

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, April 26, 2010

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

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Clark, N.	McDiarmid, M.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bilgesu, I.	Clements, J.	Nutter, R.	Strife, M.
Boyles, J.	Jackowitz, A.	Olson, K.	Wheatly, M.
Butcher, F.	Kleist, V.	Perone, M.	

Members Absent:

Cottrell, L.	Kirby, B.
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Guests:

Cossick, S. (DA)	Griffith, R.	McCarthy, J.	Tower, L.
Cumming, J.	Lastinger, M.	Maunz, S. (DA)	Wilson, C.
Dooley, E.	Mayer, A.	Shaner, C. (DP)	

2. President Clements reported that:

- The Strategic Planning Committee has been launched. It's a 40+ member group, co-chaired by Provost Wheatly and HSC Chancellor Colenda. There are several areas that need work: research, international effort, and diverse or inclusive environment.
- We did really well in the US News and World Report rankings:
  - School of Medicine: Rural Medicine, number 10; Primary Care, number 49; Research, number 85; Physical Therapy, number 69; Occupational Therapy, number 102.
  - School of Nursing, overall number 72.
  - School of Pharmacy, overall number 32.
  - College of Law, number 93.
  - College of Engineering and Mineral Resources: Engineering overall number 113; Industrial and Manufacturing, number 45; Aerospace, number 51; Mechanical, number 84; Chemical, number 87; Civil, number 95; Electrical, number 108.
  - College of Human Resources and Education, overall number 117; Rehabilitation Counseling, number 33; Speech Pathology, number 72.
  - Eberly College of Arts and Sciences: Clinical Psychology, number 33; Psychology, number 74, Social Work, number 82; Public Affairs, number 90; Earth Sciences, number 102; Chemistry, number 107; Computer Science, number 110; Physics, number 122; Biological Sciences, number 181.
  - College of Creative Arts: Fine Arts, number 93.
- We just received unconditional NCAA certification for Athletics. There were 400 student athletes and trainers honored at the Honor Roll Banquet last week. He also said that we moved up to number 12 in the Director's Cup standing.
- With a focus on veterans, he believes we're doing some good things. We were honored to have Admiral Mullins, key advisor to the President of the U.S., visit the university. These events were well attended. There was a lot of interaction.
- We continue do to well with grants and contracts. Our external funding numbers are way up this year, as compared to last year. Paul Cassak and Feruz Ganikhanov, Department

of Physics, were awarded nearly a million dollars in NFS grants. This is an honor for the institution.

- The DA was rated the best all around newspaper in a multi-state region. This includes Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, West Virginia, and other states.
- Relating to the Arts, James Valenti, WVU Alum, debuted at the NYC Met to rave reviews. He is a graduate of the College of Creative Arts. Valenti won the 2010 Richard Tucker Award, an award in arts similar in stature to the Heisman Trophy.
- There's a new professorship in the College of Law. The Robert M. Steptoe and the James D. Steptoe Professorship of Property Law was made possible by gifts.
- Dean candidates are currently visiting campus from the College of Business and Economics, the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, and from the School of Medicine. The candidates that President Clements have met are incredible. Decisions will be made soon filling those positions.
- It's graduation time. This is a special time of the year and he is looking forward to being in several graduation ceremonies. This spring we have 4300 graduates. WVU graduates more students than all the other public colleges and universities combined.

President Clements passed out an article from the Pittsburgh Post Gazette that tells a little bit about him, the value of education, and educating first generation college students.

President Clements said that he was impressed with the last presentation by the Faculty Welfare Committee. He's looking forward to hearing what comes from today's report.

He also said that when Admiral Mullen was on campus Terry Miller got a huge round of applause when his name was mentioned. Several people pointed out to the president how supportive Miller has been.

### 3. Provost Wheatly said:

- That she finished interviewing the two Eberly College Dean candidates; there were seven candidates visiting for B & E; and three candidates for School of Medicine. School of Dentistry is just gearing up in their Dean search. Administratively, they've seen a lot of great candidates. Hopefully, decisions will be made within the next few weeks.
- All systems are go for the Strategic Plan. She approached Chair Clark about a partnership between administration and faculty government with a view to leading the strategic planning council. Chair Clark accepted her invitation. They have met with HSC Chancellor Colenda and Dr. Butcher.
- The Strategic Plan is very broad in terms of its scope. In addition to International, Inclusivity, and Research, existing workgroups include Discovery and Innovation chaired by Fred King (Chemistry), International or Global Activities chaired by Joy Saab (HRE), and Creating an Inclusive Academic Community chaired by Sue Day-Perroots.

