

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, February 25, 2013

1. Chair Michael Mays called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Mays, M.	Ruscello, D.
Bilgesu, I.	Elmore, S.	Nutter, R.	Strife, M.
Cottrell, L.	Griffith, R.	Orlikoff, J.	Wheatly, M.
Curtis, R.	Kleist, V.	Prudhomme, J.	

Members Absent:

Butcher, F.	Clements, J.	Turton, R.
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Guests:

Campbell, J.	Karraker, K.	Lang, A. (DP)	Weihman, L.
Clark, N.	King, F.	Lastinger, M.	Wilson, C. B.
Dooley, E.			

2. Chair Mays moved for approval of the minutes from the January 28, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Provost Wheatley reported that:
 - The Registrar's Office helped identify effective ways to communicate with students who may be eligible for awards and academic honoraries. So far this year, we have about triple the number of students presenting themselves as being in the highest echelon of students at WVU.
 - Promotion and tenure processes are wrapping up in the colleges and moving into the provost's office.
 - A number of faculty searches are underway.
 - The Strategic Planning Council meets Tuesday.
 - HLC reaccreditation is now about one year away.
 - The Council of Deans took on the project of trying to improve the academic profile of the entering class. We are still planning on accepting a class of about 5000.
 - Students entering a little less prepared will be admitted into the University College. We will have a number of mechanisms in place to guarantee their success.
 - We expect to have an announcement within the next couple of weeks about how we propose to staff strategic planning goal 4 to optimize success.
 - We should be able to make an announcement shortly about launching a center for the integration of research, teaching, and learning where ending graduate students or beginning faculty can get assistance building an impressive teaching, research, and service portfolio.

- The search committee for the Dean of Libraries is preparing to bring candidates in for the interview stage. There are also searches beginning for an Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement and a Vice President for University Relations.
4. Chair Mays reported that:
 - He is aware of two people who are interested in serving as chair-elect. Please let him know if you have candidates to suggest. They will be introduced at the March meeting, and there will be a chance for nominations from the floor.
 - He encourages members to review the BOG notices of proposed rulemaking, which are significant to the Senate's work. The public comment period runs through March 25.
 5. Dennis Ruscello, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
 - Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
 - Annex II, Request for a New Dance Major. Motion carried pending minor changes to GEC language.
 - Annex III, Monthly Alterations Report, was submitted for information.
 6. Ilkin Bilgesu, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following report:
 - Annex IV, GEC Actions. Motion carried.
 - Annex V, GEC Audits, was submitted for information.
 7. Ilkin Bilgesu, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, and Dennis Ruscello, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee reported on their progress for developing guidelines regarding prescribed GEC courses. The Senate Curriculum Committee will consider the issue further during their March 7, 2013 meeting.
 8. Fred King, Vice President for Research, provided a presentation on the Office of Research and Economic Development.
 9. Roy Nutter, ACF representative, reported that:
 - The legislature is in session until April 13, 2013.
 - House Bill 2566 concerns financing institutional operating budgets. Language in the bill takes institutional missions into account.
 10. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, reported that:
 - The Board of Governors met on Thursday with a tour of the School of Medicine, including the simulation center.
 - The student government gave their annual report to the Board on Friday.
 - Vice President Narvel Weese provided an investment report.
 - There was a report on the Adventure West Virginia program for admitted students.
 - The Board approved the reorganization of the President's Office for Social Justice to the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

- The Board approved an MS Degree Program in Periodontics.

11. New Business

Elizabeth Dooley asked for the Executive Committee's permission to draft an academic calendar for 2014-15 that includes a fall break. There were no objections. She will introduce the proposed calendar at the March meeting.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, March 18, 2013.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary