitators, and it is Provost McConnell's understanding that the most positive outcome at this point is that the students took responsibility for what was going on culturally and care deeply about changing it.
- We continue to be in the due diligence period with Mountain State University.
- C.B. Wilson is doing wonderful work with the provosts and faculties of the divisional campuses, as well as with the health sciences deans, around promotion and tenure policies. This effort is part of capturing the president's idea of One WVU. We have about 90 potential candidates for tenure this year.
- As part of the Advance grant, we engaged in the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity's faculty development boot camp. Junior faculty or faculty who want to restart their research and writing agendas can enroll in this 15-week program. The Provost's Office is going to support more junior faculty in signing up for the boot camp, and has received more than 50 responses after sending out a call for people interested in participating.
- We have a number of searches going on simultaneously. The Vice President for Student Life search is ongoing with the assistance of Parker Executive Search; we should be able to make some decisions following the winter break. The Dean for Extension search is also being supported by Parker, and we should have candidates available to come back in January. The Dean of Eberly search is ongoing, and we have many excellent applicants. We also have a strong applicant pool for the Dean of

the College of Law. Katherine Karraker is chairing the search committee for the Dean of the Honors College; prior to developing a job description for the position, the committee created a vision statement for the College. The President is negotiating with a candidate for the Vice President of Health Sciences.

- On the administrative side, we hired people for the internal audit and procurement positions. The only open position at the senior level is the Vice President for Human Resources.

4. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:

- He is encouraged by the discussions we have had in Charleston following the “political tsunami” that occurred in this state. Both sides of the aisle recognize higher education as an investment and an opportunity. The work we are doing is well received.
- He met with Higher Education Policy Commission and the presidents of other institutions to talk about how we make sure we have a common agenda and common results.
- The Greek forum was held on December 8, 2014, and was attended by approximately 60 students. The facilitators were excellent, and the students took their obligation seriously. This is the first step in creating an initiative whereby the students establish the standards of conduct and assume the responsibility for taking their university back. Nationally, 1800 students died of alcohol overuse last year.
- The University will receive a \$1.45 million grant from the National Math and Science Initiative to establish UTeach, a teacher-training program for secondary STEM teachers.
- Our interest in Mountain State University is about opening WVU up to individuals who may not have access to the institution. The greatness of this University will be determined by the quality of life we provide for all the citizens of this state.
- We are developing an aggressive legislative agenda having to do with money and with freedom. In times of limited resources, it is important for us to be able to control our own agenda and engage in cost savings which allow for reinvestment.

5. Chair Jennifer Orlikoff reported the following:

- The letter approved at the last Executive Committee meeting was sent to PEIA. In the spirit of transparency, a copy of the letter was distributed to all faculty. She received a tremendous number of email comments; about half were very positive about moving forward with the discussion and the other half were vehemently negative about their frustration with PEIA and about expressing a desire to engage more aggressively with PEIA. The biggest complaint was that we are locked into a program that is very expensive and especially problematic for subscribers or their dependents who live outside of West Virginia and have no provider networks that function for them.
- She had the good fortune of being present at the unveiling of the EcoCAR3 project. The project involves faculty and students from the Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, the College of Business and Economics, Eberly College, the College of Media, and the College of Education and Human Services. This is an

excellent example of interdisciplinary project development and problem-solving skills. Gene Cilento, Dean of the Statler College, remarked that he would like to see even more involvement from other colleges within the University.

6. Dennis Ruscello, on behalf of the Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex II, Course Changes Report. Motion carried.

Annex III, Alterations Report. Accepted.

7. Lena Maynor, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for acceptance of the following report:

Annex IV, GEC Audits. Accepted.

8. Alan Stolzenberg, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Senate Record Retention Procedures, reported that a meeting was held with Dean of Libraries Jon Cawthorne, who initially seemed enthusiastic about a fairly extensive approach to indexing records. However, since that time, WVU Libraries has accepted two major projects, the Pearl S. Buck collection and the John D. Rockefeller IV Senatorial Archives. These commitments limit the amount of staff time available for indexing. Accordingly, a decision was made to donate print and digital Senate and Executive Committee records from 1944 to 2004 to the West Virginia and Regional History Center to provide the proper environmental conditions for document preservation. The records will be available for people to research, but will not be extensively indexed. Every year, we will transfer another year of materials to the library. There will be some effort on more recent records to begin some indexing. The library will also provide an archival back up for the Senate records. The Executive Committee consented to moving forward with this plan.

9. Meredith Morris, Scheduling Manager, provided an update on scheduling procedures.

10. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported that the December meeting has been cancelled. With Dave Sypolt from Preston County as the new Senate Education Committee Chair and Amanda Pasdon from Monongalia County as the new Education Committee Chair in the House of Delegates, we probably have more input in education now than we have ever had.

11. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported that our exclusive due diligence agreement to explore the purchase of the Mountain State University campus will expire on December 22, 2014. The Board of Governors meets on December 19, 2014, so there is a possibility that a decision will be made.

12. New Business

Richard Turton stated that, according to federal guidelines, Title IX training is not required for new or existing employees. However, the responsibility to report rests with

the individual faculty or staff member. Provost McConnell indicated that the decision to mandate training for all WVU employees is being revisited.

Chair Orlikoff presented a proposed optional syllabus statement on sexual misconduct, Annex V. The statement has been approved by the Coordinated Community Response Team and the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the statement. Motion carried pending changes recommended by the committee.

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, January 26, 2015.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator