

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 24, 2025 – 3:00 P.M.

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Faculty Senate Chair Diana Davis called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Members Present:

Bilgesu, I.	Graves, C.	Prinzo, L.
Chisholm, S.	Hood, C.	Stueckle, J.
Cottrell, L.	Kreider, P.	Tack, F.
Crichlow, S.	Murphy, E.	Terry, D.
Davis, D.	Nix, A.	Wayne, S.
Elliott, E.	Pena-Yewtukhiw, E.	

1. The [Minutes](#) of the February 24, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting were approved without corrections.

2. Report from Faculty Senate Chair Diana Davis

- a. Davis noted that Faculty Senate leadership continues to be engaged with various constituencies across the institution, including discussions about the academic calendar, campus safety, and faculty exit surveys.
- b. President Benson will address Faculty Senate at the April meeting.
- c. Update on Senate election progress. Faculty Secretary and Faculty Senate Representative to State Government roles will be determined at the April Executive Committee meeting.

3. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Curriculum Committee

For Approval – Program Change Report – [Annex I](#)

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

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

4. Standing Reports

- a. Curriculum Committee Chair Darko Velichkovski was absent and did not report. His committee's items were included and approved with the consent agenda.
- b. General Education Foundations Committee Chair Cody Hood had no updates to report.
- c. Teaching and Assessment Committee Report (Sheri Chisholm)

For Information – Committee Actions – [Annex IV](#)

 - i. A proposed additional open-ended question for the SPOT survey to allow students to comment on beneficial aspects of a course.

- ii. Clarification had been sought on instructor presence in online courses, with examples such as recorded lectures, online office hours, and feedback mechanisms. The instrument was adjusted to account of varied instructor presence.
 - iii. The committee will delay major changes to the SPOT survey scale until at least next spring to allow for more data collection across additional semesters.
 - iv. Neutral responses on SPOT are being considered, as many faculty interpret them as negative. The committee plans to continue with guidance materials (including video scenarios) to help faculty interpret feedback.
- d. Committee on Committees Report (Ilkin Bilgesu)
 - i. Development of committee rosters to begin soon.
- e. Report from Faculty Representative to State Government Eloise Elliott
 - i. Senate Bill 460 (Vaccination Requirements) was defeated in the House.
 - ii. House Bill 3279 (Board of Governors representation) discussed. Awaiting word on potential amendments to restore faculty, staff, and student membership to the BOG.
 - iii. A new bill restricting state-funded entities from activities related to sexual orientation or gender transitioning was introduced and is being monitored.
 - iv. House Bill 3297 would create the Washington Center for Civics, Culture, and Statesmanship at WVU outside of university governance. Eloise emphasized that advocacy and response to this bill are underway.
 - v. Senate Bill 474 (DEI-related) remains under consideration but with exemptions still intact.
 - vi. Elliott noted the legislative tracking tool on the [Faculty Senate website](#).
- f. Board of Governors Report (Lesley Cottrell)
 - i. Cottrell expressed appreciation for faculty involvement in legislative responses, especially concerning HB 3279. She noted the next Board meeting is scheduled for April 3-4, and additional updates will be presented to the full Senate thereafter.

5. Guest Reports

- a. Report from Interim Provost Paul Kreider
 - i. HLC Accreditation Visit scheduled for March 31 and April 1, with public forums planned.
 - ii. The Provost's Office is recruiting faculty for the multi-year general education curriculum reform.
 - iii. Support available for faculty at the Advance Center through workshops, webinars, and free access to the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity.
 - iv. Faculty encouraged to apply for a fellowship involving curating exhibitions related to their teaching; applications due March 28.
 - v. Community Engagement Award nominations open through March 31.

vi. Faculty asked to encourage students to complete the academic advising survey by April 4.

6. Senate Business and Announcements

- a. No new business raised.
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7. Chair Diana Davis adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m. to reconvene on April 21, 2025.

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Faculty Senate Office Administrator

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