

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, October 25, 2021

1. Chair Ashley Martucci called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Committee members and guests participated via videoconference.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	Hauser, D.	Martucci, A.	Vanderhoff, J.
Chisholm, S.	Hibbert, A.	Murphy, E.	Veselicky, L.
Davari, A.	Hileman, S.	Reed, M.	Wayne, S.
Galvez-Peralta, M.	Hissam, R.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Welsh, A.

Members Absent:

Elliott, E.	Gee, G.	Reddy, R.	Schaefer, G.
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Guests:

Becker, K	Gavin, M.	Shannon, R.	Widders, E.
Brugnoli, A.	Latimer, M.	Slimak, L.	
DeBastiani, A.	Pfeifer, A.	Staples, C.	

2. Chair Martucci presented for approval the minutes from the September 27, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
3. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
  - She shared an update on COVID-19 numbers for the State and the University. WVU will host four weekly Moderna COVID-19 vaccination clinics beginning Tuesday, October 26.
  - Programs recommended for discontinuances will be presented to the Board of Governors on October 29, 2021 for their vote. The Board will also receive an update on the CEHS/CPASS merger and will be asked to affirm the name and structure of the new college.
  - The Office of the Provost is looking at reports from the colleges regarding programs of opportunity.
  - We have hired a search firm to help with the hiring process for the founding dean of the new college. Interviews are tentatively planned for January.
  - Academic transformation priorities for this year are being finalized and should be ready to share at the November Faculty Senate meeting.
4. Chair Martucci reported the following:
  - Representatives of the Spence Group will discuss the Purpose Institute at the November 8 Faculty Senate meeting. The November meeting will also include a presentation from Amy Kittle, the Assistant Director for Prevention and Education in the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

- The joint vaccine resolution adopted at the last Senate meeting was shared with university leadership on October 19 via email. A joint resolution with Marshall University regarding campus carry will be presented at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
  - A motion was made and duly seconded to return to in-person Faculty Senate meetings, with the exception of the divisional campuses, beginning November 8, 2021. Motion carried by a vote of 8-0.
5. Robin Hissam, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, presented the following reports for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 10-0.
    - Annex I, New Courses Report
    - Annex II, Course Changes Report
    - New Major for an Associate's Degree in Human Nutrition and Food at PSC
 The following reports were submitted for information. Reports filed.
    - New Minor in Actuarial Science
    - New Minor in Applied Mathematics
    - New Minor in Diversity in Physical Activity and Sport
  6. Amy Welsh, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, reported that the committee has been working to determine which courses to prioritize for assessment.
  7. Marina Galvez-Peralta, Chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, submitted the following reports for information. Reports filed.
    - Annex III, TACO Mission 2021-2022
    - Annex IV, Early Semester Teaching Assessment
    - Annex V, eSEI Comment Reviews
  8. Ann Marie Hibbert, Chair of the Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies, presented the following report for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 10-0 following the addition of a faculty member to the Curriculum Committee.
    - Annex VI, Committee Appointments
  9. Ashley Martucci, on behalf of Eloise Elliott, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that they met with Rob Alsop to get a better understanding of the funding formula for higher education that will be proposed by HEPC to the upcoming legislative session. He also indicated that there is some evidence that there will not be enough votes to pass a campus carry bill. With regard to critical race theory, our role will be to educate legislators and reassure them that we are not indoctrinating students in critical race theory. Rob Alsop will discuss these issues at the November Faculty Senate meeting.
  10. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors held a special meeting last week. The meeting was spent in executive session discussing financial matters. Committee meetings will take place on October 28, and the next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2021.

11. Scott Wayne presented the following resolution for approval. The item was pulled to allow Provost Reed the opportunity to discuss this with her staff prior to a vote.

Annex VII, Resolution to Create an Ad Hoc Committee on Collaboration

12. A motion was made and duly seconded to move the Faculty Senate Executive Committee into executive session under Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4, Subsection B7 of the Code of West Virginia to avoid premature disclosure of an honorary degree. Motion carried.

Following the conclusion of executive session, the committee reconvened into open session. The executive session began at 3:50 p.m. and ended at 4:15 p.m.

A motion was made and duly seconded to move the entire slate of honorary degree candidates to the Faculty Senate for a vote. Motion carried by a vote of 10-0.

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, November 15, 2021.

Judy Hamilton  
Office Administrator