- There is a group looking at engagement headed by Associate Provost Dooley. President Clements is interested in having the campus obtain the descriptor of an Engaged Campus under the Carnegie classification.
- There is a workgroup on first-year success. There are conversations taking place between academic affairs and student affairs on how we can partner together to better help first-year students succeed by doing things outside the classroom. This group is being chaired by Charline Barnes (HRE).
- There's a group working on student health and wellness, being chaired by Cathy Yura.
- Some of the Health Sciences specific initiatives Chancellor Colenda is working on is Faculty Development chaired by Carole Harris, Discussion of Research chaired by Laurie Gutmann, Discussion on Community Engagement chaired by Louise Veselicky, Inter-professional Education chaired by Gail VanVoorhis, Philanthropy chaired by Peter Ngan, Strategic Program Development chaired by Suresh Madhavan, and Single Clinical Enterprise chaired by the Office of the Chancellor and the United Health System and UHA.
- The Strategic Planning Committee will begin fairly intensive work beginning the week between finals and commencement; will formulate strategic goals by the end of summer and put the plan out for discussion; and by the end of this calendar year we will have a new WVU plan.

4. Chair Clark reported that:

- He visited Tech on Friday. He met with Carl Wellstead, Joe Urbanski, and John David, three faculty members from Tech. He feels it is evident that we need to work on harmonizing some of our processes with them. Some of the issues are program reviews, curriculum – how it flows through their committees; how it flows through our committees. He thinks since many of the Morgantown faculty and senators have very little contact with Tech and Potomac State faculty and senators, we might ask the divisional campuses if they would like to make presentations at some point to the Faculty Senate.
- He said that the dead week topic has come up a couple of times in the DA. He asked that everyone remind colleagues that we do have a policy on dead week, that if examinations are to be given during dead week, that is to be in the syllabus and organized at the beginning of the semester and have good cause.
- The process that will lead up to electronic research administration is starting now. This would be distinct from the electronic blue sheets.
- He will be involved in the Strategic Plan. Right now it's at the level of looking at charges to the groups and committees.

5. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

6. Professor Bilgesu moved for approval of the following Curriculum Committee reports:

- Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. It was pointed out that, on page 8, Clinical Psychology should be Counseling Psychology, in the College of HRE, not Eberly College of AS. Motion carried as amended.
- Annex II, Changes in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources Major. After noting a typo on the list of courses on page 19, SPA 170 should be SPA 270, motion carried.
- Annex III, Request to Change Degree Title for the Athletic Training Program. After changing the word “Change” to “Create” Motion carried.
- Annex IV, Capstone Request from Chinese Studies. Motion carried.
- Annex V, BSCS Curriculum Change. Motion carried.
- Annex VI, Alteration Report, was submitted for information.

Professor Bilgesu also moved for approval of “G” designation for study abroad courses. Motion carried.

7. It was moved to approve Annex VII, GEC Actions. Motion carried. Annex VIII, GEC Audits, was presented for information.
8. Professor Leslie Tower moved to accept Annex IX, Proposed Resolution, from the Faculty Senate Faculty Welfare Committee. Motion carried. Chair Clark said that faculty at Tech pointed out that the salaries table used is for Morgantown. He asked that the Committee look at the same set of salaries for Tech.
9. Professor Jan Boyles, Chair, Student Instruction Committee, said the committee, at the request of Chair Clark, examined methods to raise the academic bar. The committee decided to focus on writing preparedness across the curriculum. They decided to go back to the ad hoc Writing Committee, when in March 2009 their chief recommendation was to pilot a writing portfolio. Professor Boyles said they’ve approached the Art History Department and all faculty members are on board with this project. She said she’d like to get Art History involved in Fall 2011. She said she’d like 1) feedback on the portfolio itself; and, 2) support of the implementation task force.
10. Anita Mayer, University Advising, made a PowerPoint presentation on Making WVU More Veteran Friendly.
11. Professor Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, said he and Chair Clark met with Tech’s Faculty Executive Committee. Tech seems to be very unhappy with the relationship they have with WVU. Some reasons:
  - Little to no communication between Tech and WVU Departments
  - Tech does not receive WVU faculty e-mails
  - Tech does not receive research opportunity announcements
  - Course program issues: 1) cutting GEC courses without consulting them; 2) approval of courses and programs
  - Collaboration is not happening

President Clements met with the Committee to answer questions about concerns they have.

At the HEPC meeting:

- Chancellor Noland provided a report on faculty salaries compared to SREB schools. WV salaries are number 16 out of 16.
- Series 51, the textbook and bookstore policy, passed HEPC. Not everything ACF wanted happened; but some things did. We need to pay attention to this.
- Two private colleges were approved: National University and Tri-State Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences. (Tri-State has six months to seek national accreditation.)
- It was reported that many of Tech's BOG members, some local legislators around Tech, and a significant number of faculty, asked to have Campus Provost Scott Hurst replaced.

At the ACF meeting:

- Dr. Bruce Flack of HEPC reported on the Regents BA program. HEPC is targeting former students who have completed 60 or more hours, but have not graduated, to complete the degree by getting a Regents BA degree.
- ACF will meet in May to put together next year's legislative agenda. If anyone has issues or suggestions, let Professor Nutter know.

Professor Nutter said that in a draft letter presented to HEPC that apparently WV Net is under the operational control of the State Office of Technology. What the implications are to WVU he doesn't know. He thinks we should be paying attention to this.

## 12. New Business

Michael Lastinger, Associate Provost for International Academic Affairs, said that a Cinco de Mayo program will be this Friday. You can get tickets at the Department of Foreign Languages.

13. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, May 24, 2010.

Mary Strife  
Faculty Secretary