

MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Monday, March 9, 2009

1. Professor Nigel Clark, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

2. Members Present:

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| Abate, M. | Cottrell, S. | Latimer, M. | Perone, M. | Urbanski, J. |
| Abraham, R. | Davari, A. | Long, K. | Petronis, J. | Valenti, M. |
| Ahern, T. | Davis, S. | Malarcher, J. | Plein, C. | Walker, E. |
| Anderson, J. | Famouri, P. | Mancinelli, C. | Rafter, J. | Watson, J. |
| Banta, L. | Fredette, H. | Mandich, M. | Rauch, H. | Weihman, L. |
| Bergner, G. | Graber, S. | McCombie, R. | Richards, A. | Wenger, S. |
| Bilgesu, I. | Hall, D. | McDiarmid, M. | Riemenschneider, S. | Wilcox, G. |
| Blaydes, S. | Hartman, K. | McGinley, P. | Ruscello, D. | Wilson, M. |
| Bonner, D. | Hash, K. | Meckstroth, R. | Sand-Jecklin, K. | Woloshuk, J. |
| Bowen, E. | Hessl, A. | Murthy, K. | Schreurs, B. | |
| Boyles, J. | Hutson, Z. | Nath, C. | Sedgeman, J. | |
| Branch, D. | Insch, G. | Nelson, C. | Sherlock, L. | |
| Bredehoft, T. | Iskander, W. | Nestor, P. | Spleth, J. | |
| Brooks, J. | Kershner, R. | Nichols, A. | Stack, S. | |
| Caldwell, J. | Kirby, B. | Nutter, R. | Steranka, P. | |
| Clark, B. | Kleist, V. | Oberhauser, A. | Stolzenberg, A. | |
| Clark, N. | Kuhlman, J. | Olson, K. | Stuchell, R. | |
| Cottrell, L. | Lake, M. | Peace, G. | Tower, L. | |

Members Absent:

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| Bagby, M. | Comer, P. | Higgins, C. | Robbins, J. | Siegrist, J. |
| Campbell, L. | Connors, J. | Lively, M. | Ryan, K. | Turton, R. |
| Chetlin, R. | Hermosilla, P. | Parks, E. | Serafini, M. | Vona-Davis, L. |

Members Excused:

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| Bryner, R. | Huffman, V. | Jackowitz, A. | Riley, W. | Sherwood, L. |
| D'Souza, G. | Hileman, S. | Lastinger, V. | Rockett, I. | Tallaksen, R. |
| DiBartolomeo, L. | Hunter, S. | Miller, M. | Shelton, E. | Walls, T. |

3. Chair Nigel Clark said Virginia Kleist sent an e-mail to the Faculty Senate resigning as Faculty Senate Chair. She will be added to the agenda so she can speak about her resignation. Under this circumstance, the Constitution says that the chair-elect will take over as chair, so Professor Clark said he would do his best to act as care-taker while he sheds some other responsibilities.
4. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the Monday, February 9, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.
5. It was moved to approve the minutes from a special Faculty Senate meeting that was held on May 5, 2008. Professor Famouri said there should have been another motion made by Professor Napolitano. Faculty Secretary Mary Strife will review the tape for the additional motion. It was

moved and duly seconded to table the May 5th minutes until the next Faculty Senate meeting so the minutes can be revised. Motion carried.

6. Interim President C. Peter Magrath said on Friday he will be working closely with President-Elect Clements to assist him in any way possible; they have had a number of conversations. President-Elect Clements asked Interim President Magrath to convey his (Clements) warm greetings to the Faculty Senate, and that he is looking forward to working with and listening to the Senate. It is his desire to have a collegial, collaborative partnership and working arrangement from both the heart and the head.

Interim President Magrath expressed his great respect and admiration for immediate past Faculty Senate Chair, Virginia Kleist. He said she has been a straight arrow and a light to work with and an extraordinary help to him; he believes that she has also been a help to WVU. Interim President Magrath said Professor Clark is another one of the many strong leaders of the Faculty Senate. He said one of the strong points of the University is a good and strong Faculty Senate, and if not his wisdom, his wit tells him that WVU has that, and it is extraordinary and important.

Ten days ago, Interim President Magrath, Vice-President Curt Peterson, Jay Cole, Interim Chief of Staff, and a few others participated in a good round of meetings in Washington, D.C. with the WV Congressional Delegation, all of whom are supportive of WVU's efforts in some of the issues that they are trying to pursue for support and funding. Interim President Magrath said they also had discussions with one of the top leaders from the National Science Foundation. He thanked Vice-President Peterson's initiative because he said we now have a small physical base in Washington called, the "Hall of the States", which is a great facility for conferences and meetings, and when it's fully operational, it can be used for faculty when they are there. It will strengthen the efforts to work with our delegations as well as others connected to various agencies.

7. Professor Kleist said the members of the Faculty Senate have been down some very long roads together, and have performed admirably. She said she has been honored to serve as the chair of a very important body. She believes the body has advanced shared governance for the faculty at WVU in the last year, and she believes service as chair should be measured in dog years; therefore, she has served for 12.8 years so far. Professor Kleist said she is stepping down as chair 2 months early because it is an appropriate time to do so. Professor Kite served under President Garrison, and she has served under Interim President Magrath, and she believes it is a wise idea for her to step aside and let Nigel Clark serve with the new president, Jim Clements. She said it is a good fit. It is a new day and everyone has moved on, including the members of the Faculty Senate. It is a perfect time for new leadership here and a perfect time for her to step aside. She will continue to serve, as it is the usual practice, as former chair and a regular senate member. She said it has been her biggest honor to serve her peers on the Faculty Senate, and she has the utmost respect for the group. She thanked Steve Kite for all the help he gave her as well as Nigel Clark, and the wonderful support from the Senate Office – Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary, Barbara Dunn and Linda Cunningham. Professor Kleist wished WVU the very best, and she offered Dr. Clements her support as everyone works together to advance our wonderful University, which she is proud to be part of. She thanked the Faculty Senate for the help it gave her in her efforts in the past years. She asked for Senate members to join her in supporting Chair Clark. Professor Kleist said she has never been more proud to be a member of any group than the Faculty Senate.

8. Chair Clark said that he did not have a report to present from the Faculty Senate Chair, other than the fact that we are in changing times because we have a new president, Jim Clements, currently Provost of Towson University, which has been a university that has seen great growth. It clearly is not a university that has the research agenda that WVU does, but he believes that the new president has on his radar screen the ability to promote and grow research at WVU. The Chair said he knows that some members of the Faculty Senate believe that the process occurred very rapidly, and some faculty has expressed concern about that. The Chair said that we are not necessarily free to determine our own timelines with some of the candidates, and it is, in fact, normal for candidates to not see a long period of exposure as candidates of a university these days; the process was open during the interviews and the decision making. The Chair thanked the Presidential Search Committee led by Gene Budig and WVU faculty representatives Lesley Cottrell, Larry Hornak and Earl Scime. He thanked the Board as well, Chair Long and Faculty Senate representative Steve Kite. Chair Clark said the Senate can offer a wealth of institutional knowledge in steering us forward, and we need to be proactive and assist in leading the university. If we are reactive, we won't have that opportunity. If we do participate, we will have it. He said he hopes that this could be the theme. The chair said this situation may bring up an accelerated election of the chair elect, so the Constitution is being reviewed. Action may be taken at the next Faculty Senate meeting on the election of a chair-elect of the Faculty Senate.
9. Professor Stolzenberg moved for approval of Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes.
Motion carried.
10. Professor Kirby submitted Annex II, GEC Audits, for information.
11. Professor Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, reported that the ACF is active with the legislative things that are going on. He reviewed several Senate Bills and House Bills.
12. Associate Provost Torsney moved to approve the calendar for the 2010-2011 Academic Calendar listed in Annex III. She said there were a couple of changes added to the new calendar, which included: changing the date for mid-semester reports and adding Veteran's Day. The University calendar was sent to Frank Devano, Superintendent of Monongalia County Schools, to see if there was a possibility of coordinating spring break with Monongalia County. He said the schools are looking at what the Legislature will be doing with calendar revisions this year. The plan for the 2010 calendar is to match WVU's calendar regarding spring break. He said it has not yet been decided if the schools will have one week or a few days off, but traditionally, spring break has been based around the holiday. The director said with the holiday is so close to May and the state testing is a few weeks later, so they may take a strong look at having something different for 2011. The calendar was tabled until the April 13th Faculty Senate meeting so Associate Provost Torsney can send the policy concerning spring break to the Senate Executive Committee for review.
13. Curt Peterson, VP for Research & Economic Development gave a power point presentation, which can be reviewed at: <http://facultysenate.wvu.edu/09Files/ResearchPresentation3.09.09.ppt>
14. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. to reconvene Monday, April 13, 2009.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary