

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
October 23, 2006

1. Chair Famouri called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

Members present:

Bergner, G.	Famouri, P.	Lastinger, M.	Robbins, J.
Branch, D.	Hardesty, D.	McDiarmid, M.	Strife, M.
Clark, N.	Kleist, V.	Nutter, R.	
Dean, R.	Lang, G.	Outterson, K.	

Members absent:

Butcher, F.	Jackowitz, A.	Kershner, R.	Torsney, C.
Wilson, C.B.			

Guests:

Garbutt, K. Gregory, K. (DA)

2. President Hardesty introduced Brandon Stump, a senior in the School of Journalism, who is working on his capstone experience while shadowing the president. Brandon will write an article for the Wheeling Intelligencer.

The President spoke on "National Commission Reports" and their influence on the local campus. Provost Lang is analyzing the impact that the Spillings Commission could have on higher education. He said he received a note stating that the NCAA has a report called, "The Second Century Imperatives," which discusses the future of Intercollegiate Athletics, and it will be released this month; the President said he participated in the drafting of this report. Several points can be made about the reports; one is that they are part of the drive toward the accountability for higher education and athletic accountability is another. The President said, "we need to look at the reports and put the information into context."

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the September 25, 2006 minutes with the following corrections: in item 4, the list of names for the "Mountainlair Advisory Council" should be John Kuhlman and Carol Hando; the remaining names should be deleted, and in item 6, a correct title should be included for Amy Baker. Motion carried.
4. The October 9, 2006 Faculty Senate minutes were reviewed. Professor Clark recommended that the comments made by Professor Bryan concerning the proposal to endorse the 6 statements discussed by Professor Roy Nutter, ACF representative, be posted to the minutes. In item 3, second bullet, "R. William Funk and Associates" is the appropriate spelling for the recruitment company.
5. Chair Famouri reported that Chancellor Noland will speak at the December 11th Faculty Senate meeting; before the FS meeting, the Chancellor will have a luncheon meeting with the

Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The Chair said he attended an Advisory Council of Faculty meeting, and he appreciated all the hard work the members do.

6. Professor Kevin Outtersson said that, regrettably, he will not be able to serve as Chair-elect of the Faculty Senate because he has taken a position at Boston University, and he will be taking a leave of absence from the University.

It was moved and duly seconded to accept Steve Kite's nomination for Chair-elect with one abstention. Motion carried. The Chair said before the November election, additional nominations can be received from the Senate floor.

7. Professor Gwen Bergner moved for approval of the following Curriculum Committee reports:

Annex I. New Courses and Course Changes. Corrections were made. Motion carried.

Annex II. Proposal for a Major in Agroecology. Motion carried.

Annex III. Proposal for a Major in Applied and Environmental Microbiology. Motion carried.

Annex IV. Proposal for a Major in Soil Sciences. Motion carried.

Annex V. Proposal for a Change in the Horticulture Major Curriculum. Motion carried.

Annex VI. Proposal for a Change in the Agronomy Major Curriculum. Motion carried.

Annex VII. Proposal to Delete the Environmental Protection Curriculum. Motion carried.

Annex VIII. Proposal for a Minor in Equine Management. Motion carried.

Annex IX. The Alteration Report was submitted for information.

8. Professor Garbutt moved for approval of the General Education Report listed in Annex X. Motion carried.

9. The Chair said Associate Provost C.B. Wilson is in the process of finding an additional representative from one of the other campuses to serve on the Promotion & Tenure panel.

10. Chair Famouri said he attended a Research and Scholarship Committee meeting to discuss the committee charge, and he thanked members for their hard work. He said the following issues were discussed:

The Research and Scholarship Committee Report, listed in Annex XI, was discussed. The Chair said the committee has the following two parts to their charge: to discuss travel and research grants, so awards can be recommended, and to provide better ways of doing research. The Chair said he encouraged the group to look at themselves as a University committee and not a college committee and to look favorably to arts and humanities, and social-science areas because these are areas that it is difficult to receive funding. Professor McDiarmid moved to recommit the report back to the committee for further study and recommendations. It was duly seconded. Motion carried. Provost Lang recommended that the report be divided between travel and research.

11. Chair Famouri said he received a letter from Nathan Tublitz, listed in Annex XII, requesting WVU join the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA), which is an alliance of faculty senates at schools that belong to the NCAA's Division 1A that was formed in 2002 as a way to link representative faculty governance on many campuses and articulate a faculty voice on athletics reform on the national level. Professor Branch said the athletic group is requesting WVU be part of what they are doing, and if the time comes that WVU wants to get on-board with the COIA, that he would volunteer to be the representative because he is doing research in this area. The Chair said three years ago, Professor Wilkinson told the COIA that, "WVU is not prepared to join formally, but it would keep an eye on its programs and would consider further engagement should the need to arise." The Chair said he and Professor Lastinger will meet with Professor Wilkinson concerning what took place with the COIA three years ago, and he will send a message to Nathan Tublitz letting him know that the Executive Committee is studying the issue. Discussion will continue at the November 27th Executive Committee.
12. Professor Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, said the ACF met on Thursday, October 19th at the New River Community and Technical College, Beckley, WV. He distributed a handout and reported on the issues that were discussed.
13. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. to reconvene on November 27, 2006.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary