

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, December 19, 2016

1. Chair Lena Maynor called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

DiBartolomeo, L.	Ibrahim, M.	McConnell, J.	Turton, R.
Gee, E.	Kleist, V.	Merrifield, J.	Valenti, M.
Hauser, D.	Maynor, L.	Nutter, R.	Veselicky, L.
Hileman, S.			

Members Absent:

Cottrell, L.	Fint-Clark, R.	Haines, K.	Stolzenberg, A.
Elmore, S.			

Guests:

Campbell, J.	Day-Perroots, S.	Proudfoot, C.	Wilson, C.
Clark, N.	Karraker, K.		

2. Chair Maynor moved for approval of the minutes from the November 28, 2016 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 - Fred King has done a wonderful job of breaking down the R1 predictors. He has developed a presentation that can help us determine our priorities. He intends to share that presentation with both the Executive Committee and the full Faculty Senate.
 - One area we know we need to work on and support is graduate education. Towards that end, the transformation team chaired by Katherine Karraker has submitted a report and proposal to the Provost's leadership team.
 - She thanked everyone for helping present the revised academic calendar to the Faculty Senate. She is pleased we were able to make that change and to let all of our students and faculty know well in advance of the 2017-18 academic year.
 - We made significant changes to the freshman seminar this year. Although there is still room for improvement, the freshman seminar was a much bigger success than it has been in the past. We held debriefings with all of our seminars to find out their suggestions for making it better.
 - We are reopening the process for Campus Read and reading two additional books: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance and *Strangers in Their Own Land* by Arlie Hochschild.
4. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - He asked Provost McConnell to discuss her role with the governor-elect's transition team. Governor-elect Justice asked the provosts of Marshall University and WVU to

co-coordinate his transition policy committees. There are eight committees: economic development, tourism, energy and the environment, health and DHHR, infrastructure, the drug epidemic, higher education, and public education pre-K through 12. Each committee includes a cross-section of people from industry, non-profits, and government services. The committees met at the Civic Center in Charleston on December 15 to identify and prioritize key issues and possible solutions. Information will be compiled into brief policy papers and submitted to the governor-elect before January 16. The governor-elect will review the policy papers and is expected to ask for more extensive consideration of certain issues.

- Our enrollment numbers are looking good. We must meet our targets for graduate students, undergraduate students, and in terms of quality.
5. Chair Lena Maynor reported that the committee reviewing academic dishonesty and appeals procedures has met twice. Their plan is to release draft documents for comment to smaller groups first, and then to larger groups. Katherine Karraker has agreed to make a formal presentation to Faculty Senate once the drafts are done, which will be a good way to get comments from a broad range of constituents. Once the document is complete, training for individual faculty will be coordinated by Lou Slimak from the Teaching and Learning Commons.
 6. Matthew Valenti, Co-Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
 - Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried.
 - Annex II, Course Changes Report. Motion carried.Dr. Valenti reported that the harmonization project is nearly complete, with the exception of a couple of departments. He also reported that the Curriculum Committee is anticipating receipt of a proposal from Sue Day-Perroots concerning first year seminars.
 7. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee presented the following reports for information:
 - Annex III, GEF Transition Review. Report filed.
 - Annex IV, Proposed GEC to GEF CIM Workflow and GEF Assessment Cycle. Report filed.
 8. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported that the legislature will not convene until February, following the governor's inauguration in January.
 9. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported the following:
 - The Board of Governors met on December 16. The Board welcomed Tom Heywood, the managing partner at Bowles Rice, and Ben Statler as new members.
 - The Board voted to allow further negotiations on WVU's behalf for involvement in the aquatic center and track that is being planned for the Mylan Park area.
 - The BOG approved four honorary doctorate degrees.

10. New Business

Lisa DiBartolomeo reported that Eberly College routinely notifies faculty members that course grades are due 48 hours after their final exam. Her colleagues asked her to confirm whether the 48 deadline is a University mandate. Chair Maynor will check with the registrar and report back to this committee.

11. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, January 23, 2017.

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