

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
February 27, 2006

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

Members present:

Butcher, F.	Lang, G.	Strife, M.
Elmore, S.	Lastinger, M.	Torsney, C.
Famouri, P.	Mays, M.	Wilson, C.B.
Hornak, L.	Nutter, R.	
Kershner, R.	McDiarmid, M.	

Members absent:

Atkins, C.	Dean, R	Hardesty, D.
Jackowitz, A.		

Guests:

Held, J.	Simmons, C. (D.A.)
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2. Provost Lang reported on the status of the following 3 issues:
 - Financial needs of WVU-Tech. Bills pending in the legislature will have some bearing on the outcome of this issue. Enrollment erosion is a concern.
 - Location and options for the WVU-IT Engineering program.
 - Dow's offer of land and buildings (Charleston area) to WVU.
 - Research agenda for the economic development of the Kanawha valley, involving WVU-IT when possible.
3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the January 23, 2006 minutes with the following revision to item 12, "Associate Provost Torsney said a statement went out on the University listserv suggesting that students be excused who miss class because of attending week-night ESPN football games."
4. Chair Lastinger said he received e-mails concerning the following issues:
 - Students concerned that outside shelters are not available for smokers.
 - International Conference to be held April 24-25.
 - FS Committee Chairs need to finalize annual reports and goals.
 - Request from Larry Stickler, Faculty Senate Chair from Marshall University, asking for information pertaining to, "how the Committee on Committees/Membership Constituencies" members are appointed and how it functions in appointing members to other FS committees.
5. The draft minutes for the February 13th Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed.

6. Mike Mays, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
7. Jim Held, Chair, General Education Committee, moved for approval of Annex II, General Education Committee report. Motion carried.
8. The following Executive Committee members were selected to serve on the Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel: Carolyn Atkins, Sandy Elmore, Parviz Famouri, Art Jacknowitz, Ruth Kershner, and Mike Mays. Professors Atkins and Jacknowitz will be contacted about serving since they were not at the meeting; therefore, the panel will be finalized at a later date.
9. Professor Hornak gave an update concerning the Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Organization for Research and Graduate Education Engagement. He moved that the Faculty Senate look at issues associated with graduate education. It was duly seconded. Motion carried. Professor Hornak will co-chair a task force for the Strategic Planning and Implementation. The Chair moved that the Committee on Committees work toward the inclusion of getting graduate council representation on the Senate Curriculum Committee. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.
10. Associate Provost Torsney distributed the WVU academic calendar for 2007-2008. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the calendar. Motion carried.
11. Chair Lastinger said Mr. Dan Boroff, Morgantown's City Manager, will attend the March 13, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting.
12. The Executive Committee discussed the issue of the Faculty Senate meetings falling during the week of spring break. The Chair said faculty, including 9-month faculty, are on contract, so if spring break happens to fall on a Faculty Senate meeting, they are still obligated to attend. He said if the meeting date is changed, it could interfere with getting the minutes and agenda ready for the Executive Committee meeting.
13. Professor Kershner distributed a summary concerning the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee Report on Academic Misconduct. It was recommended that an addendum be included for confidentiality and a waiver be included for students to sign so their records can be reviewed. Professor Kershner will submit a revised report next month.
14. Chair Lastinger said there will be a procedure change to the way committee reports are presented to the Faculty Senate. He said the reports can be reviewed on-line before the meeting, but they will be presented as part of a "consent agenda". He said if senators want to discuss any of the reports, they can be brought out of the "consent agenda" and discussed. The new procedure will allow the meeting to run more efficiently. It was decided that the Curriculum Committee Report and the General Education Report would be presented as

“consent agenda” items for the March 13th Faculty Senate meeting. The Chair said he would send an e-mail to senators explaining the new procedure.

15. The Chair said he spoke with Governor Manchin about the, “meet and confer” process, and he thought it was not something that WVU or the ACF should be taking part in. The Chair said ACF and ACCE are in place at least until Senate Bill 549 comes out.
16. Associate Provost C.B. Wilson explained that non-classified and classified staff currently receives an annual increment of \$50.00 for each year worked. He said if legislation is approved, it will allow faculty to receive the increment; administrators that are tenure faculty will also receive the annual increment.
17. The Committee discussed Senate Bill 549. It was moved and duly seconded that Chair Lastinger e-mail the delegation to let them know that the Senate Executive Committee endorses Senate Bill 549.
18. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, March 27, 2006.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary