

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, October 16, 2017

1. Chair Matthew Valenti called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Hileman, S.	Murphy, E.	Turton, R.
Cottrell, L.	Kleist, V.	Nutter, R.	Utzman, R.
DiBartolomeo, L.	Maynor, L.	Proudfoot, C.	Valenti, M.
Hauser, D.	McConnell, J.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Veselicky, L.

Members Absent:

Gee, E.	Merrifield, J.
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Guests:

Kreider, P.	Pfeifer, A.	Wilson, C.
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2. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 - The WVU Foundation is planning the University's inaugural Day of Giving. The 24-hour online fundraising effort will take on November 8 as part of the Foundation's "State of Minds" Campaign. The focus this year is on beginning a tradition of an annual Day of Giving. The greatest current need is unrestricted gifts to the University and its schools and colleges.
 - Several key units were recently realigned. Institutional Research has moved to the Office of the Provost and reports to Vice Provost John Campbell. Our goal for this move is to encourage data driven decision making. Enrollment Management has moved to University Relations and reports to Sharon Martin. This move will integrate marketing and branding with student recruitment and financial aid.
 - Rob Alsop, the previous vice president for legal, government and entrepreneurial engagement, has expanded his role and now serves as the new vice president for strategic initiatives. At the same time, Paula Congelio, associate vice president and chief financial officer for WVU Health Sciences, has expanded her duties to serve as vice president and chief financial officer for the University.
 - We have received a 3-year, \$1 million National Science Foundation grant to develop the next generation high performance computer cluster. The Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center will host and operate the cluster, which will advance computationally intensive research in many fields, from drug delivery to genomics and astrophysics. This project aligns with WV Forward initiative, the implementation phase of the McKinsey study. One of the high growth sectors identified by the study is in cybersecurity, cloud services, and data centers.

- We are continuing to work on campus carry, although there has been no movement except on our side. She spoke with the provost at Boise State University, who indicated that Idaho's campus carry law costs their institution about \$2 million per year to provide security. The University of Texas has seen impacts on faculty and student recruitment, and has experienced some resignations.
- She has reached out to people in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. We are prepared to host faculty whose research is harmed or who are unable to continue teaching because of a disaster.
- She thanked everyone for a great semester and for the difference they are making with students and throughout the state.

4. Chair Matthew Valenti reported the following:

- The application deadline for honorary degrees has been extended to November 10 and the committee will meet on November 17. Nominations will be presented to the Executive Committee on November 27 and the Faculty Senate on December 11. The Board of Governors will consider the nominations on December 15, which is an abbreviated meeting, or at a special meeting in January.
- The following people will serve on the Ad Hoc Exec Academic Policy Review Committee: Lisa DiBartolomeo, Dave Hauser, Jennifer Merrifield, Chad Proudfoot, Ralph Utzman, Evan Widders, and Matt Valenti. He received policy documents on definitions, attendance, incompletes, withdrawal, and transfers and transfer equivalencies. These will be policies rather than rules, so presumably they will reside in the catalog although they may be referenced by BOG rules. The ad hoc committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on October 30.
- The Faculty Policy Committee has been meeting every Friday to work their way through faculty policies. The first campus conversation was on October 11. Only 1 person attended, although 16 listened online. The next campus conversation is on October 17 at the Mountainlair. The committee expects to make the policies available to Executive Committee member on November 13 and will take comments until December 12. We hope to have a first reading at the BOG meeting on February 16, followed by a 30-day comment period, and approval at the April 20 BOG meeting.
- The culture survey was sent to all faculty and staff on October 2. The closing date of the survey has been extended to October 23. There were 6405 faculty and staff invited, 2603 of whom have responded. We would like to achieve a response rate of at least 50 percent.
- He attended a workshop on the Code of Conduct on October 10. After a brief overview from Cris DeBord and C.B. Wilson, attendees split into 5 groups of 15 to participate in working groups on each of the areas of service, curiosity, accountability, respect, and appreciation. At each stop, participants were asked what they thought each area covered, were given a draft of the code as it relates to that area, and then were given an opportunity to comment on the draft code for that area.
- Tom Patrick (University Ombudsman) and Shane Lyons (Athletics) will address the Senate in November. Barb Dawson (ITS) and Chief Bob Roberts (University Police) will address the Senate in December. Future guests will include Ann Richards

(Accessibility Services) and Lindsey Rinehart (Center for Service and Learning). He would also like to invite someone from WV Forward, such as Rocky Goodwin.

- He was contacted by Nancy Bremar from Staff Council. They are putting together a flyer describing their legislative agenda and asked if Faculty Senate wanted to create a joint faculty/staff flyer. The following items are on their agenda: 1) fund PEIA and supplement the shortfall that will then allow all of WV's classified staff to have adequate and affordable healthcare, 2) no cuts to higher education, and 3) retain the 1 per cent pop tax that is dedicated to the WVU School of Medicine. Chair Valenti will work with Roy Nutter to develop language for a proposed joint agenda.

5. Ralph Utzman, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for acceptance of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried after COMM 635 and COMM 654 were withdrawn from the report for further review and following minor edits to COMM 722 and MUSC 237.

Annex II, Course Changes, Deletions, and Adoptions Report. Motion carried.

Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.

New Major in Construction Management for WVUIT. Motion carried.

Graduate Programs Report was submitted for information. Report filed.

6. Nathalie Singh-Corcoran, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex IV, GEF Actions. Motion carried.

Annex V, GEF Transition Review, was submitted for information. Report filed.

7. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that he attended the ACF and WV Council for Community and Technical College Education meetings at New River CTC. The CCTCE did not have a quorum for the meeting, so they were unable to conduct business. Over the last couple of years, ACF has requested a civility commission to be run by HEPC. That commission has been appointed but will probably not meet until sometime in the spring.

WV Southern Community College has voted no confidence in their president, as has WV Northern Community College. The faculty at Fairmont State University is suing their Board of Governors, alleging that the board violated the open meetings law in its search for a new president. Fairmont State, Glenville State College, and Shepherd University are planning on following WVU's example in pushing for their own "freedom bills" to gain independence from HEPC.

8. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that there was a joint meeting of the Finance and Facilities and Revitalization Committee and the Strategic Plans and Initiatives Committee on September 29. Most of the meeting took place in executive session, so there is nothing to report. The next meeting of the Board of Governors will take place on October 27. The board will consider a rule that will provide for president and staff emeritus status.

9. New Business – None

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, November 27, 2017.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator