

MINUTES

THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Monday, October 13, 2008

1. Interim President C. Peter Magrath gave the State-of –the-University Address at 3:15 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE. Other speakers included Carolyn Long, Chair, Board of Governors; Jason Parsons, President, Student Government Association; Terry Nebel, Chair, Staff Council; and Virginia Kleist, Chair, Faculty Senate.
2. Professor Virginia Kleist, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

3. Members Present:

Abate, M	Davis, S	Kirby, B.	Peace, G.	Steranka, P.
Abraham, R.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Kleist, V.	Perone, M.	Stolzenberg, A
Anderson, J.	Famouri, P.	Kuhlman, J.	Petronis, J.	Stuchell, R.
Bergner, G.	Fredette, H.	Lake, M.	Plein, C.	Tower, L.
Bilgesu, I.	Graber, S.	Lively, M.	Rafter, J.	Urbanski, J.
Bonner, D.	Hall, D.	Long, K.	Rauch, H.	Valenti, M.
Bowen, E.	Hartman, K.	Mancinelli, C.	Richards, A.	Vona-Davis, L.
Boyles, J.	Hash, K.	Mandich, M.	Riemenschneider, S.	Walls, T.
Branch, D.	Hermosilla, P.	McCombie, R.	Ruscello, D.	Watson, J.
Bredehoft, T.	Hileman, S.	McDiarmid, M.	Sand-jecklin, K.	Weihman, L.
Brooks, J.	Huffman, V.	Meckstroth, R.	Schreurs, B.	Wenger, S.
Caldwell, J.	Hunter, S.	Miller, M.	Sedgeman, J.	Wilcox, S.
Clark, N.	Hutson, Z.	Nelson, C.	Shelton, E.	Wilson, M.
Comer, P.	Insch, G.	Nicholas, A.	Sherlock, L.	Woloshuk, J.
Connors, J.	Iskander, W.	Nutter, R.	Sherwood, L.	
Davari, A.	Kershner, R.	Olson, K.	Stack, S.	

Members Excused:

Bryner, R.	Cottrell, S.	Latimer, M.	Riley, W.	Turton, R.
Clark, B.	Hessl, A.	Nestor, P.	Siegrist, J.	
Cottrell, L.	Lastinger, V.	Oberhauser, A.	Spleth, J.	

Members Absent:

Ahern, T.	Bonar, C.	Higgins, C.	Murthy, K.	Ryan, K.
Bagby, M.	Campbell, L.	Jackowitz, A.	Nath, C.	Serafini, M.
Banta, L.	Chetlin, R.	Malarcher, J.	Robbins, J.	Tallakasen, R.
Blaydes, S.	Fitch, C.	McGinley, P.	Rockett, I.	Zaslau, S.

4. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the Monday, September 8, 2008 meeting. **Motion carried.**
5. Interim Provost Jane Martin, reported on the following issues:

- The first meeting with the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (ACRO) went well; an assessment report will be submitted to the President's Office, and it will be reviewed before the group returns for its second meeting during the second week of November. Information will be sent to faculty prior to the next visit.
- The deans' retreat in September went very well. It was a productive day and a half. The deans expressed areas they would like to focus on this year, which included Human Resources processes, so it has been arranged to have representatives from HR attend a deans' council meeting in the near future to discuss ways to simplify HR processes.
- Interim Provost Martin will meet with students and faculty about diversity this month, and on November 5th, a consultant will be brought to the University to make a presentation and interact with minority faculty. The deans will designate faculty to attend the sessions. If anyone is interested in participating in these discussions, s/he should contact their school/college dean.
- Everyone was invited to take the WVU WE CAN sustainability pledge via e-mail; she said many have already done so. If you did not, please take a look at the invitation and take the pledge online.
- Professor Lastinger is working hard for OIP, and the Provost's Office will send out policy statements to faculty, staff and students to clarify expectations for those who are interested in having experiences through OIP.
- The 2010 Implementation Committee is meeting regularly. Curt Peterson, VP, Research & Economic Development, attended the last meeting, and he presented and interacted with the committee around the whole research focus of the University, and how it relates to the strategic research plan and the 2010 plan. Sue Day-Perroots, Dean, Extended Learning Office, will attend a future meeting to explain how extended learning relates to the 2010 plan. Sid Morrison, Associate Provost/CIO, Office of Information Technology, will also attend a future meeting. New members have been added to the committee and are interested and contributing. Focus groups are being held around campus to get student and faculty input into the goals and the strategic plan. Students and faculty are giving excellent input. The data will be gathered and reviewed for the implications for the strategic plan. The planning process for the next plan will not be started until a new president and a new provost are on board.

