

Minutes  
West Virginia University Faculty Senate  
Tuesday, July 28, 2020

1. Nathalie Singh-Corcoran, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. The Senate met by videoconference.

Members Present:

Anderson, K.	Cui, A.	Grushecky, S.	McGinnis, R.	Sand-Jecklin, K.
Arthurs, J.	Davari, A.	Hamrick, A.	Miltenberger, M.	Scaife, B.
Bastress, R.	Davis, D.	Hardy, S.	Morgan, J.	Schaefer, G.
Benedito, V.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Harmon, I.	Morris, T.	Schimmel, C.
Bernstein, M.	Dilcher, B.	Hatipoglu, K.	Murphy, E.	Sealey, V.
Bhandari, R.	Donley, D.	Hauser, D.	Myers, S.	Sedney, C.
Billings, H.	Downes, M.	Hessl, A.	Nguyen, Y.	Sims, J.
Bonner, D.	Eades, D.	Hibbert, A.	Nix, A.	Singh-Corcoran, N.
Bragg, R.	Elliott, E.	Hileman, S.	Nutter, R.	Soccorsi, A.
Bravo, G.	Ellison, M.	Hodge, J.	Ogden, L.	Squire, D.
Bresock, K.	Elswick, D.	Hudgins, C.	Olfert, M.	Steele, J.
Bryner, R.	Eubank, T.	Hutson, Z.	Olson, K.	Swager, L.
Burnside, J.	Evans, K.	John, C.	Orr, E.	Tack, F.
Burt, A.	Famouri, P.	Kelly, K.	Peckens, S.	ter Haseborg, H.
Butina, M.	Feaster, K.	Kitchen, S.	Perhinschi, M.	Toppe, M.
Casey, R.	Fleming, S.	Kupec, J.	Petrone, A.	Tu, S.
Celikbas, E.	Fullen, M.	Law, K.	Phillips, T.	Valentine, K.
Chantler, P.	Funk, A.	Leary, M.	Rakes, P.	Vanderhoff, J.
Chisholm, S.	Galvan-Turner, V.	Li, H.	Reddy, R.	Vercelli, M.
Clemmer, M.	Galvez, M.	Mallow, J.	Reece, R.	Watson, J.
Cohen, S.	Geldenuys, W.	Marra, A.	Renzelli-Cain, R.	Wayne, S.
Corio, E.	Germana, M.	Martucci, A.	Rice, T.	Williams, D.
Costas, M.	Gilleland, D.	McCombie, R.	Rogers, T.	Woloshuk, J.
Cottrell, L.	Goodykoontz, E.	McCorry, J.	Ryan, E.	Woods, S.
Crichlow, S.	Graziani, G.	McCusker, B.	Samuels, H.	Zegre, N.
Cronin, A.	Gross, J.			

Members Excused:

Angeline, M.	Evans, J.	Klein, A.	Momen, J.	Welsh, A.
Dotson, S.	Honaker, L.			

Members Absent:

Bernardes, E.	Hornsby, G.	Mucino, V.	Shrader, C.	Young, S.
Holbein, M.	McKibben, J.	Sabolsky, E.	Willard, M.	

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

Hauser, D.	Martucci, A.	Murphy, E.	Nutter, R.	Singh-Corcoran, N.
Hileman, S.				

2. Chair Singh-Corcoran moved for approval of the minutes from the Monday, June 8, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President Gordon Gee reported that about two weeks ago he, Rob Alsop, and Board of Governors Chair, David Alvarez visited the governor to discuss our reopening strategy. He gave

his support, but cautioned us to be mindful of the fact that we have to consider the safety of faculty, staff, and students, as well as the community in which we reside. Following the spike in cases that began in early July, the governor took action to mandate masks indoors and to close bars in Morgantown. Those efforts have worked, as our community continues to see a decline in cases. However, we were very concerned that if we brought everyone back, the spread would be overpowering. We have therefore pivoted to a phased return on the Morgantown campus.

4. Provost Maryanne Reed provided an update on academic affairs, including the academic calendar, teaching modalities, and quality of instruction. Details are available on the Return to Campus web site.
5. Rob Alsop, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, provided a budget overview and updated budget projections.
6. Faculty Senate Chair Nathalie Singh-Corcoran reported the following:
  - This summer she, past chair, Emily Murphy, chair-elect, Ashley Martucci, and secretary, Dave Hauser have participated in countless fall planning meetings with university leadership; they have had regular one-on-one meetings with just the president and provost. Faculty members' questions have been shared with university leadership, and so they are aware of everyone's concerns regarding the coming academic year; senate officers are pushing for our leadership to be as clear and as transparent as possible.
  - A summer working group of faculty senators was formed to continue the work towards advocacy. She and other members of that group, Sheri Chisolm, Scott Crichlow, Anne Cronin, Lori Ogden, Jennifer Steele, Robin Hissam, David Hauser, Ashley Martucci, Emily Murphy, Stan Hileman, and Roy Nutter, have met weekly with Lou Slimak. They have reviewed and provided feedback on documents such as the COVID-19 Syllabus Statement.
  - In the coming weeks, she plans to form a special committee on Caregiver concerns. This committee will work alongside Melissa Latimer's Provost-Level committee.
  - She will also continue the work past-chair, Emily Murphy started, in improving our organizational communication.
  - The coming academic year will present a number of challenges. We will all be taking on additional responsibilities under increasingly stressful conditions. She has received a few emails asking if faculty senate will issue a statement regarding the fall. Any faculty member (senator or not) can draft a statement and seek senate endorsement. It does not have to come from the chair. Such statements should be collaborative endeavors, written in the spirit of shared governance. And, if ever there was a year for shared governance, it is this one.
7. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that he attended the annual summer retreat. Topics included the pandemic, the loss of programs and faculty at some state institutions, transfer credits, and Title IX revisions.
8. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that this summer's regular and special meetings have focused on COVID-19 and its budget implications.
9. Chair Singh-Corcoran presented Annex I, COVID-19 Syllabus Statement. A motion was made and duly seconded to replace "Should a student forget to bring required PPE, the instructor will

provide it if possible.” with “Should a student forget to bring the required PPE, PPE will be available in the building for students to acquire.” Motion carried. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the syllabus statement as amended. Motion carried.

10. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, September 14, 2020.

Judy Hamilton  
Office Administrator

## COVID-19 Syllabus Statement

WVU is committed to maintaining a safe learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff. Should campus operations change because of health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is possible that this course will move to a fully online delivery format. If that occurs, students will be advised of technical and/or equipment requirements, including remote proctoring software.

In a face-to-face environment, our commitment to safety requires students, staff, and instructors to observe the social distancing and personal protective equipment (PPE) guidelines set by the University at all times. While in class, students will sit in assigned seats when applicable and wear the required PPE. Should a student forget to bring required PPE, PPE will be available in the building for students to acquire. Students who fail to comply will be dismissed from the classroom for the class period and may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for further sanctions.

If a student becomes sick or is required to quarantine during the semester, they should notify the instructor. The student should work with the instructor to develop a plan to receive the necessary course content, activities, and assessments to complete the course learning outcomes.