

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, December 17, 2018

1. Chair David Hauser called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Blackwater Room, Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	Gee, E.	Hileman, S.	Murphy, E.
Brock, R.	Goff, N.	Lieving, G.	Nutter, R.
DiBartolomeo, L.	Haines, K	Martucci, A.	Valenti, M.
Fleming, S.	Hauser, D.	McConnell, J.	

Members Absent:

Cronin, A.	Floyd, K.	Veselicky, L.	
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Guests:

Campbell, J.	Kreider, P.	Slimak, L.	Wilson, C.
Gavin, M.			

2. Chair Hauser moved for approval of the minutes from the November 26, 2018 meeting.  
Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
  - WVU just received news from the Carnegie Foundation that we maintained our R1 status. Our status will not be reviewed again for another three to four years.
  - Commencement took place on Saturday, December 15, 2018. Many of our students are first-generation graduates whose families turn out “in droves” to express their joy and enthusiasm. We had two terrific speeches by Judie Charlton and Jack Furst. Judie Charlton’s family did not expect or even want her to attend college, but she went on to do great things as an ophthalmologist and as our chief medical officer. Jack Furst is the father of the Summit Bechtel Reserve; we recognized him with an honorary degree for his work on behalf of the University.
  - He and seven former presidents participated in a “Meet the Presidents” discussion. They all expressed immense respect and deep affection for this university.
  - The Blue Ribbon Commission meeting is close to completing its work, which is centered around three areas: a request that the legislature provide an addition \$10 million in funding for the regional institutions, a collaboration model for community and technical colleges and 4-year institutions, and the restructuring of governance to include an Office of Postsecondary Education.
4. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
  - The University is joining in a national initiative to increase college access, close the achievement gap, and produce more degrees by 2025. Powered by Publics is an initiative of the Association of Land-Grant and Public Universities and involves more than 130 schools gathered into 16 different clusters around regions, size, and/or mission.

- Increasing access is a key driver for prosperity which we are working on with West Virginia Forward. Our state has fewer science, technology, engineering, and math graduates than any neighboring state.
- Leidos is expanding operations in Morgantown. They will be hiring up to 200 positions with around 100 local hires. They are hiring engineers and computer scientists.
- The presence of Aurora Flight Sciences, a subsidiary of Boeing, will increase the number of engineering jobs available in the corridor between Clarksburg and Morgantown. One of our alumni oversees the firm's Clarksburg office.
- Special commissions operate in every state to remove barriers to justice for low-income and disadvantaged people by working with courts, the bar, and legal aid organizations. Located within the West Virginia Supreme Court until it was defunded, West Virginia's Access to Justice Commission has been relaunched by the College of Law. Only two commissions in the country are administered by law schools.
- The Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) moved to the Office of the Provost over two years ago from its former location within the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The program has been enhanced and is now more directly linked to the academic mission and to faculty. Daniel Long, previously the director of the MindFit Clinic and a staff psychologist with the Carruth Center, was hired as the new director of OAS. He established WVU as one of the first universities in the nation to offer a comprehensive program for students with ADHD and other cognitive concerns. He has also worked with WVU Athletics to help athletes improve focus and enhance performance.
- Two of our history faculty, Katherine Aaslestad and Tamba M'bayo, have received the top fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Each will receive \$60,000 for the 2019-2020 academic year to conduct research for their respective book projects.

5. Chair David Hauser reported the following:

- Based on the discussion at December 10 Faculty Senate meeting concerning campus carry, he will send a revised list of priorities to the Government Relations office. He will also prepare a resolution for approval by the Senate.
- He has received a couple of compliments (and no complaints) about the change in format for the December Senate meeting. He will work with the Faculty Senate Office to send out a short survey to determine the overall response to the changed format. Potential topics for future "working group" sessions include: 1) metrics for a failing department, 2) a technology policy for classrooms (for student phones/computer/tablets/etc.), and 3) ideas for improving retention.
- We have at least one Senator who was a faculty member at the time she was elected, but whose position has since been recategorized as non-classified staff. A motion was made and duly seconded to allow this Senator to serve out her three-year term, although she will not be eligible for re-election. Motion carried.
- The Constitution currently makes people in leadership positions (standing committee chairs, Chair, Chair-Elect, etc.) members of the Senate if they are not already serving as Senators. The Constitution also requires that Senators who have been elected to two consecutive three-year terms take one year off before being eligible for re-election. A question has arisen about how time served as an unelected member of the Senate should

affect a person's eligibility to stand for election. After discussion, the consensus of the Executive Committee was that people whose leadership position makes them members of the Senate have fulfilled the Constitutional requirement to sit out a Senate election cycle.

- There is a public hearing tonight, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. at the Erickson Alumni Center. This is part of the set of public hearings that PEIA has every year, so this is not a WVU event, but a West Virginia Government (PEIA) event. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.
- He was invited to attend a meeting where there is beginning to be some discussion of changing the BOG policy involving relationships between Faculty, Staff, and Students. As the policy stands now, relationships are allowed among members of the WVU community so long as 1) they are not between people where one person has any power, influence, or impact over the other, and 2) they are reported up the chain of command. While there are not any finalized changes, it looks like the policy will be adjusted to essentially forbid relationships involving Faculty or Staff and undergraduates, while keeping the old policy when dealing with relationships involving Faculty, Staff, and graduate students. Faculty Welfare Committee will be asked to discuss the issue.
- The comment period for the BOG rule on consulting and outside work has ended. Numerous comments were submitted. If there are substantive changes to the policy, it may come back through the Executive Committee and Faculty Senate.

6. Karen Haines, Past Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex II, Course Changes, Deletions, and Adoptions Report. Motion carried.

Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.

New Degree Program in Health Sciences for Potomac State College. Motion carried.

A motion was made and duly seconded to table the proposals to change AOE's to Majors in Forensic Biology, Forensic Examiner, Chinese Studies, French, and Spanish. Motion carried.

Annex IV, Meaningful Mid-Term Grades. Following discussion, item 2 of the statement was amended as follows: "The syllabus should also indicate what assignments will determine the mid-semester grade and what percentage of the total course grade the mid-semester grade represents." A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the amended annex. Motion carried.

7. Robert Brock moved for approval of the following General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee report:

Annex V, GEF Actions. Motion carried.

Annex VI, GEF Transition Review. Report filed.

8. Ashley Martucci, Chair, Teaching and Assessment Committee:

- The committee recommended that the percentage of mid-term grades reported by faculty members be pulled into Digital Measures. Percentages will be based on the number of

mid-term grades reported in each section, not on the grades given. This information can be used by the chair and/or the department to determine whether faculty is abiding by BOG guidelines. This will topic will be revisited at the next Executive Committee meeting.

- Reports are being prepared for Child Development and Engineering summarizing the initial CIM review of their courses and syllabi. The committee will be reviewing specific section syllabi during the Spring semester.

9. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that:

- The ACF met on December 13. Faculty at most schools thought they would receive a 5% raise, but in general they received a 1.9% raise. Their legislators also do not understand that not everyone received a 5% raise. Guns on campus came up with fairly consistent opposition to concealed carry on campus.
- A goal of HEPC and CCTC is for 60% of West Virginia residents to have at least some post-secondary education. Statewide we are at 30% and lower. 200,000 adults in West Virginia have some higher education.
- There is a statewide library committee that is working on a common library across higher education in the state. They will meet again after the first of the year.
- The Community College Technical Council commission meeting focused on a financial audit. New River and Pierpont have cash flow problems and almost all need money to stabilize buildings.
- Concord University is cancelling its degree in secondary mathematics education.

10. Stan Hileman, BOG representative, reported that the Board met on December 14. Two proposed rules were released for comment: Governance Rule 1.11 - Information Technology Resources and Governance and Administration and Finance Rule 5.6 – Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus. The Board also approved a new graduate certificate in leadership and a new doctoral degree in learning sciences and human development.

11. New Business: Robert Bastress indicated that law faculty have requested a reexamination of the requirement that undergraduate grades be reported within 48 hours after a final exam is administered. The 48-hour deadline means that many faculty cannot complete their grades on time if they give an essay exam. The College of Law has students who received their undergraduate degree from WVU without ever having taken an essay final exam. How we test is a major part of pedagogy, and faculty take that very seriously. Paul Kreider will ask the Policy Committee to review this request and he will report back to the Executive Committee.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, January 28, 2019.

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