

Minutes  
West Virginia University Faculty Senate  
Monday, November 8, 2021

1. Ashley Martucci, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in the Event Hall at the College of Law. Senators also participated by videoconference.

Members Present:

Anderson, K.	Donley, D.	Hood, C.	Momen, J.	Smith, D.
Armour-Gemmen, M.	Downes, M.	Huber, S.	Mucino, V.	Soccorsi, A.
Barnes, E.	Duenas, O.	Hudgins, C.	Murphy, R.	Sofka, S.
Bastress, R.	Elliott, E.	Jaczynski, J.	Murray, A.	Sowards, A.
Battistella, L.	Ellis, E.	John, C.	Nix, A.	Staniscia, S.
Bhandari, R.	Ellison, M.	Kearns, J.	Olfert, M.	Swager, L.
Bolyard, J.	Elswick, D.	Kelly, K.	Orr, E.	Tack, F.
Bragg, R.	Evans, K.	Kitchen, S.	Peckens, S.	ter Haseborg, H.
Bravo, G.	Famouri, P.	Klein, A.	Phillips, T.	Titolo, M.
Bresock, K.	Frazier, V.	Knuckles, T.	Reece, J.	Utzman, R.
Bruyaka, O.	Galvez-Peralta	Kupec, J.	Reece, R.	Vercelli, M.
Bryner, R.	Gilleland, D.	LaRue, R.	Rinehart, L.	Waggy, C.
Casey, R.	Graziani, G.	Law, K.	Rogers, T.	Watson, J.
Celikbas, E.	Grushecky, S.	Leary, M.	Rota, C.	Wayne, S.
Chantler, P.	Hamrick, A.	Leight, M	Sabolsky, E.	Williams, D.
Cohen, S.	Hatipoglu, K.	Li, B.	Sakhuja, A.	Woloshuk, J.
Cottrell, L.	Hauser, D.	Li, H.	Samuels, H.	Woods, S.
Crichlow, S.	Heady, M.	Lorenz, S.	Schaefer, G.	Wuest, T.
Cui, A.	Hessl, A.	Lupo, J.	Schimmel, C.	Young, S.
Davari, A.	Hibbert, A.	Marra, A.	Sealey, V.	Zegre, N.
Dey, K.	Hileman, S.	Martucci, A.	Sherlock, L.	Zeni, T.
DiBartolomeo, L.	Hissam, R.	McCrory, J.	Sims, J.	
Dilcher, B.	Hodge, J.	McCusker, B.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	

Members Excused:

Billings, H.	Costas, M.	Feaster, K.	Toppe, M.	Welsh, A.
Butina, M.	Eades, D.	Myers, S.		

Members Absent:

Bonner, D.	Davis, D.	Hines, S.	Miltenberger, M.	Roberts, D.
Burke, R.	Dickman, B.	Holbein, M.	Morgan, J.	Shrader, C.
Burnside, J.	Fullen, M.	Honaker, L.	Nguyen, Y.	Sizemore, J.
Cronin, A.	Geldenhuis, W.	Hornsby, G.	Petrone, A.	Willard, M.
Crosno, J.	Gross, J.	McGinnis, R.	Rice, T.	

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

Elliott, E.	Hauser, D.	Hileman, S.	Martucci, A.	Wayne, S.
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2. Chair Martucci presented for approval the minutes from the Monday, October 18, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
3. President Gordon Gee discussed the letter he sent to students, faculty, staff, and alumni on November 8, 2021 to address concerns raised by his advisory role with the University of Austin.

4. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
  - She provided an update on COVID-19. The caseload at WVU continues to be low. Our vaccination rates remain steady at 81% for students and 92% for faculty and staff. We offered our first Pfizer vaccination clinic last week for children ages 5 through 11; 550 children received a vaccine.
  - The program portfolio review process resulted in 15 programs being recommended for discontinuance. That recommendation was approved by the Board of Governors on October 29, 2021. Sixteen programs were identified for continuance with specific action required; the Office of the Provost is or will be working with those units to identify next steps. Eighteen programs have been identified as programs of opportunity; the Office of the Provost will be working with the deans of those colleges to determine what additional resources may be needed to expand the capacity of those programs.
  - The University held its first Academic Innovation Summit on October 22-23, 2021. A panel of judges selected the most impactful and actionable ideas and allocated one-time seed money to those projects should the teams decide to move forward. We plan to announce an innovation mini-grants program in January that will be open to the entire University.
  - The CEHS/CPASS merger, the name of the new college, and the new structure were affirmed by the Board of Governors on October 29, 2021. The name of the new college will be the College of Applied Human Sciences. We hired Greenwood/Asher to lead the search for the founding dean. We hope to have the job posted and begin reviewing candidates by January.
  - Academic transformation priorities for this academic year will be announced no later than early December.
5. Amy Kittle, Assistant Director for Prevention and Education, provided an Equity Assurance & Title IX Overview.
6. Faculty Senate Chair Ashley Martucci reported the following:
  - Coffee and Conversation, which is open to any faculty member, will take place at 10:00 a.m. on November 9, 2021.
  - She, Scott Crichlow, Melissa Latimer, Scott Wayne, Sarah Seime, and Talent and Culture are working together to create an exit interview in addition to the exit survey. This effort comes out of the Faculty Welfare Committee.
  - Lou Slimak will discuss annual review, and possibly instructional efficiencies, at the December Faculty Senate meeting. Corey Farris will discuss Student Life initiatives.
7. Robin Hissam, Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, presented the following reports for approval. Motion carried.

Annex I, New Courses Report

Annex II, Course Changes Report

New Major for an Associate's Degree in Human Nutrition and Food at PSC

The following reports were submitted for information. Reports filed.

New Minor in Actuarial Science

New Minor in Applied Mathematics

New Minor in Diversity in Physical Activity and Sport

8. General Education Foundations Committee – no report.
9. Marina Galvez-Peralta, Chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, submitted the following reports for information. Reports filed.
  - Annex III, TACO Mission 2021-2022
  - Annex IV, Early Semester Teaching Assessment
  - Annex V, eSEI Comment Reviews
10. Ann Marie Hibbert, Chair of the Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies, presented the following report for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 62-0.
  - Annex VI, Committee Appointments
11. Eloise Elliott, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that the faculty advisory board met with Rob Alsop on October 21 to get a better understanding of the funding formula for higher education institutions that will be proposed by HEPC at the upcoming legislative session. He also indicated that there may not be enough support for proposing a campus carry bill during this session.
12. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors met on October 29, 2021. The Board received audit reports from Clifton Larson Allen for WVU and for the WVU Research Corporation. In both situations, an unmodified opinion with the highest level of assurance was given. The Board approved a plan to enter into a strategic engagement partnership with Alumni Association. The Board also authorized a multi-year plan to modernize Information Technology systems. In addition, the Board approved moving ahead with a 30-day comment period for the 10-year campus development plan. The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2021.
13. A motion was made and duly seconded to move the Faculty Senate into executive session under Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4, Subsection B7 of the Code of West Virginia to avoid premature disclosure of an honorary degree. Motion carried.

Following the conclusion of executive session, the Faculty Senate reconvened into open session. The executive session began at 4:27 p.m. and ended at 4:44 p.m.
14. The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, December 6, 2021.

Judy Hamilton  
Office Administrator