

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, September 23, 2019

1. Chair Emily Murphy called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Andress, L.	Cronin, A.	Martucci, A.	Singh-Corcoran, N.
Ballard, D.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Murphy, E.	Veselicky, L.
Bastress, R.	Elliott, E.	Nutter, R.	
Cottrell, L.	Hileman, S.	Reed, M.	

Members Absent:

Bernardes, E.	Gee, E.	Hauser, D.	Sowards, A.
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Guests:

Gavin, M.	Latimer, M.	Pfeifer, A.	Slimak, L.
Kreider, P.	Neidemeyer, P.	Shannon, R.	Widders, E.

2. Chair Murphy moved for approval of the minutes from the August 26, 2019 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
 - The Board of Governors met two weeks ago on September 13th and the EAB gave a presentation on challenges and higher education in a broad sense.
 - Sally Amoruso from the EAB in Washington, DC will be giving a presentation on recruitment challenges during the December 9th Faculty Senate meeting.
 - The Provost's Office requested that the GEF Committee have a basic structure of the changes to the GEF submitted by the end of October.
 - Retention is up 3 percentage points from last year.
 - The Provost's Office has worked with TorchStar to survey students with 90 credit hours or more. This survey shows several areas of concern. Our retention is lower than our peers. Our population has a higher number of Pell Grant students than our peers. Mental health is a major concern, with a majority suffering from anxiety and depression. The average working student works over 30 hours per week, and 15% are supporting another family member.
 - The Deans search continues. Paul Kreider is working on conducting the airport interviews for the Statler College.

4. Emily Murphy, Chair, Faculty Senate reported the following:
 - She recently met with the director of Shared Services, Lisa Sharpe, to discuss how Shared Services will affect the faculty. Shared Services' mission is to make processes move more quickly and more efficiently. Lisa Sharpe will be invited to a future Faculty Senate meeting.
 - Chair Murphy also met with Melissa Latimer, Associate Provost of Academic Affairs, to discuss the overall model for faculty development for 2020-2021. Both Melissa Latimer and Presha Neidemeyer, Associate Provost of Academic Affairs, will be speaking at an upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.
5. Jennifer Steele, Chair-elect, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports. Motion carried.
 - Annex I, New Courses Report.
 - Annex II, Course Changes Report.
 - Program Changes to the Certificate in Biomedical Engineering.
 - Annex III, Administrative Course Review.
6. Lesley Cottrell, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, submitted the following report for information:
 - Annex IV, GEF Transition Review. Report filed.
7. Ashley Martucci, on behalf of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, moved for approval of the following. Motion carried.
 - SEI Faculty Email.
 - SEI Student Email.
 - SEI Student Language within Blue.
8. Lesley Cottrell, Chair, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies, moved for approval of the following. Motion carried.
 - Annex V, Standing Committee Membership Changes.
 - Annex VI, Special Committee Membership Changes.
9. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that most of the online discussion with the other West Virginia schools is revolving around budget. The governor's office may reduce the higher education budget. Dr. Nutter reported that HEPC and ACF will meet on Friday, September 27th.
10. Stan Hileman, BOG representative, reiterated earlier comments from Provost Reed regarding EAB: EAB attended the last meeting and gave the BOG information on recruitment and other areas that the BOG and the University can impact.
11. The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 28, 2019.

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