

# MINUTES

## West Virginia University Faculty Senate

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

1. The meeting was convened at 3:15pm by Ashley Martucci, Faculty Senate Chair, in the College of Law Fitzsimmons Event Hall. Senators and guests also participated via videoconference.

### Members Present:

Anderson, K.	Crosno, J.	Hodge, J.	McCrary, J.	Sizemore, J.
Armour-Gemmen, M.	Cui, A.	Honaker, L.	McCusker, B.	Smith, D.
Barnes, E.	Davari, A.	Hood, C.	McGinnis, R.	Sofka, S.
Bastress, R.	Dickman, B.	Huber, S.	Miltenberger, M.	Sowards, A.
Battistella, L.	Dilcher, B.	Hudgins, C.	Mucino, V.	Staniscia, S.
Bhandari, R.	Donley, D.	Jaczynski, J.	Myers, S.	Tack, F.
Bolyard, J.	Downes, M.	John, C.	Nix, A.	Toppe, M.
Bonner, D.	Elliott, E.	Kearns, J.	Orr, E.	Utzman, R.
Bragg, R.	Evans, K.	Kelly, K.	Phillips, T.	Vercelli, M.
Bravo, G.	Galvez-Peralta, M.	LaRue, R.	Rinehart, L.	Watson, J.
Bruyaka, O.	Grushecky, S.	Law, K.	Roberts, D.	Wayne, S.
Bryner, R.	Hamrick, A.	Leary, M.	Rota, C.	Welsh, A.
Butina, M.	Hatipoglu, K.	Leight, M.	Sakhuja, A.	Williams, D.
Casey, R.	Hauser, D.	Li, H.	Schaefer, G.	Woloshuk, J.
Celikbas, E.	Heady, M.	Lorenze, S.	Schimmel, C.	Woods, S.
Chantler, P.	Hibbert, A.	Lupo, J.	Sealey, V.	Wuest, T.
Costas, M.	Hileman, S.	Marra, A.	Sims, J.	Zegre, N.
Crichlow, S.	Hissam, R.	Martucci, A.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Zeni, T.

### Members Absent:

Billings, H.	Eades, D.	Gross, J.	Morgan, J.	Sabolsky, E.
Bresock, K.	Ellis, E.	Hessl, A.	Ryan Murphy, T.	Samuels, H.
Burke, R.	Ellison, M.	Hines, S.	Murray, A.	Sherlock, L.
Burnside, J.	Elswick, D.	Holbein, M.	Nguyen, Y.	Shrader, C.
Cohen, S.	Famouri, P.	Hornsby, G.	Olfert, M.	Soccorsi, A.
Cottrell, L.	Feaster, K.	Kitchen, S.	Peckens, S.	Swager, L.
Cronin, A.	Frazier, V.	Klein, A.	Petrone, A.	ter Haseborg, H.
Davis, D.	Fullen, M.	Knuckles, T.	Reece, J.	Titolo, M.
Dey, K.	Geldenhuys, W.	Kupec, J.	Reece, R.	Waggy, C.
Di Bartolomeo, L.	Gilleland, D.	Li, B.	Rice, T.	Wayne, S.
Duenas, O.	Graziani, G.	Momen, J.	Rogers, T.	Willard, M.

### Faculty Senate Officers Present:

Eloise, E.	Hileman, S.	Singh-Corcoran, N.
Hauser, D.	Martucci, A.	Wayne, S.

2. Faculty Senate Chair Ashley Martucci presented for approval the minutes from the Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting. Action: Motion carried by unanimous consent.
3. Chair Martucci added two items to the meeting agenda: 1) Legislative update from Vice President of Strategic Initiatives Rob Alsop and 2) WVU Campus Police Report from Chief of Police Sherry St. Clair.
4. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
  - a. Recognition of the first in-person meeting of Faculty Senate since March 2020.
  - b. A successful Decide WVU Open House on April 9<sup>th</sup>, noting a 75% show rate.
  - c. There will be an end of semester celebration for students called Grad Fest.
  - d. WVU now owns the former Milan facility in Morgantown, W.V. President Gee noted that all former Milan employees will be eligible to return to WVU for free.
5. Rob Alsop, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, reported on the West Virginia legislative session.
  - a. Appropriations for WVU grew over \$4 million. This will go toward a compensation adjustment program.
  - b. Health Sciences Center funding will switch from \$14 million in soda tax revenue to \$14 million in insurance premium tax revenue.
  - c. The Anti-Racism Act did not pass before session end.
  - d. A funding formula bill did pass that will allow the Higher Education Policy Commission to modify the funding formula for two-year and four-year institutions, as well as providing institutions the ability to issue debt for IT projects.
6. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
  - a. The COVID Planning Committee reports a very low number of cases on campus and in-state.
  - b. Four finalists for the Dean of Applied Human Sciences position, with a goal to have a new dean in place by July 1.
  - c. Potomac State President Jennifer Orlikoff announced that she would step down from her role at the end of June. The process to select an interim or replacement has already begun.
  - d. There is currently an internal search for the Associate Provost for Academic Personnel.
  - e. A Campus Conversation will be held on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss graduate education, tuition waivers, and program portfolio review processes.
  - f. Updates on Academic Transformation, including the addition of Statler in the process and the removal of specific programs and related decisions being mentioned on the website.

