

MINUTES  
West Virginia University Faculty Senate  
Monday, October 14, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.

Faculty Senate Chair Diana Davis called the regular meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. Members and guests participated in-person at the College of Law and via video conference.

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Elswick, D.	Leight, M.	Sowards, A.
Abraham, J.	Fidelman, E.	Liller, B.	Staniscia, S.
Adkins, B.	Field, J.	Lituma, C.	Stueckle, J.
Ballard, D.	Fleming, S.	Livengood, H.	Sundararajan, V.
Beall, A.	Floyd, K.	Lucci, S.	Tack, F.
Best, K.	Fonseca, C.	Martin, E.	Taylor, G.
Bhandari, R.	Fullen, M.	M'Bayo, T.	Terry, D.
Bilgesu, I.	Galvez Peralta, M.	McCluskey, C.	Thayer, J.
Bonasso, P.	Graves, C.	McWilliams, S.	Thomay, A.
Brewster, D.	Greenfield, J.	Milans, K.	Totzkay, D.
Cohen, S.	Gross, J.	Miller, C.	Utzman, R.
Collignon, S.	Hairston, P.	Moser, J.	Valenti, M.
Cook, A.	Hambrick, G.	Murphy, E.	Vance, B.
Corcoran, K.	Hamrick, A.	Nguyen, J.	Velichkovski, D.
Costello, L.	Hatipoglu, K.	Nolan, K.	Walker, J.
Cottrell, L.	Hedrick, J.	Olson, D.	Wartella, J.
Crichlow, S.	Hood, C.	O'Quinn, J.	Watson, K.
Dahle, G.	Horstick, E.	Peck, A.	Wayne, S.
Dami, K.	Johnson, D.	Pena-Yewtukhiw, E.	Weatherford, L.
Davis, D.	Jones, J.	Phillips, B.	Weislogel, A.
Deci, S.	Jones, M.	Powell, B.	Williams, D.
Demarco, F.	Kecojevic, V.	Prinzo, L.	Woloshuk, J.
Descoteaux, J.	Kelly, C.	Ruseski, J.	Zeni, T.
Dilcher, B.	Kidd, K.	Scally, J.	
Dumitrescu, C.	Leary, B.	Siekmeier, J.	
Elliott, E.	Leary, M.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	

Members Excused:

Burnside, J.	Coy, A.	Soccorsi, A.	Vester, M.
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Members Absent:

Bardes, J.	Chapman, K.	Lastinger, A.	Pyles, L.
Barghouthi, N.	Chisholm, S.	Li, H.	Rahman Tarabishy, A.
Bergeron, J.	Dietz, P.	McCloskey, J.	Reece, J.
Bianco, C.	Dimachkie, Z.	Murray, A.	Sizemore, J.
Bogdansky, K.	Dionne, C.	Nix, A.	Sokos, G.
Bresock, K.	Giacobbi, P.	Olgers, F.	Udassi, S.
Bryner, R.	Hanif, A.	Ostrowski, A.	Unger, K.
Carducci, H.	Kerr, P.	Palmer, A.	Witsberger, S.
Celikbas, E.	Labus, A.	Phillips, T.	Woodberry, K.

1. The [Minutes](#) of the September 9, 2024, meeting of Faculty Senate were approved without correction.

2. Consent Agenda presented and voted on without modification.
  - a. For Approval – Curriculum Committee New Course Report\* – [Annex I](#)
  - b. For Approval – Curriculum Committee Course Change Report\* – [Annex II](#)
  - c. For Approval – General Education Foundations Committee GEF Course Report – [Annex III](#)
  - d. For Approval – Committee Appointments – [Annex IV](#)

Consent Agenda approved by unanimous vote.

3. Faculty Senate Chair Diana Davis reported that Senate leadership is working on several issues relating to faculty performance and satisfaction, noting that they have met with the Faculty Welfare Committee regarding the new proposed Promotion and Tenure Guidelines, the Research Committee to discuss opportunities and challenges relating to researchers, and the Shared Governance Committee regarding a new draft of the Faculty Constitution. Additionally, Davis expressed disappointment on behalf of faculty that the search process for the next WVU president will not more open, with finalists not being released to the University Community. She expressed the critical need for faculty engagement in the selection process, and trust in the two faculty representatives on the Board of Governors, as well as the three faculty on the presidential search committee, to advocate on behalf of the faculty body.
4. Curriculum Committee Chair Darko Velichkovski reported that the committee had presented 44 course proposals for approval, noting that 5-6 programs will be on the agenda for approval at the next Senate meeting.
  - a. For Information – Deleted Course Report – [Annex V](#)
  - b. General Education Foundations Committee member Megan Leight presented on behalf of the committee, describing Annex VI, which was developed following a series of several meetings with the committee and the Office of the Provost. Members expressed concern about the average DFW rate included on the list of expectations. Cody Hood, committee chair, responded that the list should not be considered requirements. The expectations will be used as a series of data points the committee can utilize when auditing or evaluating courses in the GEF program. Failing to meet an expectation would lead to a conversation on the matter and not a direct result of the course being removed from GEF.

Megan Leight motion to approve Annex VI.

Motion carried by voice vote.

For Approval – GEF Course Expectations – [Annex VI](#)

- ~~5. Teaching and Assessment Committee Report (Sheri Chisholm)~~
6. Committee on Committees Chair Ilkin Bilgesu had nothing further to report beyond the approval document on the consent agenda.
7. Board of Governors representative Lesley Cottrell reported on the regular September meeting of the board, and the special board meeting on October 9, 2024.
  - a. September 5, 2024

- i. Received an update on the modernization program, along with a timeline for when certain systems would be updated and what would be included in that update. If faculty have any questions, Cottrell welcome feedback on that program, noting that they could be sent to Brice Knotts for answers.
    - ii. Paula Congelio reported on the steps of a university financial audit, who is involved, and noted that there are no red flags for the university at present.
    - iii. The board received presentations on the work being performed by the Cancer Institute and by the Robotics Program.
  - b. October 9, 2024
    - i. Meeting focused largely on the presidential profile and search process. Cottrell explained that part of the decision to make it a closed search was because there are applicants that could potentially face repercussions in currently held positions if their names were associated with the ongoing presidential search.
    - c. Cottrell encouraged faculty to submit feedback to the faculty representatives on the Board, herself and Frankie Tack, by submitting a [Qualtrics survey](#).
8. President E. Gordon Gee had a limited report following his State of the University Address before the meeting, noting the funding WVU has received from the state government in the form of \$5.1 million from the funding formula, \$2 million for the Neuroscience Institute, and additional funds for deferred maintenance.
  - a. Interim Provost Paul Kreider reported that the budget model review process will be presented at the November Faculty Senate meeting. He announced that Potomac State will host 5 finalists on the Keyser campus at the end of October/early November. Kreider encouraged applications for Honors Fellows, the deadline of which is November 8<sup>th</sup>. Information may be found at <https://www.honors.wvu.edu/faculty-advisors/faculty-fellows> . Lastly, Kreider encouraged attendance at the Long-form scholarship celebration on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
9. New Business
  - a. Darko Velichkovski announced that the Curriculum Committee has developed a subcommittee to begin work on examining the methodology and process relating to course review at their level, researching how other universities approach that issue at a university level, and to propose new ways of doing course reviews at the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee level. The goal is to allow the committee to focus on higher level curricular issues, for which they do not presently have time for. Velichkovski noted that he expected the committee to vote on a resolution coming out of that subcommittee at their November meeting.
10. Faculty Senate Chair Diana Davis adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m., to reconvene on November 4, 2024.

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