

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, February 26, 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.	Nutter, R.	Valenti, M.
Cottrell, L.	Kleist, V.	Proudfoot, C.	Veselicky, L.
Gee, E.	Merrifield, J.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	
Hauser, D.	Murphy, E.	Turton, R.	

Members Absent:

DiBartolomeo, L.	Maynor, L.	McConnell, J.	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 January 22, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - We have suspended fraternities on campus following complaints, primarily from parents, over behavioral issues. All fraternities will be required to go through a process of re-establishing their relationship with the University and their national organizations.
 - Following two pedestrian accidents, Vice President Rob Alsop is working with city, county, and state officials to discuss ways in which safety at crosswalks can be increased.
 - We have worked for some time to stabilize the University's budget, and he believes we have reached a period of stasis. We will be able to provide a pay raise this year. We have also instituted a policy of paying everyone at market when they are hired, and will move quickly to make equity adjustments for current employees.
4. Vice Provost John Campbell reported the following:
 - The legislature's attention is focused on teachers and PEIA. The campus carry bill has not made it out of committee, nor has the free speech bill. Funding the free community college bill, estimated at \$8-9 million, may not be feasible given the emphasis on teacher salaries and PEIA.
 - At the moment, we do not believe WVU will receive additional cuts. However, we were only allocated about \$900,000 to fund the governor's proposed 1% pay increase. That increase will cost the institution about \$5 million. It is not clear whether the 2% increase proposed for teachers would apply to other State employees.

- The HLC site visit will be March 5-6. We do not have their schedule yet. We know they will be looking at the following four areas: Tech Nursing, assessment, One WVU, and student services (advising in particular). There will be three open forums around: mission and governance, learning and assessment, and resources and budgeting.

5. Chair Matthew Valenti reported the following:

- The committee survey has closed. Please let him know if you would like to serve on a committee but were unable to respond to the survey.
- Nominations for Senators have closed. Elections will run from March 1 through March 9.
- Nominations for Faculty Senate Chair-Elect will be accepted through the March 5 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 through May 7. Candidates will be given an opportunity to present a brief statement at the May Faculty Senate meeting, and election ballots will be sent out immediately following that meeting.
- The election for next year's Executive Committee will also take place following the May Senate meeting.
- He and Dave Hauser, along with SGA and staff representatives, are planning to visit Potomac State College. The tentative date for the trip is April 3.
- The proposed faculty-related rules were presented to the Board of Governors on February 16. A 30-day public comment period is open from February 19 through March 20.
- The basic features of the Dependent Undergraduate Tuition Assistance Program will include a fixed amount for in-state students, initially set at \$1650, while out-of-state students will pay the in-state rate. The benefit will be available immediately with no minimum requirement for years of service and no repayment period. Students must be enrolled full time and age 26 or under. There will be some minimal academic requirements. Full details will be announced soon by the University.
- PEIA benefit plans have been frozen, so that the 2019 plan will be the same as the 2018 plan. There is a Healthy Tomorrows component which can be satisfied by using Go365 or reverting to the paper-based form. Failure to satisfy the Health Tomorrows component will result in a \$500 deductible penalty, but not the previously proposed \$25 premium penalty.
- He, Dave Hauser, and John Connors, chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee, met with Toni Christian to start putting together a WVU-oriented health insurance plan. This is in response to an offer from Ted Cheatham, director of PEIA, to consider a higher education only plan. The group is meeting weekly and hopes to have a proposal ready by July.
- The Faculty Senate passed a resolution last year to include plus/minus grades in GPA calculations. A meeting will be held before the March 26 Executive Committee meeting to finalize a grading scale and other details.

6. Chad Proudfoot, Faculty Secretary, moved for approval of Annex IA, Resolution to Renew Faculty Senate Standing Committees. The motion was duly seconded. Motion carried following removal of the reference to the Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies which, as a constitutional committee, does not need to be reauthorized.
7. Following discussion, the Executive Committee decided not to recommend creation of a new Committee on Shared Governance. The consensus was that such business is best left to the Executive Committee, with ad hoc committees to be formed as needed.
8. Kim Floyd, Chair-Elect, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
 - Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried pending resolution of ARE 380.
 - Annex II, Course Changes, Deletions, and Adoptions Report. Motion carried.
 - Annex III, Changes to Courses with MATH 126 as a Prerequisite. Motion carried.
 - Annex IV, Capstone Course Report for PET 491. Motion carried.
 - New Major in Environmental and Community Planning. Motion carried.
 - New Major in Physical Activity and Well-Being. Motion carried.
 - Program Changes to the BA in English Secondary Education. Motion carried.
 - Global Mountaineers Certificate Program. Motion carried.

The following reports were submitted for information:

- New Minor in Appalachian Music. Report filed.
 - New Minor in Criminology. Report filed.
 - New Minor in Cybersecurity. Report filed.
 - New Minor in Entrepreneurship. Report filed.
 - New Minor in Hospitality and Tourism Management. Report filed.
 - Annex V, Graduate Programs Report. Report filed.
 - Annex VI, Changes to the Timeline for Approving New Courses. Report filed.
9. Nathalie Singh-Corcoran, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
 - Annex V, GEF Actions. Motion carried.
 - Annex VI, GEF Transition Review, was submitted for information. Report filed.
 10. Paul Kreider, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, presented proposed BOG Academics Rule 2.2 – Program Creation and Review (Annex IX), for discussion. C.B. Wilson, Associate Provost for Academic Personnel, presented proposed BOB Faculty Rule 4.7 – Reduction in Force (Annex X) for discussion. These proposed rules will be reviewed by the BOG on March 6, which will open a 30-day comment period.
 11. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that the Business Liability Protection Act, which would allow guns in employer parking lots, passed a second reading in the House. A third reading is scheduled for February 27.

12. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that Stephanie Taylor, General Counsel, presented proposed faculty-related rules to the Board of Governors. The Board voted to approve \$3.4 million to complete the architectural engineering phase of the Hodges Hall renovation. They received a legislative update from Rob Alsop dealing with the budget, campus carry, free speech, and the free community colleges bill. They welcomed Lisa Martin, who joined the BOG as the new staff representative replacing Dixie Martinelli. The next meeting will take place on March 6, primarily to review proposed rules.
13. New Business – Dave Hauser raised the possibility of opening a discussion about whether the Faculty Senate Chair should serve a two-year term.
14. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, March 26, 2018.

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