

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall  
February 26, 2007

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

**Members present:**

Bergner, G.	Jackowitz, A.	Kite, S.	Strife, M.
Clark, N.	Lang, G.	Kleist, V.	Torsney, C.
Famouri, P.	Lastinger, M.	McDiarmid, M.	
Hardesty, D.	Kershner, R.	Nutter, R.	

**Members absent:**

Branch, D.	Butcher, F.	Dean, R.	Robbins, J.
Wilson, C.B.			

**Guest:**

Gregory, K.

2. President Hardesty distributed a copy of a document by the, "*Thirty-seventh Congress of the United States, of America; At the third Session, Begun and held at the city of Washington, on Monday, the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.*" He said this document outlines the process by which West Virginia became a state. It shows the original counties of WV, and shows that WV was in the middle of the civil war. The President said the document was typed from a facsimile, which he passed around for review. He also passed around a petition that showed signatures from Morgantown delegates asking Congress to adopt the act. The President was able to obtain the documents from a signing at the National Archives last week. He said that the United States Archives has realized that they are inside an atomic blast zone in Washington, D.C.; therefore, the enormous amount of records they contain could be destroyed, including all the digitized records of white-house e-mails, dispatches, building-record storage, etc. Washington has been looking for a safer location to store the records. President Hardesty said right outside the blast zone is Rocket City, WV, which has a secured facility. So on Tuesday, the Archives of the United States moved its digital records to Rocket City. The records will now be accessed from Washington rather than located there; an access court is also being developed in Rocket City. The President said last week a memorandum of understanding was signed that will give the Lane Department and others the authorization to work with Washington; they will gain an understanding of keeping and updating the records and how to work with the digital aspect. Students and faculty will have access to any research by going to Rocket City rather than Washington, D.C. The President said a low-key ceremony was held concerning this move.

In Legislative matters, the President reported that Dave Miller thinks we are on track; if all goes well, to have appropriated to us the same amount that is appropriated to other agencies

and money for research and pay raises if it all holds together for the next three weeks. Mr. Miller also said that the Chancellor was doing an excellent job and is well-respected.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from Monday, January 22, 2007. On page 3, item 11, the following sentence will be revised, "Professor Branch asked to revisit the merit-pay system so that it would include a, 2.5% fixed across-the-board raise, not a 2.0% raise. Motion carried.
4. The Chair said the presidential search continues, and the pool has been reduced to a manageable number. He said after the reference checks are completed, the pool will be reduced further and interviews will be done. After this process, a meeting will be held to reduce the pool to approximately 3 candidates for campus interviews. He said a mechanism will be implemented to allow faculty and other constituencies to provide feedback to the Board of Governors concerning the presidential candidates. The Chair commented that the last senate meeting went well. He thanked the Provost for the data provided at that meeting.

The Chair invited Doina Jikich, International Student and Scholars representative, to attend the March 12<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting to give an overview on graduate student regulations.

Professor Nutter suggested that this may be the time to set up the schedule for speakers we want from various administrative offices. This would get us on their calendars early and might eliminate the number of cancellations we have.

5. The draft minutes for the Monday, February 12, 2007 meeting was reviewed. A revision was made to the report by Professor Nutter, ACF representative.
6. Professor Bergner, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following Curriculum Committee reports:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Professor Bergner will contact the Forensic department to see if a program revision should be submitted for the change in hours request for FIDP 410. If a revision is needed, the course will be pulled from the curriculum report.

Motion carried.

Annex II, Minor in Child Development and Family Studies. Motion carried.

Annex III, Revisions to Minor in Advertising. Motion carried.

Annex IV, Capstone Experience for BN 487. Motion carried.

Annex V, Modification of BSCS Curriculum. Motion carried.

Annex VI, Group Fitness Minor. Motion carried.

Annex VII, The Alteration Report was submitted for approval.

7. Professor Kite, Chair, General Education Oversight Committee, distributed a revised GEC Actions report, and moved for its approval. Motion carried.
8. Professor Nutter, ACF representative, reported that a session was held on Friday with various state senators and Chancellor Noland. He gave an update concerning this meeting.

9. Chair Famouri received an e-mail from Gregory Scott Belknap, WVU student, stating that he would like to present the following proposal to the Faculty Senate, "Proposal for West Virginia University to Adopt an Energy Conservation Initiative." The Chair said he will contact Gregory to recommend that he talk with Joe Fisher, Assistant VP for Facilities, and Nancy Lohmann, Chair, Transportation and Parking Committee, concerning the projects that WVU have been working on concerning energy initiatives and resubmit his proposal. Professor Clark suggested he examine the opportunities that WVU is not examining and provide recommendations for those issues. The Chair will send an e-mail to Gregory with these suggestions and report back to the Executive Committee.
10. Chair Famouri said there has been some concern that electronic mail from GroupWise and MIX accounts are being deleted when former students and employees leave the University. Provost Lang said it is a matter of security and the amount of storage and bandwidth needed; he will review the issue and report back to Chair Famouri.
11. Professor Cohen, Chair, Faculty Welfare Committee, distributed a list of 5 motions that have been passed by the FWC. He said that motions 1, 2 and 5 are consistent with WVU's Strategic Plan Objective 2 to "Recruit and Retain High Quality Faculty Committed to the Land-Grant Mission." Item 4 was recommended to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee last academic year, which is to "Improve West Virginia's Health, Economy, and Quality of Life." He said the FWC is requesting that action be taken as quickly as possible to address this item. The FWC is suggesting that a long-term wellness program be implemented and presented to representatives of PEIA. The Committee feels that such a program may avoid future insurance increases. Provost Lang said that he will contact the appropriate personnel for items 1-4, and Chair Famouri said he will ask Margaret Phillips, VP Human Resources, to address the wellness concern when she gives her March 12<sup>th</sup> report to the Faculty Senate. Professor Cohen said the 5<sup>th</sup> item is recommending that dependents of WVU employees receive a tuition and fee break for dependents taking WVU courses. Provost Lang said there are 1800 faculty on campus, including HSC, and 6,000 staff. Professor Nutter said the ACF is working on this issue.

Professor Cohen asked the Executive Committee what the next course of action would be for the items to be endorsed. Professor Clark recommended a cost assessment be presented for items 1-4 before they can be endorsed by the Executive Committee.

12. Professor Cohen said last year, 2 groups did not receive the \$50.00 annual experience increment (AEI), part-time faculty (because of the limitations placed on the current .8 full-time employment) and the phased-retirement group.

Professor Cohen requested that the University Calendar be revised to include dates for recesses, finals week, cost of school comparisons, etc. This issue will be discussed next month.

13. Chair Famouri distributed a 3-page electronic mail from Professor Bryan requesting the Executive Committee review his concerns. The Chair will send Professor Bryan an electronic mail thanking him for his comments and letting him know that the Executive Committee

appreciates hearing and understands his concerns. Executive Committee members will review the concerns and bring them back to a future meeting for discussion if needed.

14. Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary, said the electronic ballots will be sent out either before or immediately after the March 12<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting. She said a facsimile of the plaque that lists chairs who served on the Faculty Senate will be available at the March meeting, and a formal unveiling will be held at the downtown campus library in the near future.
15. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, March 26, 2007.

Mary Strife  
Faculty Secretary