

MINUTES  
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MARCH 18, 2024, 3:00 P.M.

Faculty Senate Chair Frankie Tack brought the monthly meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Members and guests participated via video conference.

Members Present:

Davari, A.	Elliott, E.	Lupo, J.	Reed, M.	Wayne, S.
Angeline, M.	Gee, E.	Murphy, E.	Tack, F.	
Cottrell, L.	Hauser, D.	O'Quinn, J.	Trickett	
Dilcher, B.	Hileman, S.	Prinzo, L.	Shockey, C.	

Members Excused:

Di Bartolomeo, L.

Guests Present:

Debastiani, A.	Hunt, C.	Latimer, M.	Slimak, L.	Widders, E.
Becker, K.	Kearns, S.	McDiarmid, M.	Staples, C.	
Galvez, M.	Kelley, E.	Morris, T.	Thomas, R.	
Gavin, M.	Kreider, P.	Shannon, R.	Veselicky, L.	

1. For Approval – [Minutes](#) of the February 26, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
2. Report from Faculty Senate Chair Frankie Tack
  - a. Agenda change – Mark Gavin’s report will be delayed until next month due to a miscommunication.
  - b. The workgroup is nearing a final working draft of the updated University Procedures document, which will be submitted to the Faculty Welfare Committee for further consideration.
    - i. Note of appreciation to the Office of the Provost for their collaboration during initial revisions.
 

Reed: One area that I want specific attention to be on is language around social justice and diversity, and being preemptive regarding where we feel the legislation may end up after this year.

Gee: I agree with that, we need to be very preemptive regarding future legislation.

Tack: One thing we might be able to do is remove some of the examples that are related from the document, and shift those into tables for examples of service.

Reed: That might work, I like that.
  - c. Draft revision of the Senate Constitution is still being worked on, with progress being slower than anticipated. It is still expected that there will be a draft completed by the end of the semester.

3. Curriculum Committee Report (Cindi Trickett Shockey)\*

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

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

For Approval – Program Change – AGRBUS\_BS: Agribusiness Management and Applied Economics, Key: 573

For Approval – Program Change – ENLM\_BS: Environmental, Energy, and Land Management, Key: 575

For Approval – Program Change – HORT\_BSAGR: Horticulture and Plant Sciences, Key, 555

For Approval – Program Change – MUSC\_PER\_BM: Music Performance, Key: 352

For Approval – Program Change – MUSCP\_IP\_AOE: Instrumental Performance, Key: 1379

For Approval – Program Change – MUSCP\_P\_AOE: Piano Performance, Key: 1378

For Approval – Program Change – MUSCP\_VP\_AOE: Voice Performance, Key: 1377

For Approval – Program Change – SECED\_ENG\_BA: English/Secondary Education, Key: 947

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Agribusiness Management, Key: 1556

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Energy Resource Management, Key: 1547

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Key: 1557

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Environmental Resource Management, Key: 1548

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Horticulture Production, Key: 1542

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Regenerative Agriculture, Key: 1618

- a. 13 new courses, 46 course changes. Changes resulting from academic transformation compose the majority of course and program changes.

Motion to approve all items. Seconded.

Motion carried with 14 in favor and none opposed.

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

- a. Still working on coming to an agreement on institutional changes to the general education program, with the expectation of having an item available for consideration by the end of the year.

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

- a. Following approval of the Student Perception of Teaching instrument, the committee will begin planning initiation and integration so that it is ready for the fall semester.
  - i. The early student feedback instrument will need to be modified as well so that it aligns with the new tool.
- b. The committee will be meeting to discuss these items, as well as a new campus carry syllabus statement before April.

6. Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies Report (Lesley Cottrell)

For Approval – Petition for the Constituency of the College of Creative Arts and Media – [Annex III](#)

- a. Constitution requires 25% of the faculty in the new constituency to sign the petition, which has been met. The petition is for the merger of CCA, Reed, and select Davis programs.

Motion to approve. Seconded.

Motion carried with 12 in favor and none opposed.

7. Shared Governance Committee Report (Scott Wayne)

- a. Committee continues work on presidential qualities, and the committee has answered the initial survey for further review at a meeting on March 19.
- b. BOG posted rule regarding presidential search, which is now available for comment.

8. Report from Faculty Representative to State Government (Eloise Elliott)

- a. Several bills of interest failed to advance:
  - i. SB 870 – Restoring Sanity
  - ii. SB 172 – In God We Trust
  - iii. SB 292 Hunger Free Campus Act
  - iv. SB 4654 Library/Museums
  - v. Women’s Rights Bill
- b. HB 5105 – Children’s Vaccine Requirements did pass after being amended. It removes requirements from virtual public schools and allows private schools to set their own exemptions.
- c. HB 5348 Creating Safe Harbor for Cybersecurity programs, developed by Chambers faculty member, passed. This provides incentive to businesses to develop a cybersecurity framework.
- d. Learn and Earn program additions also passed.

9. Board of Governors Report (Stan Hileman)

- a. Approved guidelines for the upcoming search to go out for comment, which is now available. This includes an offer to a search firm and details for the next Board meeting.
- b. Approved the sale of a piece of property at PSC.
- c. Approved a contract with (golf) as a home for WVU Golf team.

10. Report from President E. Gordon Gee

- a. Note of appreciation and acknowledgement of the work that Marina Galvez Peralta, Cindi Trickett Shockey, and their associated committees have done.
- b. The Legislative session ended with budget issues relating to public education covid funds and federal matching.
- c. The 2025 budget provides WVU with \$5.2 million for pay raises, which represents a fraction of what would be required for WVU to meet the 5% pay raise directed by the governor.
- d. \$5.1 million in inflation adjustment funds were removed from the budget. Confidence that those funds will still be returned to WVU.
- e. Funding toward RNI for HHS pilot project.
- f. Governor Justice intends to call the legislature to special session in April and potentially May.
- g. WVU is still experiencing support in both the legislature and governor’s office.
- h. Work to do on inflation and PEIA expense issues moving forward.
- i. 5668 – Gaming activities within the state.
- j. Allows programs to contract directly with the WVU School of Osteopathic Medicine.

## 11. Report from Provost Maryanne Reed

- a. Provost's Office work has focused on finance, faculty awards, and promotion and tenure reviews.
- b. Request to Lou Slimak to discuss how courses are deleted and where the Office of the Provost hopes to go with the general education program.

Reed yields the floor to Lou Slimak

- c. GEF put forward about 90 courses for removal from the program. 30 additional Eberly courses were added to that from foreign language courses that would no longer be taught.
  - i. These courses were all reviewed with the relevant dean's office.
  - ii. Of that number, 105 total courses will be removed.
  - iii. 5 will remain at the regional campuses, 10 will continue with being regularly taught.
- d. The deactivation of the courses that were discussed at the Faculty Senate meeting were submitted by the Eberly Deans Office, not by the Office of the Provost. They were a result of academic transformation, but the deactivation was initiated by deans' offices.
- e. Intent to merge expectations from the General Education Foundations Committee with the Office of the Provost expectations.
- f. The GEF committee will determine the direction of the conversation as we move into next year.
- g. High importance in maintaining an experiential learning aspect of GEF Outcome 8, as it is critical for students with certain Financial Aid funding.

Reed reclaims floor and ends report.

## ~~12. Report from Mark Gavin, Associate Provost for Academic, Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives—Update on Budget Structure~~

## 13. Call for Nominations - Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors

- a. Nominations are open for the BOG representative position. Candidates must be full time faculty with the rank of instructor or above and must have duties of 50% or more belonging to Extension or the School of Medicine. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the April Faculty Senate meeting.
- b. Nominations for chair-elect are closed and there are four candidates: Tom Zeni, Scott Crichlow, Ashlee Sowards, and Ralph Utzman.
- c. Faculty Senator ballots are being distributed to colleges this week.

## 14. No New Business

## 15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Seconded.

Chair Tack adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m. to reconvene on April 22, 2024.

Corey Hunt

Faculty Senate Office Administrator