

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, November 18, 2019

1. Chair Emily Murphy called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Laurel Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Andress, L.	Cronin, A.	Hileman, S.	Singh-Corcoran, N.
Ballard, D.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Martucci, A.	Veselicky, L.
Bastress, R.	Elliott, E.	Murphy, E.	
Bernardes, E.	Gee, E.	Nutter, R.	

Members Absent:

Cottrell, L.	Hauser, D.	Reed, M.	Sowards, A.
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Guests:

Gavin, M.	Latimer, M.	Shannon, R.	Widders, E.
Kreider, P.	Pfeifer, A.	Slimak, L.	

2. Chair Murphy moved for approval of the minutes from the October 28, 2019 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - November 13th was the third annual Day of Giving. Over \$11.3 million was raised from over 4,000 generous donors. The money goes to scholarships, faculty support, and other University-related programs. President Gee thanked those who participated.
 - WVU launched the “Would You?” campaign this week on the fifth anniversary of Nolan Burch’s death from alcohol poisoning at an unsanctioned fraternity event. The documentary “Breathe, Nolan, Breathe” debuted at the Gluck Theater followed by a panel discussion with Nolan’s parents, Kim and TK Burch.
 - The University has adopted the medical amnesty program to help motivate students to seek medical assistance in an emergency. If the student or the person overdosing have committed a drug or alcohol violation, they will not be prosecuted for that violation if the student has reported it during a medical emergency.
4. Vice Provost Paul Kreider reported the following on behalf of Provost Maryanne Reed:
 - Rob Alsop will present a tentative 2020 budget to the deans to discuss challenges and the margins within which we operate. There will also be a presentation to Faculty Senate in the spring semester.
 - He, Mark Gavin, Joseph Seiaman, and Evan Widders attended the 2019 Annual Association of Public and Land-grant Universities conference. The APLU provided a lot

of information on retention. The Provost hopes to send a group to Georgia State University to review how they approach retention on their campus.

- The Provost's Office has been studying the challenges of implementing plus/minus grading and would like to present their findings to Faculty Senate in February.
- The Provost's Office is reviewing the submitted materials on the GEF and will be collaborating with the GEF Committee in January to discuss structure and thoughts on the next model elements.

5. Emily Murphy, Chair, Faculty Senate reported the following:

- She sent out the first Faculty Senate recap message to all faculty discussing what goes on in Faculty Senate meetings. She had several faculty members reach out to thank her for sharing "what happens in Faculty Senate". She also had some who gave her the suggestion to bullet some of the information to make it more digestible, so she will do so in her next recap.
- She met with representatives from Staff Council about developing a joint legislative brochure. The buckets of asks are the same as last year, the language has just been slightly modified and are in line with what Faculty Senate approved as part of Roy Nutter's Advisory Council of Faculty Legislative Agenda Items. The language will be sent out to members on the Executive Committee and forwarded to University Relations for final approval and to be configured into a brochure.
- She thinks that the November round table discussions on library issues that affect faculty were successful. Dean Diaz and other library faculty were extremely grateful to get the input of a broad range of faculty.
- She reminded the Executive Committee that the EAB will be presenting on trends in Higher Education at our next Faculty Senate meeting on December 9th and encouraged faculty and staff to attend.
- She also reminded the Executive Committee that the Faculty Senate Holiday Reception hosted by the Provost will take place at 5:30 at the Blaney House following the December Faculty Senate meeting.

6. Ednilson Bernardes, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports. Motion carried.

Annex I, New Courses Report.

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

Program Changes to the BS in Energy Land Management.

Program Changes to the Major in Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

The following report was submitted for information:

Annex III, Graduate Programs Report. Report filed.

7. General Education Foundations Committee – no report.

8. Ashley Martucci, on behalf of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, moved for approval of the following reports. Motion carried.

Annex IV, Student Language Within Blue.

Annex V, SEI Student Email.

Annex VI, Faculty Email.

9. Emily Murphy on behalf of the Committee on Committees, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex VII, Standing Committee Membership Changes. Motion carried.

10. Amy Hessel, Chair, Sustainability Committee Report, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex VIII, Sustainability Committee Report. Motion carried.

11. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that the main topic of discussion among member institutions continues to be the state budget. Their next meeting is December 13th.
12. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors met on November 7-8, 2019. The University received an “unmodified” audit opinion, the highest possible, from Clifton Larson Allen. Stansbury Hall has been demolished, and construction of Reynolds Hall will be underway soon. Beechurst Avenue will probably be closed for a day over winter break while the pedestrian bridge is being removed. Renovations to Hodges Hall remain on schedule.
13. New Business – Lisa DiBartolomeo announced that she is working with TLC to plan a commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz. They plan to include Morgantown, Keyser and Beckley campuses. Please contact Dr. DiBartolomeo if you have any suggestions.
14. The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, December 16, 2019.

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