- g. The week of April 11<sup>th</sup> is Research Week. Provost Reed deferred the floor to Melanie Page to provide detail on related events.
  - h. A Scholarship Celebration will take place on April 18th.
  - i. The Faculty-Staff Award Celebration will take place on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
7. Daniel Long, Susan Henigin, Lisa Stender, and Jason Kapcala, of the Office of Accessibility Services, presented on an overview of the office and the services provided.
  8. Sherry St. Clair, Chief of Police, provided updates on Campus Police, including the new Public Safety Officer program.
  9. Ryan Edsall, Account Manager for American Red Cross, announced a blood drive on April 13<sup>th</sup> and provided updates on the ongoing blood shortage.
  10. Ashley Martucci, Faculty Senate Chair, welcomed Corey Hunt on his first day as Faculty Senate Office Administrator and announced that the May meeting of Faculty Senate will be focused on shared governance.
  11. Chair Martucci welcomed Chair-Elect candidates Frankie Tack, Suzanne Kitchen, and Jared Sims to each regarding their candidacy, and announced the ballot would open on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 8:00am and remain open for seven days. Candidate Statements – [Annex IA](#)
  12. Robin Hissam, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, presented the following reports for approval. Action: Motions carried.

For Approval – New Courses Report – [Annex I](#)

For Approval – Course Changes Report – [Annex II](#)

For Approval – Program Change (Program Code: ELEMED\_BA, Title: Elementary Education, Key: 591)

For Approval – Program Change (Program Code: MDMS\_BA\_49, Title: Multidisciplinary Media

Studies, Key: 17)

For Approval – Program Change (Program Code: PHYS\_AS\_AOE, Title: Space Physics, Key: 194)

For Approval – Program Change (Program Code: PHYS\_PP\_AOE, Title: Professional Preparation, Key:

722)

For Approval – Program Change (Program Code: PHYS\_PT\_AOE, Title: Physics Teaching, Key: 723)

For Approval – Program Change (Program Code: SPAN\_BA, Title: Spanish, Key: 173)

For Approval – Program Change (Program Code: WLL\_JAPN\_MIN, Title: Japanese Studies (minor),

Key: 107)

For Approval – New Program (Program Code: NEW-TBD, Title: PSC-Bachelor of Integrated Studies,

Key: 1330)

For Approval – New Program (Program Code: NEW-TBD, Title: PSC-Mental Health and Addiction Studies, Key: 1327)

13. Amy Welsh, Chair of the General Education Foundations Committee, welcomed submissions for Gen ED courses.
14. Marina Galvez-Peralta, Chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, had no updates to provide.
15. Ann Marie Hibbert, Chair of the Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies, provided the following reports for approval. Action: Motions carried.

For Approval – Resolution to (Re)Create Faculty Senate Committee on Student Rights and Responsibilities – [Annex III](#)

For Approval – Change to Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies Charge regarding regional campuses – [Annex IV](#)

For Approval – Revised Library Committee Charge – [Annex V](#)

16. Eloise Elliott, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported on Senate Bill 98 and discussed the Summer Teaching Institute.
17. Stan Hileman, Board of Governor’s Representative, reported on the March 10 special meeting on the Viatrix (Mylan) plant acquisition.
18. Chair Martucci reported for information item on Faculty Senate Election results – [Annex VI](#) and welcomed newly elected senators.
19. Chair Martucci opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Governor’s Faculty position. Stan Hileman has agreed to stay in this position. No other nominations presented.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Corey Hunt  
Faculty Senate Office Administrator