

Minutes
West Virginia University Faculty Senate
Monday, April 12, 2021

1. Nathalie Singh-Corcoran, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m. The Senate met by videoconference.

Members Present:

Anderson, K.	Crichlow, S.	Graziani, G.	McGinnis, R.	Schaefer, G.
Angeline, M.	Cui, A.	Grushecky, S.	Miltenberger, M.	Schimmel, C.
Arthurs, J.	Davari, A.	Hamrick, A.	Momen, J.	Sealey, V.
Bastress, R.	Davis, D.	Hardy, S.	Morgan, J.	Sims, J.
Benedito, V.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Harmon, I.	Morris, T.	Singh-Corcoran, N.
Bernardes, E.	Dilcher, B.	Hatipoglu, K.	Mucino, V.	Soccorsi, A.
Bernstein, M.	Donley, D.	Hauser, D.	Murphy, E.	Squire, D.
Bhandari, R.	Dotson, S.	Hessl, A.	Myers, S.	Steele, J.
Billings, H.	Downes, M.	Hibbert, A.	Nguyen, Y.	Tack, F.
Bonner, D.	Elliott, E.	Hileman, S.	Nix, A.	ter Haseborg, H.
Bragg, R.	Ellison, M.	Hodge, J.	Nutter, R.	Toppe, M.
Bravo, G.	Elswick, D.	Hutson, Z.	Ogden, L.	Tu, S.
Bresock, K.	Eubank, T.	Jaczynski, J.	Olfert, M.	Valentine, K.
Bryner, R.	Evans, J.	John, C.	Olson, K.	Vanderhoff, J.
Burnside, J.	Evans, K.	Kelly, K.	Orr, E.	Vercelli, M.
Butina, M.	Famouri, P.	Kitchen, S.	Peckens, S.	Watson, J.
Casey, R.	Feaster, K.	Kupec, J.	Petrone, A.	Wayne, S.
Chantler, P.	Fleming, S.	Leary, M.	Phillips, T.	Welsh, A.
Chisholm, S.	Fullen, M.	Mallow, J.	Rogers, T.	Williams, D.
Clemmer, M.	Funk, A.	Marra, A.	Sabolsky, E.	Woloshuk, J.
Cohen, S.	Galvez, M.	Martucci, A.	Samuels, H.	Woods, S.
Corio, E.	Goldenhuis, W.	McCombie, R.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Young, S.
Costas, M.	Germana, M.	McCroy, J.	Scaife, B.	Zegre, N.
Cottrell, L.	Goodykoontz, E.	McCusker, B.		

Members Excused:

Burt, A.	Galvan-Turner, V.	Law, K.	Reece, R.	Ryan, E.
Eades, D.	Honaker, L.			

Members Absent:

Celikbas, E.	Holbein, M.	Li, H.	Renzelli-Cain, R.	Shrader, C.
Cronin, A.	Hornsby, G.	Perhinschi, M.	Rice, T.	Swager, L.
Gilleland, D.	Hudgins, C.	Rakes, P.	Sedney, C.	Willard, M.
Gross, J.	Klein, A.	Reddy, R.		

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

Hauser, D.	Hileman, S.	Martucci, A.	Nutter, R.	Singh-Corcoran, N.
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2. Chair Singh-Corcoran presented for approval the minutes from the Monday, March 8, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
3. President Gordon Gee reported the following:

- The legislative session ended on April 10. \$18 million of our base budget was moved to the surplus side of the equation. We have received every assurance that we will move back into the regular budget if a surplus does not materialize. We did receive a 1.5% budget reduction. Legislation on campus carry and the soft drinks tax did not pass.
- Governor Jim Justice announced the launch of the Ascend WV remote worker program, aimed at recruiting outdoor enthusiast professionals to the Mountain State. The program is supported by Brad and Alys Smith and includes a relocation package valued at more than \$20,000.
- He encouraged faculty who have not received a COVID-19 vaccination to do so. If our health folks require students to receive a vaccine to return in the fall, that requirement will also apply to faculty and staff.

4. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:

- Vaccines are now available to all WVU employees and students 18 or older.
- Four in-person commencement ceremonies will take place on May 15-16, 2021 with COVID restrictions in place. Patrice Harris will speak at all four events. All graduates (2020 and May 2021) will be required to register to participate in commencement. See graduation.wvu.edu for updates.
- Opportunities for funding under the WVU Faculty Childcare Emergency Relief Funding will continue throughout Summer 2021. The application process is being managed by the WVU Women's Resource Center.
- The boot camp suggested by Amy Hessel will be piloted this summer. The 3-week session will be offered entirely online during the second summer session and will include a small variety of GEF courses. The cost will be \$25 per credit. Priority will be given to struggling and disadvantaged freshmen. Success coaches will be embedded in the courses and a variety of cohort-building activities are being planned for the students when they arrive on campus in the fall.
- Finals will take place May 4-8, 2021. A number of our students will be observing Ramadan during this time, and faculty are urged to be flexible.
- We have a 5% increase in enrollment for summer school. 385 students have enrolled for Maymester. Enrollment for fall is down slightly, which may be due to students being unable to take the ACT as required in order to apply for the PROMISE scholarship.
- She and President Gee met with the Academic Advisory Committee. She discussed an updated timeline and process for the program portfolio review part of academic transformation that will help identify academic programs that we want to grow, reduce, or sunset. We are going to slow things down a bit to ensure that those units and faculty that may be affected will have time to respond. She does not expect to make recommendations to the Board of Governors until early October.
- April 20 will be the first annual WVU Advisor Appreciation Day, during which all students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to show their appreciation for our academic advisers. See academicadvising.wvu.edu/appreciation for more information.
- Our annual Research Week begins today, April 12. See provost.wvu.edu/research-week for details.
- This month we will also be announcing the winners of our university teaching, research, and service awards.

- She encouraged everyone to check out the Refresh Employee Series at refresh.wvu.edu/refresh-employee-series for some fun ideas and activities.
5. David Attis, Education Advisory Board, provided an update on the changing landscape of higher education.
 6. Faculty Senate Chair Nathalie Singh-Corcoran reported the following:
 - A few Eberly senators reached out to her after the election ballot for new senators was distributed last month. They were concerned that the ballot only had representation from four departments and was dominated by nominees in one department, in particular. Given the senators concerns, Senate leadership looked further into the election balloting process. She, Emily Murphy, Ashley Martucci, and Judy Hamilton met and took a look at the most recent nomination ballot data, and from that data, were able to conclude a few things. In Eberly, only a few departments nominated faculty so there were several departments that had no nominations at all. That one department dominated the ballot because there was low participation across the college. But from their examination, they also concluded that we need to do a better job of advertising or making faculty aware of the opportunity to become a Senator. We also need to make balloting a little more clear and transparent. For example, candidates who appear on the ballot are the folks who have the most nominations, so just because one person nominated you does not mean that your name will appear on the ballot. In addition, over the next few months we will be looking at how other universities hold elections to see if there are other and better processes we might want to adopt.
 - At the May Faculty Senate meeting, Evan Widders, along with Serena Matsunaga and Sally McMillan from TorchStar Education, will be discussing student success initiatives as part of the university's academic transformation plans.
 7. The candidates for Faculty Senate Chair-Elect, Scott Wayne and Malayna Bernstein, addressed the Senate. Annex IA.
 8. Jen Steele, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, presented the following reports for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 87-0.

Annex I, New Courses Report.
Annex II, Course Changes Report
Annex III, Capstone Courses Report
Certificate in Early Childhood Administration
Program Changes to the BA in Geography

The following reports were submitted for information. Reports filed.

Changes to the Minor in Arts Management
Annex IV, Graduate Programs Report

9. Lisa Di Bartolomeo, Chair of the General Education Foundations Committee, presented the following report for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 88-1.
Annex V, GEF Actions

10. Jessica Vanderhoff, Chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, reported that the early semester teaching assessment for the second eight-week session closed on April 4. At the May meeting, she plans to share a report of participation for the fall semester. TACO has also finalized committee-level revisions to the eSEI complaint workflow. The workflow will now address feedback that contains inappropriate or inconsistent language, in addition to feedback that violates the student code of conduct. She hopes to share the new workflow and related documents at the April Executive Committee meeting and the May Faculty Senate meeting.
11. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that the ACF met on April 9. They are looking for the legislature to support, either through a joint resolution or a bill to be introduced next year, bringing international students to West Virginia.
12. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors has not met since our most recent Faculty Senate meeting. The next BOG meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2021.
13. Dave Hauser presented Annex VI, Resolution to Create Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Technology. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried by a vote of 88-0.
14. Chair Singh-Corcoran presented Annex VII, Results of the Faculty Senate Election, for information. Report filed.
15. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, May 10, 2021.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator