

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, October 24, 2016

1. Chair Lena Maynor called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in Rooms 228/229 of the Evansdale Library.

Members Present:

DiBartolomeo, L.	Hileman, S.	McConnell, J.	Turton, R.
Elmore, S.	Ibrahim, M.	Merrifield, J.	Valenti, M.
Haines, K.	Kleist, V.	Nutter, R.	Veselicky, L.
Hauser, D.	Maynor, L.	Stolzenberg, A.	

Members Absent:

Cottrell, L.	Fint-Clark, R.	Gee, E.
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Guests:

Clark, N.	Day-Perroots, S.	Pfeifer, A.	Wilson, C.
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2. Chair Maynor moved for approval of the minutes from the September 26, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 - President Gee is in Bahrain with Thomas Flaherty, William Brustein, Radhey Sharma, and David Stewart. We are seeking to launch a Civil Engineering degree at the Royal University for Women.
 - The HLC accreditation team will be conducting a multi-site visit at the end of November, to include Pratt & Whitney, the Northern Panhandle, and the Charleston Division.
 - We are submitting a coordinated compact to HEPC seeking to merge the Morgantown and divisional campuses together for HLC accreditation purposes.
 - The full HLC accreditation will take place in 2018. Elizabeth Hamilton, along with Sue Day-Perroots, will lead the project. Liz Dickinson will organize and edit documentation.
 - She met with the head of the Institute for International Education (IIE), who manages the Fulbright Program and the Refugee Scholars and Students Program. He wants to work more closely with us to try to enhance our number of Fulbright recipients. He also asked if we would be willing to serve as a cooperative host for rescued students and scholars from Turkey and Syria. The IIE arranges tuition for students, and provides a \$25,000 match for scholars. Scholars can be housed here for up to a year. If we agree to participate, we should be able to use endowed funds to support scholars.
 - She reflected on the tragic death of Sean Guthrie, who fell from the roof of his fraternity. His death does not appear to have involved any misconduct or misbehavior. She expressed her condolences to his family, who made the decision to donate his organs.
 - WVU's educational study abroad program was ranked 19th in College Rank's list of Top 25 Study Abroad Programs and 3rd overall among public universities.
 - She attended the West Virginia Identification Intelligence Expo, which was hosted by the University and sponsored by Senator Joe Manchin. There were many local and international companies, as well as diplomats from the Polish embassy and from the United Kingdom, in attendance. All of those entities were impressed with our programs.

- Three students, all from Eberly College, have been endorsed by the University for the Rhodes Scholarship. This speaks to the caliber of our students and to the caliber of advising and guidance they receive. Amy Cyphert is the director of ASPIRE, the office that assists students in seeking nationally competitive scholarships, and Katherine Aaslestad is the Rhodes faculty advisor.
- Milo Yiannopoulos will visit campus in December as part of the Breitbart tour. The University issued a very strong free speech message following the announcement of his visit, and also encouraged any groups who wanted to engage in counter speech to do so.
- We are expecting about 105 faculty members from the general university, as well as 61 from health sciences, to seek promotion or tenure this year.
- The 2015-2016 Benedum Lecture Series has been taking place this fall, and has been very well attended. Cheryl Ball will speak on November 3.
- The Honors College is accepting applications for their inaugural class of faculty fellows. Applicants are asked to design a dream class to be offered in a supportive, collaborative environment.
- Bryan Stevenson, author of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, will speak in the Mountainlair Ballroom at 7:00 p.m. on November 7.

4. Chair Lena Maynor reported the following:

- She, Lisa Martin, and Dixie Martinelli visited Potomac State College on October 21. They toured the new armory space, which will be used for a student rec center and for the 4-year nursing program, as well as the equine training facility and the old dairy farm. Faculty spoke very highly of the interim campus president, Jennifer Orlikoff, and the new dean of academic affairs, Greg Ochoa. Budget uncertainties are the biggest area of concern.
- Voting for amendments to the faculty constitution remains open through October 27. A reminder email will be sent the morning of October 26 to all those who have not yet voted.
- The Russian Club is collecting cold-weather gear through November 4 for children of families in Clendenin who are still living in tents following the summer flood. There are drop-off locations at the front desks in the Mountainlair and the Student Rec Center.

5. Karen Haines, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex II, Course Changes Report. Motion carried.

Annex II, Alterations Report, was submitted for information. Report filed.

Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.

Professor Haines reported that the committee reviewed the Faculty Senate web site and believes that all necessary resources have been posted, but that their availability needs to be publicized. She will compose an email message for deans and chairs letting them know that the materials are available. Tracey Beckley will work with the committee to develop a more interactive syllabus builder.

Taylor Richmond continues to update harmonization reports for review by the committee and for subsequent submission to the Executive Committee and Faculty Senate.

6. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex IV, GEF Actions. Motion carried.

The following reports were submitted for information:

GEF Transition Reviews (Annex V), GEF Rationale (Annex VI), Revised LEAP Goals (Annex VII), Revised CIM Questions (Annex VIII). Reports filed.

7. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported the following:
 - He attended the CTC and ACF meetings on October 20.
 - We do not expect to see any legislative action on higher education initiatives until after the November election.
 - WV Northern Community College passed a no confidence vote in their president.
 - The president of Concord University survived a no confidence vote. The no confidence motion against their vice president passed.
 - The president of Fairmont State University announced that she will retire in June.
 - New River CTC is selling land and buildings which they can no longer afford to maintain.
8. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the planning and finance committee met on October 18. Most of the meeting was spent in executive session, so there is nothing to report. The full Board of Governors will meet on November 4, at which time the staff constituency will present its report.
9. Executive Session

A motion was made and duly seconded to move the Faculty Senate Executive Committee into Executive Session according to WV code Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4 to discuss a matter relating to honorary degrees. Motion carried.

Following the conclusion of Executive Session, the committee reconvened into regular session.
10. New Business

Chair Maynor indicated that she received an inquiry from an SGA member about the rationale behind how plus/minus grades are reported on transcripts and how the GPA is calculated at WVU. An ad hoc committee will be formed to consider the issues and to investigate HEPC requirements and Office of the University Registrar concerns.

David Hauser and Lisa DiBartolomeo reported that they have received questions from faculty members about the academic integrity and dishonesty statement appearing in the catalog. Following a lengthy discussion, Sue Day-Perroots agreed to determine how the current language ended up in the catalog, and Provost McConnell agreed to follow-up with Legal Affairs. Chair Maynor will work with Dr. Day-Perroots to determine a course of action.
11. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, November 28, 2016.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator