

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
 Monday, May 11, 2026 – 3:15 P.M.
 Location: College of Law; Zoom

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Curtis, R.	Hamrick, A.	Milans, K.	Stueckle, J.
Abraham, J.	Dai, F.	Hatipoglu, K.	Mukdadi, O.	Swiger, J.
Adkins, B.	Davis, D.	Hedrick, J.	Nduaguba, S.	Swiger, J.
Ameri, S.	Deci, S.	Hood, C.	Nolan, K.	Tanner, E.
Benincosa, M.	DeMarco, F.	Horstick, E.	O'Quinn, J.	Thomay, A.
Bonasso, P.	Doyle, A.	Hutchinson, J.	Peluso, A.	Valenti, M.
Brewster, D.	Fidelman, E.	Johnson, C.	Pena-Yewtukhiw, E.	Vance, B.
Bryner, R.	Fint-Clark, B.	Jones, J.	Powell, B.	Watson, K.
Burnside, J.	Fleming, S.	Jones, M.	Ray Chaudhuri, N.	Weatherford, L.
Carder, J.	Fonseca, C.	Kidd, K.	Reaser, R.	Weirich, M.
Collignon, S.	Gabbert, K.	Leary, M.	Rogers, R.	Woloshuk, J.
Corcoran, K.	Gorman, C.	Leight, M.	Scally, J.	Woodberry, K.
Costas, M.	Graves, C.	Livengood, H.	Siekmeier, J.	Zaynutdinova, G.
Costello, L.	Gritsenko, V.	Martin, E.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Zeni, T.
Cottrell, L.	Gross, J.	Matak, K.	Soccorsi, A.	
Coy, A.	Hairston, P.	McCluskey, C.	Song, X.	
Crichlow, S.	Hambrick, G.	McKenrick, S.	Sowards, A.	

Members Excused:

Dadyburjor, D.	Lituma, C.	M'Bayo, T.	Ostrowski, A.	Phillips, B.
Li, H.	Lituma, J.	Mulligan, I.	Prinzo, L.	Spong, B.

Members Absent:

Ahmad, M.	Dilcher, B.	McCloskey, J.	Reece, J.	Udassi, S.
Bardes, J.	Fullen, M.	McWilliams, S.	Shannon, B.	Unger, K.
Bergeron.	Greenfield, J.	Metz, C.	Sizemore, J.	Wartella, J.
Bogdansky, K.	Kelly, C.	Miller, C.	Tarabishy, A.	Williams, D.
Bresock, K.	Kim, D.	Murray, A.	Taylor, G.	Wilson, E.
Chapman, K.	Labus, A.	Palmer, A.	Terry, D.	Witsberger, S.
Dietz, P.	Liller, B.	Pyles, L.	Thayer, J.	

1. Faculty Senate Chair Scott Crichlow called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.
2. The Minutes of the April 6, 2026, Faculty Senate Meeting were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.
3. Report from Faculty Senate Chair R. Scott Crichlow
 - a. Senate leadership is collaborating with the Committee on Committees to review the structure of the Senate's 13 standing committees. The primary objective is to reduce the total number of committees to streamline operational efficiency and optimize faculty service hours.
 - b. There is significant variation in what faculty want from an ombuds role. The matter will be referred to the Faculty Welfare Committee for broader consultation.

*You may access program proposals at <https://futurecatalog.wvu.edu/programadmin/> by using your login credentials. Search for programs using the 3- or 4-digit key provided above. Course Proposals may be similarly accessed at <https://futurecatalog.wvu.edu/courseadmin>

- c. The Senate will convene on June 8th to introduce the incoming Provost, the new Dean of Libraries, and potentially the new Dean of Eberly. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

4. The Consent Agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Curriculum Committee

New Course Report – [Annex I](#)

Course Change Report – [Annex II](#)

Program Report – [Annex III](#)

5. Committee and Officer Reports

- a. Curriculum Committee Report (Cate Johnson)
 - i. Johnson noted there are a few remaining proposals that will be on the June agenda for approval.
- b. General Education Foundations Committee Report (Cody Hood)
 - i. Associate deans may be contacted regarding updates to GEF attributes in CIM.
- c. Teaching and Assessment Committee Report (Ashlee Sowards)
 - i. SPoT report emails were distributed today.
 - ii. Email regarding comment redaction will be distributed shortly.
 - iii. New SPoT question suggestions are under review for possible implementation by summer or fall.
- d. Committee on Committees Report (Lesley Cottrell)
 - i. Committee rosters for next year are being finalized this week.
 - ii. Members do not automatically continue and must complete the volunteer form. Faculty who expected to be contacted but were not should reach out.
 - iii. The committee is also reviewing all 13 Senate committees for possible consolidation due to overlapping charges and uneven workloads.
- e. Board of Governors Report (Lesley Cottrell)
 - i. Highlights from the April 16-17 BOG meeting included:
 - 1. Student leaders presented next-year initiatives, including a \$100,000 student project grant, a co-op store, and enhancements to the Hardesty Festival of Ideas.
 - 2. Finance discussions focused on enrollment, tuition, OB3, and state appropriations.
 - 3. WVU's bond rating remains strong despite major capital requests.
 - 4. The faculty presentation to the BOG will occur at the June 19–20 meeting.
- f. Report from Faculty Representative to State Government (Jason Gross)
 - i. No report.

6. Guest Reports

- a. Report from Fabrizio D'Aloisio, Vice President of Enrollment Management, and Candi Frazier, Executive Director of Student Financial Aid– Anticipated Effects of [P.L. 119-21](#) (“Big Beautiful Bill”) on Enrollment
[Presentation Slides – PDF](#)

- i. Key Regulatory Changes
 - 1. Parent PLUS Loan capped at \$20,000 annually per dependent student; new \$65,000 aggregate limit.
 - 2. Graduate PLUS Loan eliminated for new borrowers.
 - 3. New annual and aggregate limits for graduate/professional students.
 - 4. Legacy status applies only to students continuously enrolled in the same degree type (undergraduate) or same major (graduate/professional).
 - 5. Loan reductions required for students enrolled less than full-time.
 - ii. Impact at WVU
 - 1. ~400 first-time students had Parent PLUS borrowing above the new cap (~\$5.5M).
 - 2. ~200 graduate students used Graduate PLUS (~\$4.7M).
 - 3. At least 672 students will lose access to approximately \$12M in federal borrowing next year.
 - 4. Non-resident students are disproportionately affected.
 - 5. Private loan denial rates are high (~40% overall; ~61% for Pell-eligible students).
 - 6. WVU may need to consider increased institutional aid.
 - iii. Institutional Response
 - 1. Targeted communication to affected students.
 - 2. Expanded financial literacy resources.
 - 3. Coordination with advisors and colleges.
 - 4. Ongoing review of summer-required programs.
- b. Report from President Michael T. Benson
- i. WVU will complete its 55-county tour this week, culminating in lighting the Evansdale water tower in a public ceremony on Friday.
 - ii. Celebrated major student awards, including Truman and Udall Scholars.
 - iii. WVU's bond rating reaffirmed with a stable outlook.
 - iv. Reflected on his first year as President and thanked faculty for their work.
- c. Interim Provost Paul Kreider was unable to attend due to illness.
- d. Report from Vice President of Student Life Gary G. Furbee – Student Life Update; Center for Community Connections
- i. Centralized Student Support Hub: Realignment will establish a coordinated, single point of service within E. Moore Hall to streamline emergency resources for students navigating basic needs, housing displacement, or food insecurity.
 - ii. Student Well-Being Unit Consolidation: WELLWVU, the Caruth Center, and Collegiate Recovery will merge into a single administrative cluster to pool marketing resources, educational campaigns, and outreach initiatives.
 - iii. Experiential Programming Integration: Campus Recreation, Student Media, and Adventure WV will be grouped under a unified leadership structure.
 - iv. Student Engagement Cluster: Greek Life, the Student Involvement Leadership Center, and event coordination staff from Arts & Entertainment will combine operations.
 - v. The Center for Community Connections and Culture will merge the operational and administrative infrastructure of the LGBTQ+ Center and the Center for Black Culture.

7. Senate Business and Announcements

a. Faculty Senate Elections Update

- i. Catherine Fonseca was elected as Faculty Senate Chair-Elect. She will serve as Faculty Senate Chair in 2027-2028.
- ii. Lesley Cotrell ran unopposed for the Faculty Representative on the Board of Governors position and has been re-elected.
- iii. Faculty Senator Election Teller's Report – [Annex IV](#)

b. New Business

- i. Senator Joe Jones raised concerns about the university's decision to discontinue providing student email lists to the Daily Athenaeum, noting the DA's role in campus accountability and community cohesion. He urged leadership to reinstate the previous arrangement.
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8. Faculty Senate Chair Scott Crichlow adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Corey Hunt
Faculty Senate Office Administrator