

MINUTES  
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023, 3:15 P.M.

Faculty Senate Chair Scott Wayne brought the monthly meeting to order at 3:18 p.m. Members and guests participated at the College of Law event hall and via video conference.

Members Present:

Armour-Gemmen, M.	Elswick, D.	Leight, M.	Sherlock, L.
Ballard, D.	Faber, T.	Li, B.	Sims, J.
Barghouthi, N.	Fullen, M.	Lupo, J.	Smith, C.
Barnes, E.	Gross, J.	Malarcher, J.	Soccorsi, A.
Battistella, L.	Grushecky, S.	Marra, A.	Sofka, S.
Bhandari, R.	Haddox, J.	Martin, J.	Sowards, A.
Bolyard, J.	Hamrick, A.	Martucci, A.	Staniscia, S.
Bruyaka Collignon, O.	Hatipoglu, K.	McGinnis, R.	Stueckle, J.
Celikbas, E.	Hauser, D.	Miltenberger, M.	Swager, L.
Cohen, S.	Heady, M.	Moore, M.	Tack, F.
Cook, A.	Hedrick, J.	Murphy, E.	ter Haseborg, H.
Cottrell, L.	Hibbert, A.	Myers, S.	Titolo, M.
Crichlow, R.	Hileman, S.	Nguyen, J.	Totzkay, D.
Dahle, G.	Hodge, J.	Ogden, L.	Utzman, R.
Davari, A.	Honaker, L.	Olfert, I.	Valenti, M.
Davis, D.	Huber, S.	Peckens, S.	Waggy, C.
DeMarco, F.	Johnson, D.	Prinzo, L.	Wayne, W.
Dey, K.	Kale, U.	Reece, J.	Weislogel, A.
Dibartolomeo, L.	Katz, J.	Rinehart, L.	Woodberry, K.
Dickman, B.	Kelly, K.	Roberts, D.	Wuest, T.
Donley, D.	Kent, A.	Ruseski, J.	Zeni, T.
Dumitrescu, C.	LaRue, R.	Sabolsky, E.	
Eades, D.	Leary, B.	Sakhuja, A.	
Elliott, E.	Leary, M.	Samuels, H.	

Members Excused:

Bonner, D.	Evans, K.	Mucino, V.
Casey, A.	Floyd, K.	Nix, A.
Cui, P.	Knuckles, T.	Orr, E.

Members Absent:

Bernardes, E.	Ellis, E.	Klein, A.	Renzelli, R.
Bianco, C.	Ellison, M.	Law, K.	Rogers, T.
Bresock, K.	Feaster, K.	Lorenze, S.	Rota, C.
Burke, R.	Graziani, G.	Momen, J.	Shrader, C.
Carducci, H.	Grossman, D.	Morgan Paternostro, J.	Sizemore, J.
Cronin, A.	Hanif, A.	Murphy, T.	Sokos, G.
Dilcher, B.	Hessl, A.	Murray, A.	Stamatakis, M.
Dimachkie, Z.	Hines, S.	Olgers, F.	Watson, J.
Dionne, C.	Holbein, M.	Petrone, A.	Williams, D.
Downes, M.	John, C.	Phillips, T.	Woloshuk, J.
Duenas Garcia, O.	Kearns, J.	Reece, R.	Woods, S.

Guests Present:

Becker, K.	Garner, E.	Ogden, J.	Staples, C.
Beckley, T.	Kelley, E.	Robinson, S.	Takacs, T.
Blemings, K.	Kuhn, A.	Sandrey, M.	Veselicky, L.
Charbonnette, W.	Lupo, J.	Slimak, L.	Wyrick, D.
Fidelman, E.	Morrow, D.	Smith, D.	
Fleming, S.	Noon, R.	Soccorsi, A.	

1. Chair Wayne presented the [Minutes](#) of the February 13, 2023, Faculty Senate meeting for approval.  
Motion to approve carried by unanimous consent
2. Report from President Gordon Gee
  - a. SGA Elections occur this week.
  - b. Experience and feedback from interacting with students on campus and at events.
    - i. Profound loneliness reported from students, which is consistent with universities across the country.
  - c. Legislative updates
    - i. \$2300 pay raise for public employees proposed by WV Senate.
    - ii. Significant support for Cancer Center and associated goal of gaining NCI designation.
    - iii. New financial support for deferred maintenance.
3. Report from Provost Maryanne Reed
  - a. Currently ascertaining the budget for Fall 2023, which is expected to be available by the April Faculty Senate meeting..
  - b. Shared Services has been notified that they are not to inquire into every faculty expense.
  - c. Annual promotion and tenure review process.
    - i. 167 promotion review cases
    - ii. Administrators are reviewed on an annual basis.
  - d. Progress from the ChatGPT committee expected next month.
  - e. Received data from Torchstar and are working on a retention roadmap for the institution.
    - i. Suggested allowing Evan Widders to present at the April meeting.
  - f. Reed yields floor to R. Thomas. to speak about graduate student success:
    - i. Podcast available titled “Research and Beyond.”
    - ii. Robert E. Stitzil fund will be taking donations on the day of giving, which provides money for graduate and professional students that experience unexpected financial hardships.
    - iii. Graduate stipends were increased in Fall 2022.
    - iv. Mental health clinician hired specifically for graduate students in fall 2022.
    - v. Graduate Student Ombudsperson expected to start in August 2023.
    - vi. Carruth Center will begin counseling for specific situations like all-but-dissertation.
    - vii. Desire to begin growing Graduate Support steering committee with members from other advisory groups.
4. Report from Todd Kiger, Director of Procurement – Textbook and Bookstore Updates
  - a. Faculty reported concern over the availability of course material for our students, so they have devised a plan to allow procurement to be more involved, with an aim to collaborate on implementing strategies to address potential issues before they affect students.
  - b. Procurement will be receiving weekly reports from Barnes and Noble indicating which course materials are running low on inventory, with particular comparison to the number of seats in a course.
  - c. Procurement will also receive in-semester reports from Barnes and Noble on materials they may be unable to provide at the beginning of classes the next semester, which will allow collaboration with faculty to seek alternatives.
  - d. Faculty are encouraged to contact Mr. Kiger if they have any issues with the bookstore, availability, or material in general.
  - e. A quarterly review team has been created that will evaluate bookstore performance and associated metrics and will report to faculty on findings. A faculty member, Frankie Tack, has been placed on this committee to assist in facilitating communication to and from faculty
5. Report from Faculty Senate Chair Scott Wayne
  - a. Workgroup to review degree revocation policy

- i. Patrick Kerr has agreed to represent faculty on this workgroup
- b. Inclusion and Diversity is continuing to develop an inclusive teaching toolkit and has requested submissions, available at <https://tlcommons.wvu.edu/inclusive-teaching-toolkit>
- c. Survey for Senate committee volunteers will be released later this month
- d. Senate leadership is deliberating the establishment of a special committee on Student Retention

6. Curriculum Committee Report (Lori Ogden)

For Approval – New Courses Report – [Annex I](#)

For Approval – Course Changes Report – [Annex II](#)

For Approval – Program Change (Program Code: GERO\_MIN: Gerontology, Key: 730)

For Approval – Program Change (Program Code: IMMUN\_MED\_BS: Immunology and Medical Microbiology, Key: 410)

For Approval – Program Change (Program Code: MECH\_BSME: Mechanical Engineering, Key: 493)

For Approval – Program Change (Program Code: SOCIALWK\_BSW: Social Work, Key: 158)

For Approval – New Program (Program Code: NEW-TBD: Design Thinking, Key:1338)

For Approval – New Program (Program Code: NEW-TBD: Dynamics & Control, Key:1486)

For Approval – New Program (Program Code: NEW-TBD: Energy Systems, Key:1488)

For Approval – New Program (Program Code: NEW-TBD: Esports Business and Entertainment, Key:1482)

For Approval – New Program (Program Code: NEW-TBD: Esports Business Development, Key:1520)

For Approval – New Program (Program Code: NEW-TBD: Esports Marketing, Key:1521)

For Approval – New Program (Program Code: NEW-TBD: Materials Science, Key:1485)

For Approval – New Program (Program Code: NEW-TBD: Philosophy: 1230)

For Approval – New Program (Program Code: NEW-TBD: Robotics, Key:1487)

Motion to approve all items carried with 72 in favor and none opposed.

7. General Education Foundations Committee Report (Lisa DiBartolomeo)

For Approval – GEF Actions – [Annex III](#)

Motion to approve carried with 73 in favor and none opposed.

For Information – GEF Honors Fellow Courses – [Annex IV](#)

8. Teaching and Assessment Committee Report (Diana Davis)

- a. Continuing to build support and resources for the student perception of teaching pilot
- b. Asked by SGA to vote on the addition of an optional syllabus statement addressing the LiveSafe app, currently in the process of being voted on remotely by the committee.

9. Report from Faculty Representative to State Government (Eloise Elliot)

- a. February 15<sup>th</sup> public hearing at the house regarding SB 15 Campus Carry
  - i. Several faculty and students spoke in opposition to the bill.
  - ii. Expressed gratitude to the feedback received from faculty.
- b. SB 238 regarding PEIA has been passed and is with the governor.
  - i. Potential increase to premiums of up to 26%, more information will be in the next issue of Under the Dome

10. Board of Governors Representative Stan Hileman had no report and mentioned that there are several rules up for public comment presently.

11. Chair Wayne opened the floor for Chair-Elect nominations, to serve as Chair-Elect in the 2024 academic year.

- a. Nominees are Diana Davis, Suzanne Gosden Kitchen, Lauren Prinzo, and Tom Zeni.
- b. Candidates will have the opportunity to provide a personal statement at the April Faculty Senate meeting. Results will be announced at the May meeting.

12. Chair Wayne noted that the Faculty Senate Office is accepting statements of interest for Faculty Representative to State Government. Statements must be received by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
13. Ashley Martucci briefly described a voluntary Shared Governance activity that will be held following adjournment.
14. No new Business
15. Chair Wayne adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m. to reconvene on April 10, 2023.

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Faculty Senate Office Administrator