

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, May 21, 2018

1. Chair-Elect David Hauser called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in the Rhododendron Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Hauser, D.	Murphy, E.	Utzman, R.
Cottrell, L.	Hileman, S.	Proudfoot, C.	Veselicky, L.
DiBartolomeo, L.	Kleist, V.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	
Gee, E.	Maynor, L.	Turton, R.	

Members Absent:

McConnell, J.	Merrifield, J.	Nutter, R.	Valenti, M.
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Guests:

Bilgesu, I.	Connors, J.	Kreider, P.	Pfeifer, A.
Campbell, J.	Floyd, K.	Ogden, L.	Wilson, C.
Cohen, S.			

2. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - There is another hearing today, May 21, on HEPC's proposed funding model. He recognizes two requirements of any funding formula: it must be based upon differentiation of institutions, and it must reward performance. Neither apply to HEPC's proposal.
 - He is always struck by the number of first generation parents who take such immense pride in commencement. The event is a reminder of the special responsibility we have to this state and to Appalachia and its people.
 - We have approximately 150 people up for tenure. We have high-quality faculty who are doing very good work. Our research productivity is increasing in a time of a lot of headwinds. We have created a neurosciences institute that is probably as fine as any in the country and he believes the new university-wide neurosciences program will be a signature program for this institution. We are hiring and retaining well.
 - On June 1-2, we will celebrate the \$1.2 billion raised in the State of Minds campaign. Nearly all of those funds will go towards student scholarships and faculty support.
 - The quality of our students continues to improve. Four years ago, we had 300 honors students. After raising admissions standards substantially, we will have over 1000 honors students this year, representing 20% of the freshman class. All of this year's recipients of the Order of Augusta, awarded to the top eight graduating seniors, were West Virginia residents.
4. Vice Provost John Campbell reported the following:

- Joan Neff will join us as the new provost at WVU Tech. She comes from Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia, where she served as their provost. Prior to that, she worked at the University of Richmond for more than 30 years.
- The Big 12 Faculty Fellowship Program is open for applications until June 15. The program provides funding for faculty to work collaboratively with members of other Big 12 institutions.

5. Chair-Elect David Hauser reported the following:

- We are planning on holding an Executive Committee meeting at Potomac State College on November 26, 2018. The provost's office has committed to funding a bus for the trip to the Keyser campus. Our initial discussions with the folks there shows that they are pretty excited to have us visit.
- We have formed a working group including himself, Matt Valenti, Chad Proudfoot, Emily Murphy, and Judy Hamilton to propose revisions to the faculty constitution. Please let him or Matt Valenti know if you have any suggestions or if you would like to be a part of that working group.
- The provost's office is working through some changes in the process, procedures, and composition of the Student Conduct Board, Office of Student Conduct, and other aspects, both academic and non-academic. As they develop proposals, the Faculty Senate has been asked to form a working group that will advise and comment on their changes. The group will meet during the summer. If you are interested in participating, please let him or Matt Valenti know.
- This would have been Matt Valenti's final Executive Committee meeting. Unfortunately, he could not be here so we could thank him for the job he has done, so we will have to wait for the final Faculty Senate meeting in June.

6. Ralph Utzman, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following consent agenda items. Motion carried.

Annex I, New Courses Report.

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

The following reports were submitted for information. Reports filed.

New Minor in Business Data Analytics.

Annex III, Graduate Programs Report.

7. Nathalie Singh-Corcoran, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex IV, GEF Deletions. Motion carried.

The following report was submitted for information. Report filed.

Annex V, GEF Transition Review.

8. The following 2017-18 Committee Reports and 2017-18 Goals were submitted for acceptance by their respective committee representatives.

Annex VI, Committee of Retired Faculty (Stanley Cohen).

Annex VII and Annex VIIA, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies (Lesley Cottrell).

Annex VIII, Faculty Welfare Committee (John Connors).

Annex IX, General Education Foundations Committee (Nathalie Singh-Corcoran).

Annex X, Library Committee (Amy Burt).

Annex XI, Research Integrity Committee (John Connors).

Annex XII, Research and Scholarship Committee (Ilkin Bilgesu).

Annex XIII, Service Committee (Lori Ogden).

Annex XIV, Student Rights and Responsibilities (Kim Floyd).

Annex XV, Teaching and Assessment Committee (David Hauser).

A motion was made and duly seconded to accept all of the committee reports and forward them on to the full Senate with a recommendation for approval. Motion carried.

9. David Hauser, on behalf of Roy Nutter (Faculty Representative to State Government), reported the following:
 - The main chatter across the state concerns pay raises. Faculty at some institutions, including technical and community colleges, have been notified of their pay raises, while others have not. There is a general sense of confusion, as different institutions implement their raises differently, and very few are doing the flat 5% raise implied by the governor.
 - The ACF annual retreat will be held on July 13-15 at Blackwater Falls State Park. Dr. Nutter will not be able to attend, but Matt Valenti will go in his place.
10. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors met on Friday, May 18. The following items were addressed:
 - Academic rules 2.1 through 2.5 and faculty rule 4.7 received final BOG approval.
 - The Board approved a new major in public history within the master of arts in history, a new nurse anesthesia major within the doctor of nursing practice, a new doctorate in higher education, and a new research and evaluation major within the master of arts in educational psychology. They also approved a name change from the current major in agronomy to environmental, soil, and water sciences within the master of science program in plant and soil sciences.

The Board will hold a special meeting on May 18 to consider tuition and fees, budget parameters for the upcoming fiscal year, a potential action relating to dining services, approval of the global mountaineers certificate program, and approval of a new major in interactive design for media. He and Matt Valenti will present the faculty constituency report at the regular BOG meeting on June 22.
11. Aimée Pfeifer, Registrar, shared Annex XVI, a draft copy of the 2022-2023 academic calendar.
12. Chad Proudfoot announced that we have selected a candidate for the program assistant position in the Faculty Senate Office. This is a 10-month position from mid-August

through mid-June. She has elected to remain in her current position throughout the summer and will start with the Faculty Senate Office on August 20.

13. New Business – None.

14. The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, August 27, 2018.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator