

MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
April 14, 2008

1. Professor Steve Kite, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

Member Present:

Ameri, S.	Dillis, C.	LaGodna, B.	Plein, C.	Steranka, P.
Atkings, C.	Etzel, E.	Lake, M.	Rauch, H.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bonner, D.	Fredette, H.	Lastinger, V.	Richards, A.	Stuchell, R.
Brooks, J.	Garbutt, K.	Lively, M.	Riemenschneider, S.	Taugher, M.
Brown, G.	Hall, D.	Long, K.	Robbins, J.	Townsend, C.
Bryner, R.	Hartman, K.	Malarcher, J.	Ruscello, D.	Turton, R.
Campbell, L.	Hessl, A.	McCombie, R.	Ryan, K.	Urbanski, J.
Clark, N.	Hornsby, G.	McDiarmid, M.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Valenti, M.
Cohen, S.	Howard, S.	Mutz, C.	Sedgeman, J.	Vona-Davis, L.
Comer, P.	Huffman, V.	Napolitano, M.	Selin, S.	Walker, E.
Cottrell, L.	Iskander, W.	Nelson, C.	Shelton, E.	Walls, T.
Cottrell, S.	Jackowitz, A.	Olson, K.	Sherlock, L.	Watson, J.
Culberson, J.	Kershner, R.	Peace, G.	Siegrist, J.	Weihman, L.
Davari, A.	Kirby, B.	Perone, M.	Spleth, J.	Wilcox, G.
Davis, S.	Kleist, V.	Petronis, J.	Stack, S.	Woloshuk, J.

Members Excused:

Behling, R.	Chetlin, R.	Hermosilla, P.	Nestor, P.
Blaydes, S.	D'Souza, G.	Hileman, S.	Riley, W.
Bowen, E.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Mancinelli, C.	Serafini, M.
Brooks, R.	Gerbo, R.	Nath, C.	Webb-Dempsey, J.

Members Absent:

Almond, C.	Fitch, C.	Hurst, M.	McGinley, P.	Robinson, C.
Anderson, R.	Frum, K.	King, J.	Miller, M.	Sherwood, L.
Bagby, M.	Griffith, R.	Latimer, M.	Murthy, K.	Stockdale, T.
Banta, L.	Hendrickson, J.	Mandich, M.	Nutter, R.	Tallaksen, R.
Dedhia, H.	Hornak, L.	McClellan, A.	Price, S.	Temple, J.

2. Chair Kite encouraged senators to pick up the, "2007-2008 Senate Committees and University Councils" form and volunteer for a committee and/or a council or give one to a colleague who may want to volunteer.
3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the March 10, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.
4. President Garrison reported on the following issues:
 - During the legislative session's budget week, WVU was able to secure the full appropriation of \$50 million for the "Bucks for Brains" proposal. WVU is eligible for \$35 million as long as it is matched with outside funding.
 - A line item of \$8 million was added to capital improvements by the Legislature, which is a dollar for dollar matching program.
 - The University submitted a list to the HEPC concerning life safety issues. To date, no dollar amounts have been set by the HEPC, but it is hopeful, that it will free up about \$3 to \$3.5 million in capital project improvements for the regional campuses.

- In June, an aggressive budget will be submitted to the BOG for faculty and staff salaries. The primary variables that drive the budget are state appropriations, tuition and fees, and grants and revenues. Enrollment figures, which play a big part in determining salary projections, will be available by the end of May. Last year a 5% salary pool recommendation was given. When WVU is competitive, the state is more competitive as well.
- Salary increases are top priority; other priorities include campus safety investments, technology, transportation system, libraries, labs, child care facility, student health and wellness center, and hiring of additional faculty and staff.
- The workgroup, which includes several research faculty, will submit a strategic plan to the BOG by June, which will be developed in conjunction with the HEPC rules. The real work will come in what the strategic plan looks like; \$35 million is available, but additional money needs to be raised privately to match this amount.
- Removing the cap on retirement contributions.

5. Chair Kite reported on the following issues:

- Professor Andrzej Karwowski passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2008. He was a former senator and professor in the Math department.
- The Chair will attend a state-wide task force meeting in Charleston on Thursday, April 17th concerning “text-book affordability.”
- Next week, the Chair will attend the WV leadership conference, “Developing West Virginia’s Future Leaders,” which is a look at four generations at work.
- The Committee Committees, Membership and Constituencies group will meet on Friday, April 25, 2008. Send an e-mail to Professor Robert Griffith, Chair, if you would like to volunteer for a committee or a council or send the blue volunteer sheet to the Faculty Senate Office.
- The Faculty Senate will meet on Monday, June 2nd instead of June 9th because the Chair will be unavailable to attend on the second Monday in June.
- The two senators from WVU-Parkersburg will be invited to the Morgantown campus for the June 2nd meeting. This regional campus will no longer be part of WVU-Morgantown as of July 1, 2008; the Community and Technical College of WVU-Tech will no longer be part of the Faculty Senate as well, which will mean losing 7 regional campus senators.
- The eMBA panel has been very thorough and deliberate in its investigation, and the Faculty Senate has encouraged the process so the report can be accurate and proper for recommendations. Professors Nutter and Lastinger are serving on the panel as committee chairs. The report is near completion, so when it is finalized, it will go to Provost Lang, and he will pass it to the University Council’s Office so the lawyers can review it. The BOG and Faculty Senate will review the report before it goes to the public. If need be, a special session can be called by President Garrison, Chair Kite or a petition of 25 senators.

6. The Senate Executive Committee approved the nomination of Professor Nigel Clark, CEMR, as Faculty Senate Chair-elect. The floor was opened for additional nominations; none were submitted, so it was moved to close the nominations. Professor Clark gave a brief statement. Professor Famouri moved to conduct the vote by a show of hands. It was duly seconded. Motion carried. A hand count was taken and 71, with one abstention, endorsed Professor Clark’s candidacy. He will serve as chair-elect for the 2008-2009 term.

It was moved and duly seconded to approve Mary Strife for Faculty Secretary. Motion carried.

7. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the following reports from the consent agenda:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
Annex II, The Alteration Report was presented for information.
Annex III, Course Recommendations. Motion carried.
Annex IV, Course Audits were presented for information.
8. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the “2009 - 2010 Calendar” listed in Annex V. The date for submitting mid-semester reports was changed from Tuesday, October 13th to Thursday, October 15 for the 1st semester and from Tuesday, March 2nd to Thursday, March 4th for the 2nd semester. This change will allow faculty to have 2 extra days to submit grades. Motion carried. Associate Provost Torsney said she submitted the University calendar to the Monongalia County Public School Board to request consideration for the public school calendar be in alignment with the University’s calendar.
9. Stan Cohen, Chair, Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee, distributed a statement concerning evaluations that was prepared by the SEI committee. He said the SEI believes that if the statement is added to class syllabi, it could increase the SEI participation rate. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the statement. Motion carried. The statement will be posted to the faculty website.
10. Ben Dotson, Co-Chair, Mountaineer Week Festivities Committee, distributed a handout about Mountaineer Week (MW), which will be held November 8 – 16, 2008. He said this will be the 56th annual MW event, and the handout described goals and ways people can get involved. He asked senators to recommend their students attend the festivities so they can be educated about West Virginia’s heritage. The MW theme is, “Mountains of Energy,” and Ben asked that faculty volunteer to speak on this topic. He said the University is always seeking new solutions for energy. Ben can be contacted at bdotson1@mix.wvu.edu for questions and/or suggestions. He said the co-chair is Tricia Cesarino and the advisor is Sonja Wilson.
11. Curt Peterson, VP Research & Economic Development, gave a power point presentation about faculty development and competitiveness. He said if anyone has new ideas, he can be reached at curt.peterson@mail.wvu.edu.
12. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, May 12, 2008.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary