

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, January 22, 2018

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

Members Absent:

Gee, E.	Utzman, R.
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Guests:

Campbell, J.	Kreider, P.	Pfeifer, A.	Wilson, C.
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2. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
  - Congress voted to end the government shutdown today, January 22. The current continuing resolution is set to expire February 8. Fred King provided information via email to researchers and centers dependent upon government financing.
  - She provided an update on the information she has available about Go365. The program becomes effective July 1, 2018, although no one has to be compliant until May of 2019. PEIA will be on campus for open meetings with faculty and staff; the dates of those sessions will be announced.
  - The legislative session is underway. We received the NRA's draft legislation for campus carry, which has not been introduced. The House and Senate have both introduced "free speech" bills which originate from the Goldwater Institute, a conservative think tank.
  - In April, the legislature mandated that the Higher Education Policy Commission engage in a process of examining a state funding formula for higher education. HEPC's first public comments occurred at its October meeting, at which time they claimed to have consulted all public institutions about the funding formula. We were not consulted until after Thanksgiving, via a conference call that included preliminary slides of their report. The preliminary report failed to provide weight to our status as a Research I or land-grant institution. HEPC refused to share their final report with institutions of higher education prior to its submission on December 29. We received a copy on January 10; that report once again failed to factor in Research I or land-grant status. HEPC has presented the effect of the funding formula to some of our legislators, which would result in a \$12 million loss of funding to WVU. Our request for a copy of the funding calculation has gone unanswered by HEPC.

- The assurance report will be sent to HLC on February 2, and will be shared with the campus community at that time. The HLC Site Accreditation Team will share their agenda two weeks before their on-site visit.
- She has asked James Goins to attend the February Faculty Senate meeting to report on Title IX. We have hired outside counsel to investigate the U92 radio station complaint.
- WVU's online graduate program in software engineering was ranked in the top 15 nationwide by U.S. News & World Report. Our online hybrid MBA, nursing, and business (non-MBA) programs were also featured in the rankings. More than 1300 online programs were reviewed.
- Dean Maryanne Reed was recognized by her peers as a national innovative journalism educator. College of Media faculty Dana Coester and Gina Martino Dahlia were recognized as top innovators in digital media for their work on "100 Days in Appalachia."

4. Chair Matthew Valenti reported the following:

- The search for Barbara Dunn's replacement is underway. We will be interviewing candidates on January 31.
- The new attendance tracking system seemed to work well at the last Faculty Senate meeting, so we will move forward with the system. A handout showing how to use the app will soon be distributed by email.
- The call for nominations for open senate seats was sent out by the Faculty Senate Office on January 19. The nomination ballot includes the attendance record of current senators and committee activity for all faculty of the constituency. Elections will run from March 1-9.
- The Faculty Senate Office will be sending out the committee survey, asking for volunteers for committees, after the February Senate meeting.
- Nominations for Faculty Senate Chair-Elect will be accepted through the March Faculty Senate meeting. Candidates will be given the opportunity to present a brief statement at the April meeting, and election ballots will be sent out immediately following that meeting.
- Nominations for the Board of Governors representative will be accepted up to seven days prior to the May Faculty Senate meeting. Candidates will be given an opportunity to present a brief statement at the May meeting, and election ballots will be sent out immediately following that meeting.
- C.B. Wilson will present the faculty-related rules (except for reduction in force) to the Senate on February 12. They will go to the Board of Governors for a first reading on February 16.
- A group of faculty, staff, and administrators met on January 11 to agree on details of the Dependent Tuition Assistance Program. Paula Congelio and Julie Robinson (from Strategic Initiatives) attended the Faculty Welfare Committee meeting on January 17 to discuss those details.
- PEIA has restructured premiums by collapsing the number of salary brackets, by basing income on total family income, and by combining separate premium amounts for the member, dependents, and spouse to arrive at a total premium.
- Go365 is meant to be a replacement for Healthy Tomorrows. This year, you only need to turn in the Healthy Tomorrow's form if you did not meet the goals last year.

Members must earn 3000 points between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 or be assessed an extra premium of \$25/month and an additional deductible of \$500.

5. Matthew Valenti, Faculty Senate Chair, moved for approval of the following reports on behalf of the Curriculum Committee:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried.

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

Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.

New Major in Cybersecurity. Motion carried.

New Major in Health Informatics and Information Management for Potomac State College. Motion carried.

Program Changes to the International Studies Major. Motion carried.

Program Changes to the BS Degree for Physical Education and Kinesiology. Motion carried.

The following report was submitted for information:

Annex IV, Changes to the Timeline for Approving New Courses. Report filed.

Further discussions will take place with the Office of the University Registrar before the timeline is finalized.

6. Nathalie Singh-Corcoran, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, reported that the committee will meet on January 29 and has 136 proposals listed for review on their agenda.
7. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that the Advisory Council of Faculty will meet on January 23 as part of Higher Education Day at the Legislature. ACF has set up meetings with the House and Senate finance chairs, the House and Senate education chairs, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.
8. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors will be on February 16. There will be a special board meeting and a Joint Finance and Facilities and Revitalization and Strategic Plans and Initiative Committee meeting on January 24.
9. New Business – None.
10. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 26, 2018.

Judy Hamilton  
Office Administrator