

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
May 22, 2006

1. Chair Lastinger called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

Members present:

Atkins, C.	Jackowitz, A.	Nutter, R.
Butcher, F.	Lang, G.	McDiarmid, M.
Dean, R.	Lastinger, M.	Strife, M.
Hardesty, D.	Mays, M.	Torsney, C.
Hornak, L.		

Members absent:

Elmore, S.	Famouri, P.	Kershner, R.
Wilson, C.B.		

Guests:

Cohen, S.	Held, J.	Royall, B.
Smith, G. (Dom. Post)		

2. President Hardesty reported that effective meetings have taken place to discuss ways of handling a possible pandemic of the "Avian Influenza" that could hit this summer. He distributed an article entitled, "Brief Guide for Academic Health Center Disaster Preparedness and Response." The guide discusses ideas and thought-prompts that faculty members should consider. The President said that the WVU Foundation has set aside \$200 million in a fund to be invested in vaccines.

The President said that the Avian influenza is deadly, and since we live in such a mobile society, it will probably be a pandemic that is spread across the world in a very short time. Three other serious influenzas that the University experienced throughout the years were discussed. The President said experts think that 40% of the population might get the influenza if there was a pandemic, and it would hit in 3 waves of several weeks each and cause drastic measures. He said the University's priorities would change causing a dramatic impact on finances, which would cause a decrease in revenues across the board and an increase in costs across the board, so a shifting of priorities would occur immediately. He said communications will be the key as well as efficiency measures. Various teaching options should be considered; for example, using the web and/or assignments on the MIX.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2005, meeting. Motion carried.
4. Chair Lastinger said 319 faculty participated in this year's faculty senate election; last year the count was 567, but the number should increase over a period of time once faculty get accustomed to the electronic voting. The chair said Faculty Secretary, Mary Strife, believes

that the voting process should be publicized better and participation for the election of senators should be encouraged.

Professor Jackowitz distributed an article from, The New York Times that states, "Future of Higher Education Is Divisive Topic for Panel." The chair said a May 19th article from, The Chronicle, listed 3 questions on: affordability, more information for accountability and a discussion of the illumination of the current accreditation process.

5. Professor Roy Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, said the ACF will hold a retreat the first or second weekend in July for all members to discuss the following issues: the faculty seat on the Higher Education Policy Commission, the right to serve on the Legislature, P-20 issue, Globalizing the Curriculum, Retention, and the 1.5% gap between higher education and K-12 funding for retirement contributions. The chair discussed the decision-making process for the ACF representative.
6. The Committee reviewed the draft minutes of the May 8th Faculty Senate meeting.
7. Professor Mays, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved that the following reports be approved:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
Annex II, Annual Report 2005-2006. Motion carried.
Annex III, Goals for 2006-2007. Motion carried.
Annex IV, The Alteration Report was submitted for information
The Physical Education Teacher Education (PET) Curriculum Revision was pulled from the March meeting. Professor Mays said the issues have been resolved; therefore, he moved that the Curriculum Revision be approved. Motion carried.
8. Professor Held, Chair, General Education Committee, moved that Annex V, GEC Recommendations be approved. Motion carried.
9. Professor Cohen, Chair-elect, Faculty Welfare Committee, moved for approval of Annex VI, Annual Report 2005-2006 and Goals for 2006-2007. Motion carried.
10. It was moved and duly seconded to accept the first 3 paragraphs of the Final Report for the Ad Hoc GEC Grants Committee listed in Annex VII. Motion carried. The Executive Committee would like to continue discussion of the last paragraph of the report, which provides the Ad hoc committee's recommendation regarding the future of the grants. Professor Hornak moved that the Ad hoc committee chair work with Associate Dean Gorham and Associate Provost Torsney to provide data regarding remaining needs for seats for specific GEC objectives and provide the total funding remaining for any further targeted investment to meet this need. Motion carried. The plan will enable the Executive Committee to assess if the Ad hoc committee is needed for another year. The Executive Committee will ask Professor Garbutt to attend the August meeting.

11. Professor Mays, Chair, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituency Committee, moved for approval of Annex VIII, Annual Report 2005-2006 and Annex IX, Committee Goals 2006-2007. Motion carried.
12. It was moved and duly seconded to approve Annex X, Research and Scholarship Committee Report. Professor Hornak recommended that justification be provided to support the requested funding; therefore, exclude the resource part of the report. Professor McDiarmid moved that the Executive Committee postpone the acceptance of the report and ask the liaison (Professor Hornak) to communicate with the chair about the need for more justification concerning resources. Motion carried.
13. It was moved and duly seconded to approve Annex XI, Service Committee, Annual Report 2005-2006 and Committee Goals 2006-2007. Motion carried.
14. Beth Royall moved for approval of Annex XI, Student Evaluation of Instruction, Annual Report 2005-2006 and Committee Goals 2006-2007. Motion carried.
15. Professor Held said when Dr. Barbara Walvoord was at the University giving workshops on assessment, she suggested there be a one-year moratorium on the five-year audit process. During that year, the periodic audit of GEC courses would be returned to the colleges and/or divisions/departments for action.

Professor Held read the following motion that was submitted to the Senate Executive Committee from the GEC Oversight Committee:

“The GEC committee recommends that the five-year audit of LSP/GEC courses be suspended for the 2006-2007 academic year in order to transfer the audit process to the college and division-department level. Colleges will be expected to begin the periodic audit process during the 2007-08 academic years. The GEC committee will oversee the College-level audit process and the institution-wide implementation of the GEC. The GEC committee will spend the 2006-07 year preparing audit process/reporting guidelines for the college audits and will continue to process new GEC applications and audits already submitted but not completed. The committee also recommends that all overdue audits or audits that have never been submitted should be directed to the individual colleges for appropriate action.”

Associate Provost Torsney led a discussion concerning the process change. The Senate Executive Committee requested that the motion be revised and sent out to all members via electronic mail for a vote before submitting it to the Faculty Senate. Chair Lastinger moved and it was duly seconded that the Executive Committee authorize the GEC committee or committee chair to work in association with the Provost's Office to amend the motion and provide it to the Faculty Senate for the June meeting directly. Motion carried.

16. Chair Lastinger said the Student Instruction Committee recommended that the process for the current writing requirements be revised. He said the writing program is currently being reviewed by the GEC committee, and he recommended that while the process is being reviewed, the GEC and the writing program should be done in tandem, but if the committee

decides to separate the two that would be fine as well. Professor Hornak suggested that a special committee be formed to review the process, along with the GEC committee. It was decided that the GEC committee continue the review process, but allow the discussion to continue into the next year.

17. Professor Mays, Chair, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituency Committee, moved that Annex XIII, Faculty Senate Committees for 2006-2007, be approved. Motion carried.
18. Professor Mays, Chair, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituency Committee, moved that Annex XIV, slate of candidates for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, be approved. Motion carried.
19. Chair Lastinger was commended for chairing this year's Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
20. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene on August 28, 2006.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary