

MINUTES
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
MAY 6, 2024, 3:15 P.M.

Chair Tack brought the monthly meeting to order at 3:16 p.m. Members and guests participated in person at the College of Law and via videoconference.

1. Chair Tack called the meeting to order with a special welcome to past Faculty Senate Chairs who were recognized for their contributions.
2. The [Minutes](#) of the April 1, 2024, Faculty Senate meeting were approved without any corrections or additions.
3. Report from Faculty Senate Chair Frankie Tack
 - a. Patrice Harris has sent a formal invitation for Faculty Senate to submit a slate of at least faculty candidates to the Presidential Search Committee by May 10. The Board of Governors will finalize the search committee members on May 29. A presidential search page has been established, and updates will also be posted on the Faculty Senate website.
 - b. The first draft of the revised University Procedures on P&T has been delivered to the Faculty Welfare Committee for review and comment. The intent is for that committee to gather broad faculty feedback in the coming academic year.
 - c. A subcommittee of the Executive Committee is working on revisions to the Faculty Senate Constitution, with the goal of having a draft ready for ready for faculty review in the fall.
 - d. A three-year rotating review process of administrative offices has been established for ongoing review of those units. Recent administrative reviews are available on the Faculty Senate website's "News and Updates" section.
 - e. The SGA presented a resolution to reduce the use of third-party applications that impose additional costs on students.
 - f. The June 5 Faculty Senate meeting has been cancelled.
 - g. Departing faculty members affected by academic transformation were acknowledged, including those who were tenured, pre-tenure, non-tenure track, or retiring.

4. Curriculum Committee Report (Cindi Trickett Shockey) *

For Approval – New Course Report – [Annex I](#)

For Approval – Course Change Report – [Annex II](#)

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Mine Safety Practices and Health, Key 1604

For Approval – Program Change – COMM_BA: Communication Studies, Key 131

For Approval – Program Change – DEV SPRT MIN: Development Through Sport and Physical Activity, Key 1295

- a. Committee presented 13 new courses, 20 course changes, one new program, and two program changes.

Motion to approve all items

Motion carried by unanimous consent

For Information – Deleted Course Report – [Annex III](#)

5. General Education Foundations Committee Report (Mary Beth Angeline)

- a. A motion was made to halt any further structural changes to the GEF curriculum until at least Fall 2025. After discussion, it was clarified that the Senate has authority over the GEF program, and the motion was carried forward for a vote.
Motion carried

6. Teaching and Assessment Committee Report (Marina Galvez Peralta)

For Approval – Campus Carry Syllabus Statement – [Annex IV](#)

- a. An adjustment to the agenda was made to accommodate the campus carry presentation by Travis and his team, which was deemed related to the content of Marina's report. This change was agreed upon without objections.

7. Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies had no updates to report.

8. Inclusion and Diversity Committee Report – [Inclusive Teaching Toolkit](#) (Olga Bruyaka Collignon)

- a. Inclusive Teaching Toolkit is an online collection of methods, practices, and sources for all that teach at WVU. Contains support for teaching challenges relating to diversity and inclusion that occur in the classroom. It aims to support diversity and inclusion both inside and outside the classroom, offering tools like syllabus writing guides, inclusivity statements, and practical classroom interaction solutions. The toolkit is designed to be generative, encouraging contributions from faculty for continuous improvement.
- b. Questions for Olga followed, highlighting the extensive work over three to four years that went into the toolkit, and confirmation that it is accessible on the faculty.wvu.edu website.

9. Shared Governance Committee Report (Scott Wayne)

- a. Wayne discussed the search for the next WVU president, focusing on the selection criteria for the search committee members. Criteria included representation across various mission areas, a range of disciplines, branch campus inclusion, and active participation in faculty governance. The top six nominees were presented, along with six alternates.
 - i. Applicants (127 total) were divided into three categories: Research, Service, and Teaching/Clinical for review by Shared Governance Committee members.

Motion to approve the slate of search committee nominees and alternative nominees carried with 47 in favor and 3 opposed.

10. Kirsten Stephan, Chair of the Sustainability Committee, presented a resolution to increase sustainability efforts at WVU. The resolution passed without opposition, and the committee was thanked for their work.

For Approval – Resolution to Increase Sustainability Efforts at West Virginia University – [Annex V](#)

11. Representative to State Government Eloise Elliott had no updates to report.

12. Board of Governors Report (Stan Hileman)

- a. Meeting on April 12 largely contained executive sessions to discuss budget and the presidential search, and the adoption of new BOG rules based on the new Campus Carry act.

13. Report from President E. Gordon Gee

- a. Recognition of Frankie Tack for the work and leadership performed in the role of Senate Chair this year, also recognizing Stan Hileman for his eight years of service on the Board.
- b. Celebrating the success of the new cohort of Foundation Scholars, noting their achievements and the prestige they bring to the institution.
- c. Gee highlighted several significant faculty accomplishments, with special recognition given to Dr. Maura McLaughlin, who was recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences. This election is one of the highest honors a scientist can achieve.
- d. Concern over continued issues with FAFSA processing at the federal aid office level, and potential impact to student enrollment.

14. Report from ~~Provost Maryanne Reed~~ Associate Provost Lou Slimak provided an update on academic transformation, standing in for Reed who is ill.

- a. Overview of Academic Transformation Process
 - i. Announced in November 2023 and initiated in January 2024.
 - ii. Focus on improving student success metrics such as retention, persistence, and completion.
 - iii. Improved curricular design to support student success.
- b. Process and Current Status
 - i. Preliminary recommendations have been made and communicated.
 - ii. Recommendations posted on each campus's academic transformation website.
 - iii. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board of Governors in June.
- c. Potomac State College - reviewed eight programs with 27 majors. Preliminary recommendations:
 - i. Continue at current level: 1
 - ii. Continue with specific action: 6
 - iii. Develop a Cooperative program: 1
 - iv. No appeals or faculty reductions.
- d. WVU Institute of Technology - reviewed 23 programs. Preliminary recommendations:
 - i. Continue at current level: 2
 - ii. Continue with specific action: 15
 - iii. Develop Cooperative program: 3
 - iv. Discontinuance: 3
 - v. Appeals: 3, with one appeal granted in full, one in part, and one denied.
 - vi. No faculty reductions.
 - vii. Key recommendation: Increase curricular flexibility in 13 programs.
- e. Ad Hoc Committees - reviewed and provided final recommendations on:
 - i. Two plus two articulation agreements.
 - ii. Faculty workload.
 - iii. Online GEF courses.

15. Report from Erin Newmeyer, Associate Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, and John Chaump, Barnes & Noble Education Regional Manager – Barnes & Noble First Day

- a. <https://studentaccounts.wvu.edu/course-materials-program>
- b. Begins in fall 2024 for Morgantown, Beckley, and Keyser.
- c. It is an automatic opt-in program. Students have the option to opt out on a semester-to-semester basis.
 - i. Cost: \$360 per semester for full-time students, \$168 for part-time students.
 - ii. Opt-out period for fall ends on August 30.

- iii. The required opt-in is intended as a means of keeping the cost for students down. Typically around 85% of students remain in the program.
- d. The part-time rate is the same regardless of credit hours.
- e. Any book a student rents may be purchased at the end of the semester. Book cost is tied to the “need” of a book, or the national demand of a book.
- f. Bookstore staff will assist faculty with decisions.
- g. Faculty are encouraged to continue using open education resources. Both that and the First Day program are intended as tools available to both faculty and students.
- h. Only required material is included in the cost. Recommended materials are not.

16. Report from Travis Mollohan, Associate Vice President for Government Relations, Kevin Cimino, Deputy General Counsel, and Corey Farris, Dean of Students – Campus Carry Updates

- a. Campus Safety Steering Committee: Co-Chairs: Sharon Martin and Cory Farris
 - i. The committee comprises faculty, staff, and students, and is divided into four subcommittees:
 - ii. Morgantown Partnership: Chaired by Ron Justice and Erin New, focusing on downtown Morgantown safety.
 - iii. On-Campus Safety is being led by Carrie Showalter, utilizing survey data for guidance.
 - iv. Communication being led by April Call, handling dissemination of information.
- b. Campus Carry Implementation – Travis Mollohan
- c. Overview of Senate Bill 10 allowing concealed carry on-campus with specific exceptions. Exceptions include:
 - i. Organized events at stadiums or arenas with a capacity of over 1,000 spectators.
 - ii. Daycare facilities, university police buildings, areas with security measures (armed officer and metal detector).
 - iii. Disciplinary proceeding rooms, sole occupancy offices (with signage), primary/secondary school functions, private functions.
 - iv. Areas where firearms are prohibited by state or federal law.
 - v. Areas designated for patient care, mental health counseling, high hazardous/animal laboratories, and residence halls (except designated areas).
- d. Maps and signage will be provided to clearly indicate restricted areas and exceptions.
- e. A detailed FAQ and procedure guide will be made available.
- f. Secure lockers will be provided in Summit Hall and Brook Tower for firearm storage.
- g. Metal detectors will be used at large events and designated by University Police.
- h. Faculty needing signage for sole occupancy offices can request it via the safety website.

Marina Galvez Peralta presented the Teaching and Assessment Committee’s Campus Carry Syllabus Statement for approval.

For Approval – Campus Carry Syllabus Statement – [Annex IV](#)

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

17. Faculty Senate Election Updates

- a. Chair-Elect – Scott Crichlow
- b. Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors – Lesley Cottrell

For Information – Elected Executive Committee Members – [Annex VI](#)

For Information – Elected Faculty Senators – [Annex VII](#)

18. No new business.

19. Chair Tack acknowledged the challenging year and expressed gratitude to the support received from the Senate team, colleagues, and family. Tack followed the custom of yielding the chair position to chair-elect Diana Davis for adjournment.

Chair-Elect Davis adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m. to reconvene on September 9, 2024.

Corey Hunt

Faculty Senate Office Administrator

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