

MINUTES
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
APRIL 1, 2024, 3:15 P.M.

Faculty Senate Chair Frankie Tack brought the monthly meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Members and guests participated in-person at the College of Law and via videoconference.

Members Present:

Abraham, J.	Davis, D.	Hauser, D.	Milans, K.	Stueckle, J.
Angeline, M.	Demarco, F.	Hedrick, J.	Murphy, E.	Szklarz, G.
Ballard, D.	Di Bartolomeo, L.	Hileman, S.	Nix, A.	Tack, F.
Barghouthi, N.	Dickman, B.	Huber, S.	O'Connor, J.	Thomay, A.
Barnes, E.	Dilcher, B.	Jaynes, M.	Olgers, F.	Titolo, M.
Beall, A.	Donley, D.	Johnson, D.	Phillips, T.	Totzkay, D.
Bhandari, R.	Eades, D.	Kent, A.	Prinzo, L.	Trickett-Shockey, C.
Bruyaka, O.	Elliott, E.	Kidd, K.	Rinehart, L.	Unger, K.
Bryner, R.	Emerling, D.	LaRue, R.	Roberts, D.	Valenti, M.
Casey, R.	Fidelman, E.	Lastinger, A.	Ruseski, J.	Vance, B.
Celikbas, E.	Field, J.	Leary, B.	Scaife, B.	Vester, M.
Chapman, K.	Galvez Peralta, M.	Li, B.	Scally, J.	Watson, K.
Cohen, S.	Gosden Kitchen, S.	Li, H.	Siekmeier, J.	Wayne, S.
Cook, A.	Graves, C.	Liller, B.	Sizemore, J.	Weislogel, A.
Corcoran, K.	Haddox, J.	Lucci, S.	Smith, D.	Woloshuk, J.
Cottrell, L.	Hamrick, A.	Lupo, J.	Sofka, S.	Woodberry, K.
Crichlow, S.	Hanif, A.	Martin, E.	Sowards, A.	Woods, S.
Dahle, G.	Hatipoglu, K.	M'Bayo, T.	Staniscia, S.	Zeni, T.

Members Excused:

Bardes, J.	Kelly, C.	McGinnis, R.	Sherlock, L.
Burt, A.	Knuckles, T.	Reece, J.	Swager, L.
Feaster, K.	Livengood, R.	Rota, C.	Waggy, C

Members Absent:

Adkins, B.	Dietz, P.	Fullen, M.	Martin, J.	Pyles, L.
Battistella, L.	Dimachkie, Z.	Gross, J.	McCluskey, C.	Sims, J.
Bianco, C.	Dionne, C.	Hines, S.	Miltenberger, M.	Sokos, G.
Bogdansky, K.	Duenas, O.	Kale, U.	Murray, A.	Stephan, K.
Bolyard, J.	Dumitrescu, C.	Kearns, J.	Nguyen, J.	Terry, D.
Carducci, H.	Ellis, E.	Komisaruk, A.	Nolan, K.	Vaddamani, V.
Descoteaux, J.	Elswick, D.	Labus, A.	Palmer, A.	Wuest, T.
Dey, K.	Floyd, K.	Malarcher, J.	Pena-Yewtukhiw, E.	

1. For Approval – [Minutes](#) of the March 4, 2024, Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
2. Report from Faculty Senate Chair Frankie Tack
 - a. The Board of Governors Ad Hoc Governance Committee recently finalized the draft rule for the presidential search. The next meeting on April 4th will provide further details on the search timeline and committee composition.
 - b. Senators will be invited to submit themselves as candidates for the 2024-2025 Executive Committee later this week.

- c. Senate leadership has transmitted a redrafted version of the University P&T guidelines to the Faculty Welfare Committee for review, focusing on removing mandatory non-continuation for faculty with unsatisfactory ratings and external reviews for promotion from assistant to associate professor.
- d. The revision of the Faculty Senate Constitution is progressing, albeit more slowly than anticipated. We aim to present the draft to the shared governance committee in August.
- e. Reviews of administrative offices will be presented to the BOG chair and reported back in May.

3. Curriculum Committee Report (Cindi Trickett Shockey)*

For Approval – New Course Report – [Annex I](#)

For Approval – Course Change Report – [Annex II](#)

For Approval – Program Change – AGRBUS_BS: Agribusiness Management and Applied Economics, Key: 573

For Approval – Program Change – ENLM_BS: Environmental, Energy, and Land Management, Key: 575

For Approval – Program Change – HORT_BSAGR: Horticulture and Plant Sciences, Key, 555

For Approval – Program Change – MUSC_PER_BM: Music Performance, Key: 352

For Approval – Program Change – MUSCP_IP_AOE: Instrumental Performance, Key: 1379

For Approval – Program Change – MUSCP_P_AOE: Piano Performance, Key: 1378

For Approval – Program Change – MUSCP_VP_AOE: Voice Performance, Key: 1377

For Approval – Program Change – SECED_ENG_BA: English/Secondary Education, Key: 947

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Agribusiness Management, Key: 1556

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Energy Resource Management, Key: 1547

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Key: 1557

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Environmental Resource Management, Key: 1548

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Horticulture Production, Key: 1542

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Regenerative Agriculture, Key: 1618

- a. The committee proposed 13 new courses and 46 course changes, detailed in Annexes 1 and 2, respectively, along with eight program changes and six new programs for approval.

Motion to approve. Seconded.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. General Education Foundations Committee Report (Mary Beth Angeline)

- a. Committee is working on deactivating courses that have not been taught since 2017 and are close to finalizing a list of criteria for managing course offerings which will be presented next month.

5. The Teaching and Assessment Committee had no report.

6. Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies Report (Brian Dilcher)

For Approval – Petition for the Constituency of the College of Creative Arts and Media – [Annex III](#)

- a. The committee presented a petition for a new faculty constituency, the College of Creative Arts and Media. The petition met the required signature threshold.

Motion to approve. Seconded.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. The Shared Governance Committee had no report.

8. Report from Faculty Representative to State Government (Eloise Elliott)

- a. Most bills that were of concern to the institution did not pass. HB 515 concerning vaccination requirements did pass but was vetoed by the governor. A special session for the state legislature will be held in April.

9. Board of Governors Report (Stan Hileman)

- a. The board held a special meeting on March 18th where it discussed rules regarding the presidential search. Those rules were put out for comment and will remain open until April 18th on the BOG page.
- b. A request for proposals has been created to find a search firm to assist with the presidential search. More details will be provided at the April 12 meeting.

10. Campus Carry Communication Team Updates (Diana Davis)

- a. BOG 5.1.4 recently closed to public comments. As the rule is still in the approval process, many specific details could not yet be discussed.
- b. Anticipate seeing policies and procedures for faculty and staff signage around office spaces once the BOG policy is approved. Davis encouraged faculty to attend scheduled meetings and campus conversations that will follow the rule's passage.
- c. Faculty Senate will be considering a syllabus statement relating to firearms in offices once the BOG policy is approved.

11. Report from Provost Maryanne Reed

- a. Freshman retention rates improved to 92.4%, an increase of 1.2% over last year and the highest fall to spring retention rate ever.
- b. A count of fall 2024 enrollment is delayed due to ongoing issues with the FAFSA.
- c. Today through Friday is graduate student appreciation week, highlighting graduate student efforts and achievements across campus. Three-minute thesis competition at the Mountainlair on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
- d. This is research week on the Morgantown campus, celebrating the research accomplishments of students and faculty. Events will be held throughout the week.
- e. Outstanding faculty awards are currently being awarded. The Benedum Scholar ceremony will be held on April 9.
- f. WVU is searching for a new faculty ombudsperson following the resignation of Chris Schimmel from that role. Applications are being accepted for the position. A link to apply and learn more is on the WVU Careers page.
- g. The Office of the Provost has received program reviews from both PSC and WVUIT, and they are under review.
- h. The Day of Giving raised \$30.4 million in support of scholarships, activities, programs, and more.

12. Report from Mark Gavin, Associate Provost for Academic, Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives, and Lisa Sharpe, Assistant Vice President of Financial Operations – Update on Budget Structure

- a. FY2025 budget processes started with units last week. Units are asked to focus on expenses and renew generation that they directly control.

- b. The fiscal year 2025 will serve as a transitional period with the new model being introduced alongside existing budgeting processes. This allows university leaders and stakeholders to adjust to the new system.
- c. A new governance structure is being put in place to support the new budget model. This includes the University Budget Advisory Council, which will involve faculty, staff, and students, providing a platform for broader input into budget decisions.
- d. Budget Leadership Committee
- e. University Budget and Planning Committee (currently the University Planning Committee)
- f. Various advisory committees, such as the University Enrollment Focus Group and the Deans Leadership Council, play a crucial role in providing input and consulting on budget matters, reflecting the diverse needs and perspectives within the university.
- g. The goal is to have all components of the new budget model and governance structure fully operational and integrated by the start of fiscal year 2026.

13. Call for Nominations and Declarations of Candidacy – Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors

- a. Nominations closed with Leslie Cottrell as the sole candidate.

14. Chair-Elect Candidate Statements were presented by Scott Crichlow, Ralph Utzman, and Tom Zeni. Ballots will be distributed following adjournment and will remain open for seven days.

15. No new business.

16. Adjournment

Senate Chair Frankie Tack adjourned the meeting with unanimous consent at 4:32 p.m. to reconvene on May 6, 2024.

Corey Hunt

Faculty Senate Office Administrator

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