

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, January 28, 2019

1. Chair David Hauser called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Hauser, D.	Murphy, E.
Brock, R.	Fleming, S.	Hileman, S.	Valenti, M.
Bernardes, E.	Goff, N.	Lieving, G.	Veselicky, L.
Cronin, A.	Haines, K.	Martucci, A.	

Members Absent:

Gee, E.	McConnell, J.	Nutter, R.	
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Guests:

Atkins, C.	Ostrowski, A.	Slimak, L.	Wilson, C.
Mollohan, T.	Shannon, R.	Wayne, S.	

2. Chair Hauser moved for approval of the minutes from the December 17, 2018 meeting.  
Motion carried.
3. Associate Provost C.B. Wilson reported the following:
  - The nomination period for the 2019-2020 Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship Applied Faculty Fellows Program is now open. Further information is available on the faculty awards page ([faculty.wvu.edu](http://faculty.wvu.edu)). Nominations will be accepted until the close of business on February 28.
  - The Humanities Center is seeking an associate director to support the Center's mission of cultivating critical humanistic inquiry, fostering collaborative, interdisciplinary, and publicly accessible scholarship and teaching to benefit the common good. The associate director will support the work of the director and of humanities scholars around campus through administering grants and the cultivating of a network of humanities researchers, practitioners, and communicators. A full job description can be found on the WVU Careers site.
  - An FAQ document concerning the discontinuation of WVU's affiliation with the Academic Common Market (ACM) has been posted online. While the university will no longer be offering ACM opportunities, the funds previously so earmarked will be redistributed to continue to support and encourage the success of our out-of-state students.
4. Chair David Hauser reported the following:
  - Results from the survey conducted after the December working group session have been compiled and will be shared at the next Senate meeting. He is planning another working group session for March around the topic of "what are the metrics of a failing department versus one that is succeeding?"

- He hopes the issue of how long after the end of a semester students can see their grades on eCampus (as opposed to seeing their official grades posted on STAR) will be resolved later this week at a meeting of the eCampus working group.
- Some faculty have reported that students have made comments on the eSEIs that are offensive to them. The Teaching and Assessment Committee is working through legal, policy, Title IX, and assessment issues to come up with a policy recommendation. There seems to be some momentum towards allowing faculty to have offensive comments redacted from the eSEIs.
- Policy Committee has recommended that all final grades be due at a specific time, such as the Monday or Tuesday after exam week.
- The call for nominations for open Senate seats has been sent out. The tentative dates for Senate elections will be February 27 through March 8. The survey asking for volunteers to serve on 2019-2020 Senate committees will go out the week of February 11. Nominations will be accepted for Faculty Senate Chair-Elect through the March Senate meeting; candidates will present statements at the April Senate meeting and voting will immediately follow.
- He welcomed Ed Bernardes and thanked him for taking over as Chair of the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee.

5. Ednilson Bernardes, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried, although the committee chair will seek clarification of questions concerning ENGL 229.

Annex II, Course Changes, Deletions, and Adoptions Report. Motion carried.

Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.

Changes to the Major in Applied and Environmental Microbiology. Motion carried.

A motion was made and duly seconded to take previously tabled proposals off the table for changing AOE's to Majors in Forensic Biology, Forensic Examiner, Chinese Studies, French, and Spanish. Motion carried.

The motion to approve the proposals for changing AOE's to Majors in Forensic Biology and in Forensic Examiner carried.

A motion was made and duly seconded to table the proposals to change AOE's to Majors in Chinese Studies, French, and Spanish. Motion carried.

The following report was submitted for information:

New Minor in Finance. Report filed.

6. Robert Brock, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, submitted the following report for information:

Annex VI, GEF Transition Review. Report filed.

7. Ashley Martucci, Chair, Teaching and Assessment Committee, moved for approval of the following recommendation:

Annex V, Recording Mid-Semester Grades in Digital Measures. Motion carried.

8. Carolyn Atkins, Chair, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies, moved for approval of the following:

Annex VI, Standing Committee Membership Changes. Motion carried.

Dr. Atkins also distributed a document addressing the committee charge and outlining the procedure for populating Faculty Senate committees. A motion was made and duly seconded to replace the charge that currently appears on the Faculty Senate web site with the wording that appears in the faculty constitution. Motion carried. Following minor edits, an additional motion was made and duly seconded to post the procedure for populating committees on the Faculty Senate web site. Motion carried.

9. Scott Wayne, Chair, Faculty Welfare Committee, reported that the committee has considered the following issues so far this year:

- Tobacco-free campus. The comment period has ended for BOG Finance and Administration Rule 5.6 (Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus).
- Parking. He is now attending Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee meetings.
- Changes in titles from clinical faculty to service faculty. CB Wilson provided an explanation, and the committee considers this issue to be resolved.
- Talent and Culture discussed issues with the committee, including examination of a paid time off versus a sick/vacation leave model, conversion of leave time to health care benefits, the retiree email system, PEIA, and upward feedback.
- Changes to the student conduct and appeals process.
- Academic dishonesty procedures.
- The ombuds position.
- Elimination of some majors in World Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics.
- Availability of child care at the university and in the Morgantown area.
- BOG Governance Rule 1.6 (Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Domestic Misconduct, Stalking, Retaliation, and Relationships).

10. Chair David Hauser introduced Annex VII, Proposal to Establish Campus Inclusion and Climate Committee. The proposal would establish a standing committee to address diversity and inclusion issues. Following discussion, a decision was made to present a revised proposal to the Faculty Senate at the February meeting.

11. Matthew Valenti, on behalf of Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that:

- HB 2519, The Campus Self Defense Act, was introduced on January 18. There are several restrictions in the bill.
- Other notable legislation includes the omnibus education bill, the community and technical college bill, multiple bills discussing the soft drink tax, numerous PEIA-related bills, and a bill to allow boards of governors to eliminate tenure.

12. Stan Hileman, BOG representative, reported that the Board of Governors will meet on February 8. The Board will consider Governance Rule 1.4 (Ethics, Conflict of Interest, and Outside Consulting Arrangements).

13. Chair David Hauser presented Annex VIII, Faculty Senate Letter to West Virginia Legislature. Following minor edits, the document will move forward for Faculty Senate consideration at the February meeting.
14. New Business: None.
15. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 25, 2019.

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