6. Chair Kleist reported on the following issues:

- Report on the Search Committee Selection Panel. The process voted on at the last meeting was put in place. The panel met on the 18th and the 23rd and selected the 3 members by a secret ballot. The ballots were tabulated by Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary, with the names of those receiving the most votes forwarded to the Chair. Our representatives to the committee are: Lesley Cottrell, Medicine, Larry Hornak, CEMR, and Earl Scime, Eberly A&S.
- Members of Executive Committee had lunch with the BOG on September 12, 2008.
- The Executive Committee met on August 21st with Chancellor Noland, HEPC, and discussed Series 5 – The Guidelines for Governing Boards and Employing and

Evaluating Presidents. Some comments from the meeting made into the guidelines, some did not. The document was posted for public comment. The Chair sent a detailed letter to the Chancellor on August 6, 2008 to request inclusion of the other comments. The details are on the Faculty Senate webpage along with the Chair's comments.

- The Chair, Past-Chair, Steve Kite and Chair-elect Nigel Clark travelled to WV-Tech on October 2nd to meet with peers, senators, and the Faculty Senate Chair, Barbara Douglas. The Chair invited the representatives to an Executive Committee meeting with a luncheon prior as well as an invitation to the December Faculty Senate meeting and the Blaney House gathering that follows. A similar visit will be made to Potomac State with similar invitations. The Chair hopes to get tighter bonds with the 2 regional campuses in the months ahead.
 - The Chair met with Spencer Graham, Dana Coester and John Duwall from WVU TV Productions on October 7th. They put together a video archive of our meetings. From now on, Faculty Senate meetings will be available via a link on the Faculty Senate webpage. If senators want to view a meeting, they can go to the archives and click on the meeting month. At the end of each Senate year, the meetings will be copied on a disk and stored in the Faculty Senate Office. We thank them for doing this so quickly for us.
 - Friday, September 26th, the Chair and Chair-elect Clark met with Curt Peterson, Vice-President Research Corporation, to explore the mechanism by which the Senate representation appears on the Corporation. An ad hoc committee had proposed changes and bylaws to the Corporation structure. The Chair was not pleased with the proposed bylaws, so she met with Interim President Magrath and Interim Provost Martin and went through the Research Corporation's changes, and Vice-President Peterson tabled the bylaw changes on October 7, 2008. Vice-President Peterson has added an Executive Committee faculty representative to the Executive Committee Research Corporation. The Research Corporation has a Board of Directors, which now has 3 faculty members as well as a WVU representative seated on the Corporation's Executive Committee. A formal process will be developed at the October Executive Committee meeting to determine how board members are replaced. The Chair welcomes input and comments concerning this issue.
 - The Chair built a new Faculty Senate website and she welcomes comments.
7. Chair Kleist reported that the GEC Special Writing Committee meets every Wednesday, which is chaired by Professor Valarie Lastinger. The group has been working on alternatives to the writing committee requirements. One possible alternative is an e-portfolio product. Valerie met with Sue Day-Perroots to view the product she has purchased.
8. The following consent agenda reports were approved:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes
Annex II, Alteration report
Annex III, Course Recommendations
Annex IV, GEC Audits

9. New Business

Professor Sedgeman, Chair, SEI Committee, said the committee met last week, and one of its goals is to encourage and find creative ways to student participation in the electronic student evaluation of instruction. She said she will be meeting with the student government to join in a promotional effort and to spread the word to students that the SEI is a critical part of their education and their contributions matter. Focus groups will be held in January with deans, students, professors, and anyone interested in the whole SEI process. If anyone is interested in working on the focus groups, contact Professor Sedgeman. Professor Urbanski, Institute of Technology will chair the focus groups. Only four meetings are planned this year to come up with important recommendations for the next committee. Chair Kleist will discuss this with the Chair of the Committee on Committees so the missing slots can be filled.

Professor Kite said he is currently the BOG representative. He said under Chair Long's leadership, the BOG will be restructuring so there will be committees with the specific mission of identifying and working on specific issues. Professor Kite will serve on the Finance Committee and the Regional Campus Committee.

Professor Kite, Professor Famouri, and Chair-elect Clark met last week and will meet on a regular basis to review the current constitution. Meeting will occur on a regular basis to identify what needs to be changed, based on the input of past chairs and others.

Professor Kite is serving on the Textbook Task Force on Textbook Affordability. The group met last Friday at WV State in Institute; the next public forum meeting will be held in Morgantown, West Virginia. Textbook costs can be up to 15-20% of the cost of a student's education. It is important to get textbook lists in by the deadline so the bookstore can maximize the use of used books to offset the costs for students.

Professor Kite was chosen by the Senate Executive Committee to represent the Faculty Senate on Graduate Council. He said the Council has revised its constitution and bylaws. Professor Stolzenberg will also serve on this Council as a non-voting ex-officio member to represent the Senate Curriculum Committee.

Chair-elect Nigel Clark said a majority of faculty have a burdened salary between one and two cents a second. Most people tend to recognize that the value that faculty offer is even greater than one to two cents a second. He said year by year, faculty members are burdened more and more with administrative requirements. He gave the following motion:

“The West Virginia University Faculty Senate resolves that the faculty time is both valuable and finite. While a level of faculty participation is essential for institutional compliance and advancement, careful consideration should be given to minimizing faculty administrative burdens, so that the missions of teaching, research and service may receive appropriate faculty attention.”

It was duly seconded. **Motion carried.**

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, November 10, 2008.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary