

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 Monday, November 17, 2025 – 3:00 P.M.
 Location: Virtual via Zoom

Faculty Senate Chair Scott Crichlow called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Benson, M.	Graves, C.	Kreider, P.	Pena-Yewtukhiw, E.	Terry, D.
Cottrell, L.	Gross, J.	Leight, M.	Prinzo, L.	Valenti, M.
Crichlow, S.	Hood, C.	Murphy, E.	Ripley Stueckle, J.	
Davis, D.	Johnson, C.	O'Quinn, J.	Sowards, A.	

1. The Minutes of the October 27, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting were approved as distributed.

2. Report from Faculty Senate Chair R. Scott Crichlow

- a. Chair Crichlow reported that the Faculty Senate leadership continues to work with committees and senior administrators on several ongoing issues, including student accommodation policies, faculty pay, faculty retention, assessment of teaching, and updates to Promotion & Tenure guidelines at the college and department levels.
- b. Provost finalists will be visiting campus the first week of December. Crichlow noted appreciation for the University returning to a traditional and professional hiring practice for the provost position and encouraged faculty participation during the open forums.

3. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Curriculum Committee

New Course Report – [Annex I](#)

Course Change Report – [Annex II](#)

Program Report – [Annex III](#)

4. Standing Reports

- a. Curriculum Committee Report (Cate Johnson)

For Information – Deleted Course Report – [Annex IV](#)

 - i. Johnson reported that meetings have included additional training time and structured discussion due to the high number of new members.
- b. General Education Foundations Committee Report (Cody Hood)
 - i. The committee is coordinating with Damien Clement in the Honors College regarding the Honors Fellows process, with anticipated course approvals around February.
 - ii. The committee is moving toward a more active role in monitoring GEF courses from the previous hands-off approach after courses were approved by the committee. This change includes identifying GEF courses with such criteria as Concerning DFW trends, and low course offering frequency, with the committee working to identify a means of providing support where needed.

- iii. The committee will also be reviewing those GEF programs that have been in the program the longest, reaching out to ensure that learning outcomes are being updated, expectations are being met from the student perspective, and considering how the committee can serve as a resource.
- c. Teaching and Assessment Committee Report (Ashlee Sowards)
 - i. The committee met November 14 with guest reports centered around the Student Perception of Teaching (SPoT) instrument.
 - ii. Casey Jackson from WVU Advance presented on current faculty workshops, including an upcoming session on contextualizing SPoT results for annual reviews on [December 22](#).
 - iii. The vendor for the Blue upgrade demonstrated the new interface for SPOT and early-semester feedback, which goes live in January.
 - iv. Feedback from committee members indicated the upgrade appears intuitive and unlikely to require significant faculty training. A vendor-provided walkthrough will be shared.
 - v. Faculty may personalize SPoT questions through November 23.
 - vi. Additional SPoT-related matters are expected at the January meeting.
- d. Board of Governors Faculty Representative Lesley Cottrell reported on the November meeting of the WVU Board of Governors:
 - i. Internal Audit received an unmodified opinion (positive outcome)
 - ii. Discussions on athletics facilities updates, including naming of the Hope Coliseum
 - iii. Topics of discussion and approval included: PSC biology lab renovations; renovations at Jackson's Mill; UPD participation in the federal 1033 program; County Extension appointments; and review of program discontinuations, such as the B.S in Public Health.
 - iv. Strategic planning discussions included conversations on the University brand and enrollment at divisional campuses.
- e. Report from Faculty Representative to State Government (Jason Gross)
 - i. Attended interim sessions in early November, meeting several state legislators and promoting awareness of the Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) as a resource for faculty-related issues.
 - ii. ACF meeting at Stonewall Jackson on November 7-8 including topics of:
 - 1. Smaller institutions reporting issues with dual enrollment programs and program integrity.
 - 2. HB 3279 removing faculty seats on the Board of Governors. General consensus is that reversal is unlikely.
 - iii. Gross plans to attend the December 7-9 Legislative Interims in Charleston.

5. Guest Reports

- a. Report from President Michael T. Benson
 - i. WVU holiday lighting ("Let's Glow") moving forward, with plans for permanent lighting on Woodburn Hall.
 - ii. Retention reported as 85%, highest ever for WVU.
 - iii. Appreciation to WVU Medicine for \$1 million support of PSC biology renovations.
 - iv. Strategic plan leadership assignments for five priority areas were identified:

1. Education – Paul Kreider
2. Discovery – Ming Lei
3. Health – Clay Marsh
4. Service – Jorge Atilas and Fabrizio D’Aloisio
5. Experience: Gary Furbee and Wren Baker
- v. Provost finalists will be visiting campus between December 1-5, with open candidate sessions on Mon, Tues, Wed, and Fri.
- vi. A town hall will be held in the future with updated information on AAU aspirational goals.
- vii. Recent Discovery Days student recruitment events for regional high schools have been a great success and will be continued.
- viii. Successful Mountain State Cyber Summit reported 800-900 attendees.
- ix. Commencement to be held December 20.

b. Report from Interim Provost Paul Kreider

- i. Dean searches
 1. Library dean profile now available on the Greenwood-Asher website
 2. Eberly dean profile expected in the next few weeks
 3. College of Law dean – first round interviews are complete, and finalists have been invited to campus for early December.
- ii. Kreider is leading meetings for the education aspect of the strategic planning process. Reports planned for the Board of Governors in February.
- iii. Annual Scholarly Teaching Conference May 13-14
 - a. Proposals, posters, and virtual sessions
 - b. <https://tlc.wvu.edu/conference>

6. Senate Business and Announcements

- a. Report from Diana Davis – Provost Search Updates
 - i. Strong applicant pool, with four finalists selected. All have accepted invitations to visit campus.
 - ii. On-campus open forums: December 1, 2, 3, and 5.
 - iii. Candidate names and brief bios will be released 24 hours before visits.
 - iv. Full CVs will not be released due to length; selected materials will be shared.
 - v. Davis thanked the committee for significant time commitments.
- b. For Approval – Proposed Updates to the Faculty Constitution – [Annex V](#)
 - i. Motion to approve (Pena-Yewtukhiw)
 - ii. The committee unanimously approved an amendment from Jessie O’Quinn, changing lines 465-467 regarding Executive Committee representation by striking and replacing the following text:
 1. “the Faculty Assembly Chairs from WVU Potomac State College and WVU Institute of Technology...” **was amended to** “the Faculty Assembly Chair from WVU Institute of Technology, a senator from Potomac State College as elected by the Potomac State Faculty Assembly...”

- iii. With no further discussion, the committee unanimously voted in favor of approving the document, which will now move to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

c. New Business

- i. Cody Hood encouraged members to share the Nov. 5 General Education Survey.
- ii. Megan Leight reminded members that the mandatory Cyber Security Train is due November 19. Those that do not complete the training will be required to change their password every 45 days. Those failing to complete last year's training as well will no longer have access to the VPN.
- iii. Jennifer Ripley Stueckle requested an update from Barnes and Noble regarding online course material accessibility. Students that didn't participate in First Day Complete had access removed on October 24, which has caused disruptions in instruction. Paul Kreider and Evan Widders noted that they will investigate the matter.

7. Faculty Senate Chair Scott Crichlow adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m., to reconvene on December 15, 2025.

Corey Hunt
Faculty Senate Office Administrator