

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, December 19, 2011

1. Chair Lesley Cottrell called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainair.

Members Present:

Bilgesu, I.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Kleist, V.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bastress, R.	Elmore, S.	Mays, M.	Tuninetti, A.
Clements, J.	Griffith, R.	Nutter, R.	Wheatly, M.
Cottrell, L.	Kershner, R.	Orlikoff, J.	

Members Absent:

Butcher, F.	Curtis, R.	Strife, M.
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Guests:

Cumming, J.	Dooley, E.	Lee, P.	Lastinger, M.
Wilson, C.B.			

2. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.
3. The President did not have a report, but he answered various questions from Committee members. He thanked members for their hard work, and he wished everyone a happy and blessed holiday season.
4. Jennifer Orlikoff, Chair, Curriculum Committee, led a discussion concerning a catalog statement for degree programs. She distributed a handout that gave the background concerning a number of credit hours for a Bachelor's degree from WVU as well as a proposal and catalog statement.

“A minimum of 120 hours is required for a West Virginia University undergraduate degree. Some degree programs require additional hours (see specific requirements for each major in the catalog).”

Professor Bastress moved, and it was duly seconded, to approve the catalog statement and present it to the Faculty Senate on Monday, January 9, 2012. Motion carried.

5. Provost Wheatly said Carolyn Long has been appointed as the Transitional Executive Leader at the WVU Institute of Technology during the transition that will follow the Revitalization Plan that was set in place by HEPC. Provost Wheatly said Carolyn is pleased with the opportunity. She knows the state, the region, the BOG, HEPC and WVU very well. She cares about students in rural settings, and she wants them to achieve great

things. This is the next best step for WVU-Tech; the campus needs someone to be there on a daily basis, and to navigate the terrain politically as well as academically. WVU will work with Carolyn to identify the best person to deal with the academic issues. It will help to put the right mechanisms in place, and it will make sure promotion and tenure packets get reviewed properly.

The Provost said four candidates were interviewed for the dean position at the Davis College, and a candidate has been selected. The search committee will wrap things up this week.

Dean searches for Potomac State and Human Resources and Education are underway.

Mark Six has been named as interim WVU OIT Executive Director. A search firm will be used to replace Rehan Khan.

The Provost thanked the Committee for their hard work this year and wished everyone a blessed holiday.

6. Chair Cottrell thanked Provost Wheatly and Senior Associate Provost Dean for spending a day at WVU-Tech talking about the school's future.

Chair Cottrell led discussions concerning the following issues:

- Set up a committee to discuss various fees that are charged to students.
- Set up a focus group for faculty to mentor students.
- Ask students for their input concerning a fall break.

7. Jennifer Orlikoff, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.

Annex II, Capstone Request for PHIL 480. Motion carried with one against.

Annex III, The Alteration Report was submitted for information.

8. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex IV, GEC Actions. Motion carried.

Annex V, The GEC Audit report, was submitted for information.

9. Professor DiBartolomeo led a discussion and distributed a handout concerning the following statement regarding the number of hours required for the GEC at WVU.

“Given potential changes in hours required for a degree, and increasing pressures on credit hours for undergraduates, the WVU Faculty Senate affirms its support

for the GEC in its current form and in its current credit-counts, between 41-43 hours. “

A motion was made to approve the statement and submit it to the Faculty Senate for its January 9, 2012 meeting. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

10. Roy Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, said PEIA was discussed at the December 12th Faculty Senate meeting.
11. Robert Griffith, Board of Governor’s representative, said the BOG met last Friday via conference call held in the President’s Office. The BOG approved the contributions for the Bucks for Brains program. It also approved the honorary degree candidates that were approved by the Faculty Senate. He said the degree candidates will need to verify that they will attend the Commencement in order to receive the degree. Professor Griffith said financially, the University is in good shape.

12. New Business

Associate Provost C. B. Wilson said there has been some confusion about what has been called, “the faculty personnel file” and what Human Resources has called it, so Human Resources asked that it be called, “the faculty evaluation file.” The Associate Provost said he has made the name change.

Professor Virginia Kleist asked if the plus/minus grading issue could be reopened. Professor Nutter suggested writing a new code and submitting it to the Legislature. Professor Bastress said he would investigate the current code.

The Committee asked that Athletic Director Oliver Luck be invited to a future Faculty Senate meeting to speak about new implementations.

13. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m. to reconvene on January 23, 2012.

Barbara Dunn, Committee Secretary