

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, August 24, 2015

1. Chair Richard Turton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Ameri, S.	Fint-Clark, R.	Kleist, V.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bastress, R.	Gee, E.	Maynor, L.	Turton, R.
Cottrell, L.	Griffith, R.	Nutter, R.	Valenti, M.
DiBartolomeo, L.	Hauser, D.	Orlikoff, J.	

Members Absent:

Elmore, S.	McConnell, J.	Veselicky, L.
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Guests:

Campbell, J.	Karraker, K.	Pfeifer, A.	Street, O.
Day-Perroots, S.	Merrifield, J.	Proudfoot, C.	Wilson, C.
Dean, R.			

2. Chair Turton moved for approval of the minutes from the May 18, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
  - He expressed his appreciation to the Faculty Senate chairs he has worked with, and acknowledged the time and energy the position requires. They have each worked diligently with him to engage in common sense discussions about the issues we are dealing with.
  - We had no incidents during the two weekends encompassing Welcome Week. That compares to last year when there were a couple of hundred arrests the first weekend. We had our largest crowd ever for FallFest, which was moved to Sunday afternoon. Over 1000 students participated in community service projects during the week. One of President Gee's favorite moments was seeing 5000 freshman crowd into an outline of the state for a class photo during Saturday Night Lights. He is grateful to the many faculty members who were engaged in advising, developing programs, and other activities during Welcome Week.
  - He visited approximately 40 counties this summer. One specific trip was to Harper's Ferry immediately following the fire. Steve Bonanno and other members of Extension Service provided assistance, the Clinical Law Program helped with legal and insurance issues, and students will be involved in the rebuilding process.
  - Clay Marsh has reached out to the School of Medicine at Marshall University and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine as part of his One West Virginia health initiative. WVU and Marshall University have formed a partnership to support collaborative research and healthcare projects addressing the state's health concerns.
  - University Park celebrated its grand opening. The quality of our housing has dramatically increased, and will continue to increase.
  - The opening of the Art Museum will be celebrated with a weeklong series of events and activities, including its dedication on August 25 at 1:00 p.m.

4. Executive Session

A motion was made and duly seconded to move the Faculty Senate Executive Committee into Executive Session according to WV code Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section to discuss a matter relating to personnel.

Following the conclusion of Executive Session, the Committee reconvened into regular session.

5. Vice Provost Russ Dean reported the following:

- Aimée Pfeifer was appointed to serve as Interim Registrar. The search for a permanent registrar has not yet begun.
- The appointment of an Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management should be announced within the next day or two.
- He asked John Campbell to share a report with Executive Committee concerning activities that took place over the summer and changes that will be taking place this fall. Dr. Campbell reported that a new GradeSync feature will be rolled out soon, allowing grades to be submitted from eCampus into STAR with a few simple clicks. In addition, a vendor has been selected to replace the SEI/eSEI package; the vendor is working with Information Technology Services (ITS) to launch a pilot program. ITS also began a six-week pilot on August 18 to offer walk-up support at the Mountainlair.

6. Chair Richard Turton reported the following:

- He accompanied Dr. Gee on one of his multi-county tours to Nicholas, Monroe, and Greenbrier counties. He was impressed with the impact of the tours, and the incredible support shown for WVU in these counties.
- He spent time in Denmark and Columbia this summer on research and educational activities.
- He accompanied Bob Griffith to Charleston for the Board of Governors HEPC (West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission) summit.
- He attended the ACF meeting at Stonewall Resort.
- His goals for this year include continuing to work on implementing the General Education Foundations, continuing to work with the Provost to implement a faculty ombudsperson, working with the Teaching and Assessment Committee and with ITS to implement the pilot program for the new SEI system, and updating the Faculty Senate web site.

7. Matt Valenti, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex II, 2014-15 Committee Report. Accepted following the addition of goals for 2015-16.

Annex III, Corrections to May 2015 New Courses Report. Motion carried.

8. Lena Maynor and Lisa DiBartolomeo provided a General Education Foundations (GEF) progress report.
9. Jennifer Orlikoff provided an update on HB2867, which addresses Series 17, the transferability of credits and grades at West Virginia colleges and universities. She and Richard Turton attended a HEPC workshop on June 9 that provided an overview on the transferability of credits. The workshop was conducted by Corley Dennison, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The law codifies the concept of 70% course alignment and requires the transfer of credits and grades between public and private institutions as long as the sending institution is accredited by a body

recognized by the United States Department of Education. Courses are defined as comparable when 70 percent of the learning objectives are in alignment. Institutions must post course content in a manner that allows a student to determine course alignment, and must provide clear and specific detail for the denial of course credit. An appeals process must be in place.

Prior to the close of the comment period, Dr. Orlikoff will draft a comment for distribution by Chair Turton for endorsement by Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

10. Chair Turton presented Annex IV, Change in Degreeworks Coding for BIOL 105, GEOG 107, GEOL 101 and GEOL 103. This clarifies how the four courses will be coded in Degreeworks as part of the GEF implementation.
11. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported the following:
  - Jennifer Orlikoff has been appointed as WVU's alternate member to the Advisory Council of Faculty. Dr. Nutter was elected to serve as chair.
  - He and Richard Turton attended a 2-day retreat in July. Issues discussed at the retreat included transfer and articulation, reverse transfer, common core and Smarter Balanced, and academic bullying.
  - The ACF faculty agenda for this academic year will be presented at a future Faculty Senate meeting.
12. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors did not meet during the summer. However, they did attend the annual HEPC Board of Governors Summit. Mike McKown, state budget office director, addressed the group and predicted additional mid-year budget cuts. Mr. McKown discussed severance tax returns for coal, which have declined sharply, and natural gas. Although natural gas production has sharply increased, the severance tax depends upon its price, which has fallen.
13. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, September 28, 2015.

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