

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, April 23, 2018

1. Chair Matthew Valenti called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in Room 4004 of the Agricultural Sciences Building.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Gee, E.	McConnell, J.	Merrifield, J.	Proudfoot, C.
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Guests:

Kreider, P.	Pfeifer, A.	Wilson, C.
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2. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Paul Kreider, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, reported the following:
  - Emma Harrison, a junior political science and multidisciplinary studies major, has been awarded a Truman Scholarship, the country's top award for students who aspire to careers in public service. She will receive a \$30,000 scholarship for graduate school. She wants to be an advocate for prison education.
  - Rodney Elliott, a 20-year Air Force veteran majoring in physics and Russian studies, has been named a Goldwater Scholar. His goal is to pursue a doctoral degree and become a university professor.
  - Anna Gilpin, a senior biomedical engineering major, has been named a Graduate Research Fellow by the National Science Foundation. She will pursue a PhD in biomedical engineering at Duke University, intending to work in the research and development of biomaterials for regenerative medicine applications.
  - Shelia Price, associate dean of the School of Dentistry, has been awarded the 2018 Neil S. Bucklew Social Justice Award. She leads the WVU Kuwaiti Dental Program, and was the first female African-American to graduate from the WVU School of Dentistry. She has directed over \$1 million in projects through several national foundations.
  - Antar Jutla, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, and Brian Popp, assistant professor of chemistry, have been awarded National Science Foundation CAREER awards. The awards come with nearly \$500,000 in funding over a five-year period.
  - Demo Day, hosted by the IDEA Hub, was a huge success. Students, faculty, and staff demonstrated and showcased their creative ideas, projects, and innovations. Over 250 people visited the poster sessions.

- Proposed academic rules were available for public comment through April 11. The rules will probably go to the Board of Governors at a special meeting in May. Comments centered around the mid-semester grade requirement and clarification of language regarding timely feedback. The mid-semester grade reporting requirement will apply to undergraduate courses. The provost's office will plan and prepare policy documents for faculty as the new rules are rolled out.
- The academic integrity officer position was re-posted after an initial search failed. In addition, our student conduct hearing officer in Student Life has announced she will be leaving the institution at the end of May. As a result, we are taking the opportunity to consider hiring one person to oversee both processes, to clear up any confusion with existing procedures, and to consider streamlining the appellate process.

4. Chair Matthew Valenti reported the following:

- Emily Murphy was elected chair-elect for 2018-2019. Her term as chair will begin on July 1, 2019, at which time she will also begin a two-year term on the Board of Governors.
- We have two candidates for the Board of Governors position from extension or health sciences: Stan Hileman and Jason Burnside. We will continue to accept nominations through May 7. The candidates will speak at the May Faculty Senate meeting, with electronic voting taking place immediately following.
- The Committee on Committees is finalizing the ballot for Executive Committee, which will also go out after the May meeting.
- We are planning an orientation session for new senators right before the June Faculty Senate meeting.
- The Board of Governors passed the faculty rules last week. The only issue that seemed to have substantive comments was raising the percentage of teaching faculty from 10% to 15%. The concern expressed in these comments is that the move may be detrimental to our R1 status, but a strong case could be made to the contrary: by having a slightly higher fraction of faculty dedicated to teaching, it frees up other faculty to focus more of their time on research. In the end, the BOG held fast with 15%, which seems to be an appropriate number
- There was a technical problem in the commenting period that forced comments for the RIF rule and academic rules to be held open for a longer period, until April 11. For this reason, the Board could not take any action. A special meeting will most likely be called in May with the main agenda item being the review of comments and voting on these rules. One of the more controversial issues is the students' right to posted midterm grades.
- Over the past year, there have been a lot of changes with respect to the rules that govern the university. In light of these changes, he believes we may need to do another update to the Faculty Constitution. Please let him know if you want to help work on the constitution revisions.
- The GPA weighting scale passed the Faculty Senate, which means that effective Fall 2021, any plus/minus grades that are assigned will be weighted by an increment of 0.3. There seems to be some concern over weighting plus/minus grades by the

current student leadership. As he pointed out at the most recent Faculty Senate meeting, there is still time to turn off plus/minus grading before Fall 2021 if that is what the faculty and students really want to do.

- The visit to Potomac State College planned for April 4 was canceled. He is trying to reschedule for the summer, and fortunately our student leaders will be available at that time.

5. 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.

Annex III, Capstone Course Report.

New Major in Multidisciplinary Studies for Potomac State College.

New Major in Technical Art History.

The following reports were submitted for information. Reports filed.

New Minor Accounting.

New Minor in Marketing.

New Minor in Professional Sales.

Annex IV, Graduate Programs Report.

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

Annex V, GEF Deletions. Motion carried.

The following report was submitted for information. Report filed.

Annex VI, GEF Transition Review.

Dr. Singh-Corcoran also noted that MUSC 118 needs to be removed from the GEF Transition Review Annex presented to the Faculty Senate on April 9, 2018. MUSC 118 is actually a new course and was included on that report in error. A moratorium on adding new GEF courses remains in effect, so the request will be denied.

7. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that he attended the ACF meeting held at the Advanced Technology Center in Fairmont, part of Pierpont Community & Technical College. The most notable discussion was around the erosion of tenure at Fairmont State University and Concord University. There was also a report that Glenville State College has seen tremendous growth in their student population; they are spending \$1.6 million to renovate a hotel for student housing.
8. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors met on Friday, April 20. The following items were addressed:
  - Proposed rule 5.1 regarding fiscal responsibility was approved to go out for comment.
  - Faculty rules 4.1 through 4.6 received final BOG approval.
  - Lisa Martin presented the staff constituency annual report; WVU employs 2241 classified employees, a decrease of 622 positions since 2014.

- Blake Humphrey presented the Student Government Association annual report.
  - The Board recognized Dixie Martinelli for her years of service as a staff representative to the Board of Governors.
9. A motion was made and duly seconded to reappoint Roy Nutter to the position of Faculty Senate Representative to State Government for the 2018-2019 academic year. Motion carried.
  10. A motion was made and duly seconded to reappoint Chad Proudfoot as parliamentarian for the 2018-2019 academic year. Motion carried.
  11. New Business – None.
  12. The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, May 21, 2018.

Judy Hamilton  
Office Administrator