

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, May 24, 2021

1. Chair Nathalie Singh-Corcoran called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Committee members and guests participated via videoconference.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Elliott, E.	Murphy, E.	Steele, J.
Bastress, R.	Gee, G.	Nutter, R.	Vanderhoff, J.
Chisholm, S.	Hauser, D.	Reed, M.	Veselicky, L.
Cottrell, L.	Hileman, S.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Wayne, S.
Di Bartolomeo, L.	Martucci, A.	Sowards, A.	

Guests:

Andress, L.	Germana, M.	Pfeifer, A.	Valentine, K.
Brugnoli, A.	Hines, S.	Slimak, L.	Widders, E.
Cohen, S.	Latimer, M.	Staples, C.	
DeBastiani, A.	Neidermeyer, P.	Thomas, R.	

2. Chair Singh-Corcoran presented for approval the minutes from the April 26, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
3. President Gordon Gee reported the following:
  - We had a very successful commencement on May 15th and 16th at Mountaineer Field. It was our largest commencement ever because May, August, and December 2020 students were also invited to participate in the socially distanced ceremony.
  - The transition advisory group is working on merging CPASS & CEHS to create a combined college of human performance. This will be of help to both colleges to provide an opportunity to think differently about academic programs. Academic transformation will be an ongoing process and we will continue to look at how to structure programs.
4. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
  - We ended the school year with an in-person graduation for approximately 4500 students. Both students and parents were thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate in person.
  - Summer school started last week on May 17th. Maymester ends on Friday, May 28th. Around 500 students enrolled for the online only Maymester making it a very successful term.
  - We are in a holding pattern for fall planning. ENEWS will be updating masking and travel guidelines. Following CDC guidelines, those who are vaccinated will not have

to wear a mask outdoors. For in-person meetings of up to 10 people, if all in attendance are vaccinated, they can take off their masks.

- Only a small number of people have taken the survey to update vaccination status. A new survey for vaccination status will be distributed soon.
- University Relations has developed an anti-vaccination hesitancy campaign to help people overcome fears regarding the vaccine. They are producing a video of students explaining why they got vaccinated and how they overcame their fears, which will be sent to other students.
- WVU will offer another vaccination clinic on June 2nd from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the upper gym of the WVU Student Rec Center. WVU has partnered with the Monongalia County Health Department to hold free COVID-19 community testing at the WVU Student Rec Center on Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Students had expressed concern regarding their anticipated grades for the Spring semester. Provost Reed invited Evan Widders to discuss updates:
  - Evan Widders provided an update on student performance. His team looked at grades to find the average grade given by instructors. In spring 2019 the average grade given was 3.35. In spring 2021 the average grade has increased to 3.44.
  - Suspensions are dramatically down from previous years with new the suspension policy. This year, 110 students are eligible for suspension where last year between 700-800 students were eligible for suspension.
  - The number of registrations for Fall is 12% ahead of last year.
- The Academic Transformation team has accelerated their work the last few weeks after gathering and sharing data. Portfolio review data was shared with the academic deans on the main campus two weeks before the end of the semester. This data, referred to as the gold standard metrics, looks at enrollment numbers, retention, graduation rate, student credit hours and more. This process has helped identify more than a dozen majors of concern and majors of opportunity. The programs in review are undergraduate programs and master's degree programs not leading directly to PhD programs. Most programs identified as a program of concern were at the bottom of the quintile. Each unit will have until September 1st to provide additional data as well as review the data that has been collected to ensure it is current.
- The CPASS & CEHS merger has been in discussion for several years. She will be working with leadership, faculty, and staff to work through the upcoming changes. There is room for the colleges' communities to help shape this opportunity. She anticipates the formation of multiple committees in the fall, such as: promotion and tenure, naming the college, structure, and program and research opportunities. The goal is to launch the college in 2022 and begin the search for a founding dean in spring 2022.
- Most Valuable Player awards in research around COVID-19 have been announced on the Office of the Provost website.

- The Office of the Provost will be announcing recipients of the Transform This! Challenge Grants. This year's projects and activities are focused on promoting social equity. Emily Murphy was involved in grant development. Provost Reed urges the committee to visit the website for more information.

5. Chair Singh-Corcoran reported the following:

- Faculty Senate will have a June 7th senate meeting at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom.
- She led a discussion about the resolution regarding vaccines that was tabled at end of the May Senate meeting.

6. Jennifer Steele, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, presented the following reports for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 14-0.

Annex I, New Courses Report.

Annex II, Course Changes Report.

Annex III, Capstone Courses Report.

Changes to the Computer Engineering Program at WVUIT.

The following report was submitted for information. Report filed.

Changes to the Minor in Africana Studies.

7. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair, GEF Committee, presented the following report for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 14-0.

Annex IV, GEF Actions.

8. Jessica Vanderhoff, Chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, presented the following reports for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 14-0.

Annex V, Fall 2021 Early Semester Teaching Assessment Calendar.

Annex VI, Recommendation to Establish eSEI Panel.

The following reports were submitted for information. Reports filed.

Email Reminder – Syllabus Upload into Libraries' Research Repository.

Spring 2021 Early Semester Teaching Assessment Summary.

9. The following 2020-21 Committee Reports and Goals were submitted for acceptance by their respective committee representatives. Reports filed.

Annex VII, Committee of Retired Faculty

Annex VIII, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies

Annex X, Faculty Welfare Committee

Annex XI, General Education Foundations Committee

Annex XII, Inclusion and Diversity Committee

Annex XIII, Library Committee

Annex XIV, Research and Scholarship Committee

Annex XV, Research Integrity Committee

Annex XVI, Service Committee  
Annex XVII, Shared Governance Committee  
Annex XVIII, Annex XVIIIA, Annex XVIII B, Sustainability Committee  
Annex XIX, Teaching and Assessment Committee

10. The following report was submitted for information. Report filed.  
Annex XX, Faculty Senate Committee Chair Responsibilities
11. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that the legislature had May interims last week. Most comments among faculty are around the preventive actions taken by the BridgeValley Community College Board of Governors.
12. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors had a special meeting on Thursday, May 20th. They discussed changes on food options that will be happening on campus through Sodexo capital fund. The next meeting will be June 25th where Dr. Hileman, Emily Murphy, and others will be giving their faculty report.
13. Appointment of Ex Officio Members to the Executive Committee. A motion was made and duly seconded to appoint the chairs of the Curriculum Committee, General Education Foundations Committee, Teaching and Assessment Committee, and Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies as ex officio voting members of the Executive Committee for 2021-2022. Motion carried by a vote of 14-0.
14. New Business – none.
15. A motion was made and seconded to move the committee into Executive Session based upon the personnel exception. Motion carried by a vote of 13-0.  
Following the conclusion of Executive Session, the committee reconvened into open session. The executive session began at 4:34 p.m. and ended at 5:04 p.m.
16. The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, August 23, 2021.

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