

Faculty Senate Chair Scott Crichlow called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Dai, F.	Horstick, E.	Nduaguba, S.	Song, X.
Abraham, J.	Davis, D.	Hutchinson, J.	Nolan, K.	Sowards, A.
Adkins, B.	Deci, S.	Johnson, C.	O'Quinn, J.	Stueckle, J.
Ameri, S.	Dilcher, B.	Jones, J.	Peluso, A.	Swiger, J.
Ameri, S.	Doyle, A.	Kidd, K.	Pena-Yewtukhiw, E.	Tanner, E.
Benincosa, M.	Fidelman, E.	Leary, M.	Phillips, B.	Taylor, G.
Bergeron, J.	Fleming, S.	Leight, M.	Powell, B.	Terry, D.
Bonasso, P.	Fonseca, C.	Livengood, H.	Prinzo, L.	Unger, K.
Bresock, K.	Gabbert, K.	Martin, E.	Pyles, L.	Valenti, M.
Brewster, D.	Gorman, C.	Matak, K.	Ray Chaudhuri, N.	Vance, B.
Bryner, R.	Graves, C.	M'Bayo, T.	Reaser, R.	Watson, K.
Burnside, J.	Gritsenko, V.	McWilliams, S.	Reece, J.	Weatherford, L.
Carder, J.	Gross, J.	Metz, C.	Rogers, R.	Weirich, M.
Collignon, S.	Hairston, P.	Milans, K.	Scally, J.	Williams, D.
Corcoran, K.	Hambrick, G.	Miller, C.	Shannon, B.	Wilson, E.
Costas, M.	Hamrick, A.	Mukdadi, O.	Siekmeier, J.	Woloshuk, J.
Cottrell, L.	Hatipoglu, K.	Mukdadi, O.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Woodberry, K.
Crichlow, S.	Hedrick, J.	Mukdadi, O.	Sizemore, J.	Zaynutdinova, G.
Curtis, R.	Hood, C.	Mulligan, I.	Soccorsi, A.	

Members Excused:

Bragg, R.	Dadyburjor, D.	Kim, D.	McKenrick, S.	Zeni, T.
Coy, A.	DeMarco, F.	McCluskey, C.	Spong, B.	

Members Absent:

Ahmad, M.	Dietz, P.	Labus, A.	Ostrowski, A.	Wartella, J.
Bardes, J.	Fint-Clark, B.	Li, H.	Palmer, A.	Witsberger, S.
Bogdansky, K.	Fullen, M.	Liller, B.	Tarabishy, A.	
Chapman, K.	Greenfield, J.	Lituma, C.	Thayer, J.	
Costello, L.	Jones, M.	McCloskey, J.	Thomay, A.	
Descoteaux, J.	Kelly, C.	Murray, A.	Udassi, S.	

1. The Minutes of the September 8, 2025, Faculty Senate Meeting approved as distributed.

2. Report from Faculty Senate Chair R. Scott Crichlow

- Senate leadership continues to work with university administration and committees to address a range of faculty concerns, including research processes, the new strategic plan, and enrollment and recruitment issues.
- Crichlow recently participated in a shared governance event at Marshall University and will represent WVU at the upcoming Big 12 Faculty Senate Leaders meeting.
- Senators are encouraged to maintain communication with their constituents.

*You may access program proposals at <https://futurecatalog.wvu.edu/programadmin/> by using your login credentials. Search for programs using the 3- or 4-digit key provided above. Course Proposals may be similarly accessed at <https://futurecatalog.wvu.edu/courseadmin>

- d. Volunteers are needed for the University Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel. Eligible faculty must not have reviewed candidates at the department or college level, nor be up for promotion themselves. Interested individuals should contact Chris Staples.
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3. Consent Agenda unanimously approved as presented.

For Approval:

Curriculum Committee

New Course Report – [Annex I](#)

Course Change Report – [Annex II](#)

Program Report – [Annex III](#)

Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies

Committee Roster Updates – [Annex IV](#)

4. Standing Reports

- a. Curriculum Committee Chair Cate Johnson had nothing further to report beyond the approval items on the consent agenda and the “for information” course deactivation report.
For Information – Deleted Course Report – [Annex V](#)
 - b. General Education Foundations Committee Report (Cody Hood)
 - i. Hood presented Annex VI, outlining revisions to the Honors Foundations Program developed collaboratively with Honors College. Updates include alignment with revised GEF learning outcomes and a shift in the committee’s role to an advisory capacity.
 - ii. Hood encouraged faculty to review the Honors College’s call for Fellows and consider participation.
For Information – Honors Foundations Program Proposal, Revised from [2016 Version](#) – [Annex VI](#)
 - c. Teaching and Assessment Committee Report (Ashlee Sowards)
 - i. Sowards reported that the committee met for the second time this semester. Faculty teaching 2nd 8-weeks courses are reminded to complete the Early Semester Course Feedback Tool, and that SPOT question modifications remain open until November 23.
 - d. Committee on Committees Report (Lesley Cottrell)
 - i. Cottrell thanked the faculty who accepted chair-elected roles and noted that committee vacancies have been filled.
 - e. Board of Governors Report (Lesley Cottrell)
 - i. Cottrell summarized the BOG’s September meeting, which included approval of several new programs (example given of an online M.S. in Cybersecurity and Media Studies at Potomac State) and facility renovations at Jackson’s Mill.
 - ii. The Board passed a resolution supporting Athletics, with fiscal and operational details to be discussed in February.
 - iii. Cottrell emphasized the administration’s ongoing balance between athletic advancement and the pursuit of AAU aspirations, noting that faculty engagement remains central to institutional progress.
 - f. Report from Faculty Representative to State Government (Jason Gross)
 - i. Gross provided updates from the Advisory Council of Faculty:
 - 1. The annual retreat will occur November 7–8, with participation from the Higher Education Policy Commission and WVU’s Director of State Government Relations, Dan Kimble, who will provide a legislative update.
 - 2. Gross invited senators to share discussion topics for inclusion in the retreat agenda.
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5. Guest Reports

- a. Report from Colin Street, Student Body President – Building Community in Academic Departments
[Link to Presentation - PDF](#)
 - i. Presentation on the Building Academic Communities and Homes (BACH) Initiative, a student-led effort to combat academic apathy and foster stronger departmental communities.
 - ii. Street emphasized that over half of WVU students report chronic loneliness. The initiative aims to support departments in creating community through student lounges, departmental events, faculty-student mixers, and enhanced engagement opportunities.
 - iii. Street invited faculty participation through a survey (QR code in linked presentation) and offered SGA's assistance in planning and coordinating departmental community-building events.
 - b. Report from Fabrizio D'Aloisio, Vice President for Enrollment Management – Enrollment Strategies
[Link to Presentation - PDF](#)
 - i. D'Aloisio, in his fourth week at WVU, introduced himself and outlined early efforts to build a comprehensive, data-driven enrollment management strategy.
 - ii. Key points included national and state demographic declines, the need for increased market share, and improved coordination of recruitment efforts across colleges.
 - iii. He emphasized the creation of a multi-year plan aligned with the university's strategic goals, and faculty engagement in both undergraduate and graduate recruitment.
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6. Faculty Senate Business and Announcements

- a. Report from Lauren Prinzo, Faculty Senate Secretary – Faculty Ombudsperson Updates
For Information – Review of Faculty Ombuds Report – [Annex VII](#)
 - i. Prinzo shared that a special subcommittee of the Executive Committee reviewed the ombuds position description and recommended removing the requirement for formal conflict resolution experience to broaden the applicant pool. Language was revised to better reflect the role's focus on guidance and resource navigation rather than mediation. The Provost's Office has reposted the position, and faculty are encouraged to apply or share. The role includes a 0.25 effort buyout (approx. 10 hours/week), with departmental approval required.
 - b. No new business was introduced.
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7. Chair Scott Crichlow adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m. The Faculty Senate will reconvene on November 3, 2025.

Corey Hunt
Faculty Senate Office Administrator