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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, August 26, 2024, 3:00 P.M.

Faculty Senate Chair Diana Davis brought the monthly meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Members and guests participated via videoconference. Guest list available upon request.

Members Present:

Bilgesu, I.	Gee, E.	Prinzo, L.
Chisholm, S.	Graves, C.	Stueckle, J.
Cottrell, L.	Hood, C.	Tack, F.
Crichlow, S.	Nix, A.	Terry, D.
Davis, D.	O'Quinn, J.	Wayne, S.
Elliott, E.	Pena-Yewtukhiw, E.	

The agenda was adjusted to accommodate an early departure by President Gee, moving the president's report to follow that of Chair Davis.

1. Chair Davis presented the [Minutes](#) of the April 2024 Executive Committee Meeting, which were approved as written.
2. Davis announced that Corey Hunt has been appointed as Parliamentarian for the Faculty Senate this year. He completed the requisite training to become a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians. The committee approved the appointment by unanimous consent.
3. Chair Davis spoke on the Executive Committee custom to add certain committee chairs as voting ex officio members. Davis also requested the addition of a WVU Institute of Technology Representative, so that Keyser, Beckley, and Morgantown were all represented. Davis presented the following list of members for approval. Addition of new ex officio members approved by unanimous consent:
 - Sheri Chisholm – Teaching and Assessment Committee
 - Cody Hood – General Education Foundations Committee
 - H. Ilkin Bilgesu – Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies
 - Terry Doulgas – West Virginia University Institute of Technology

Davis noted that Scott Wayne, Chair of the Shared Governance Committee, would have been added to the list had he not already been a member by appointment as Faculty Senate Secretary.

4. Chair Davis reported on the following:
 - a. Davis recognized Dave Hauser for his lengthy service to the Faculty Senate. Hauser stepped down from his Faculty Secretary role in spring 2024, with Scott Wayne being appointed to serve the remainder of the elected term.
 - b. The Executive Committee is seeking at least 14 faculty members to serve on the University Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel for the 2024-2025 academic year. Interested faculty may email Chris Staples or Tracy Morris.

- c. Work will continue on revisions to the Faculty Constitution, which is intended to be worked on by the Shared Governance Committee, and the revised University Procedures on Promotion and Tenure, which are intended for the Faculty Welfare Committee.
- d. The search for a WVU president commenced in July, with faculty listening sessions scheduled in September.

For Information - University Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel [Call for Volunteers](#)

5. President Gee thanked the Executive Committee for their word, specifically acknowledging Frankie Tack's contributions as Senate Chair during a challenging period. Gee emphasized the importance of the presidential search, and the complexities required of that role. Gee shared a significant commitment from LG to work with the medical center and digital programs. Gee reported a 85% increase in research dollars over the past several years, reaching the highest point in the history of the institution. The WVU Foundation also had its highest fundraising results ever, raising nearly \$300 million. Gee reported that new enrollment numbers are still uncertain, but retention numbers are "way up."
6. The Curriculum Committee had no updates to provide and has a meeting scheduled for Sept. 5.
7. Cody Hood reported on the General Education Foundations Committee, introducing himself as the committee chair and noting that the committee would continue work on GEF course structure. There was a question regarding course approval timeline, with Hood noting that the GEF program had underwent a soft moratorium on approving new courses in the winter of 23/24.
8. Sheri Chisholm, Teaching and Assessment Committee Chair, reported that the committee had worked with Robert Hasting to create framework for course questions within the Student Perception of Teaching (SPoT) instrument, and announced upcoming training sessions for the new tool. Chisholm reported that the early semester course feedback training would be on Aug. 27 and encouraged participation.
9. Ikin Bilgesu, Committee on Committees Chair, made a motion to approve the committee appointments contained within Annex I. The motion was amended to include Amy Weislogel on the roster of the Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies. Committee rosters were approved as amended by unanimous consent.

For Approval – Committee Appointments – [Annex I](#)

10. For Information – 2023-2024 Committee Annual Reports and 2024-2025 Goals

Committee on Committees, Memberships and Constituencies – [Annex II](#)

Curriculum Committee – [Annex III](#)

Faculty Welfare Committee – [Annex IV](#)

Inclusion and Diversity Committee – [Annex VI](#)

Library Committee – [Annex VII](#)

Service Committee – [Annex X](#)

Student Recruitment and Retention Committee – [Annex XI](#)

Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee – [Annex XII](#)

Sustainability Committee – [Annex XIII](#)

Teaching and Assessment Committee – [Annex XIV](#)

Shared Governance Committee – [Annex XV](#)

11. Faculty Representative to State Government Eloise Elliot reported that she had been elected to be the chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty for the year.
12. Board of Governors Representative Lesley Cottrell had no updates and noted that the next board meeting will be held September 20th.
13. Evan Widders, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, reported on the Global Career Accelerator program offered by Podium Education. Widders reported that this is a virtual internship program that allows students to gain credit while earning real-world experiences, adding that the program is intended to meet a need for greater internship/experiential opportunities expressed by the Student Government Association. The institution pays no cost for the program. Instead, the students pay a \$1800 course fee, from which WVU receives a share. Widders reported that the program had a successful pilot semester, with high demand and positive student feedback, and has 46 students registered for the fall. Members asked about the student target audience, which Widders explained was primarily Eberly students. Members also expressed concern that the program is replacing courses that could be taught by WVU faculty.
14. Chair Davis presented two items for approval related to Faculty Senate committee renewals, both of which were approved unanimously. Members noted that regional campus representation would need to be added to the roster of the Committee on Collaboration.

For Approval - Resolution to renew the Committee on Collaboration as a Special Committee – [Annex XVI](#)

For Approval -Resolution to renew Student Recruitment and Retention Committee as a Special Committee – [Annex XVII](#)

15. Davis presented the Faculty Constitution Revision draft for approval. Frankie Tack noted that a working group of the Subcommittee had worked extensively on the draft, and that it may be best for the document to now go to the Shared Governance Committee for further consideration. Tack moved to refer the document to the Shared Governance Committee for further modification and review, to report back to the Executive Committee no later than December 16, 2024. Motion approved.
For Approval – Faculty Constitution Revision Draft – [Annex XVIII](#)

16. No new business presented.

17. Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m. The committee will reconvene on September 23, 2024.

Corey Hunt

Faculty Senate Office Administrator

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