

MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

1. Professor Steve Kite, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

Member Present:

Ameri, S.	D'Souza, G.	King, J.	Peace, G.	Stack, S.
Anderson, R.	Davari, A.	Kirby, B.	Perone, M.	Steranka, P.
Atkins, C.	Davis, S.	Kleist, V.	Petronis, J.	Stockdale, T.
Behling, R.	DiBartolomeo, L.	LaGodna, B.	Plein, C.	Stuchell, R.
Blaydes, S.	Fitch, C.	Lake, M.	Price, S.	Tallaksen, R.
Bonner, D.	Fredette, H.	Lastinger, V.	Richards, A.	Tauger, M.
Bowen, E.	Frum, K.	Long, K.	Riemenschneider, S.	Temple, J.
Brooks, R.	Garbutt, K.	Malarcher, J.	Robbins, J.	Turton, R.
Brown, G.	Griffith, R.	Mancinelli, C.	Robinson, C.	Urbanski, J.
Bryner, R.	Hall, D.	Mandich, M.	Ruscello, D.	Valenti, M.
Campbell, L.	Hendrickson, J.	McDiarmid, M.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Vona-Davis, L.
Cohen, S.	Hornak, L.	Mutz, C.	Sedgeman, J.	Walls, T.
Comer, P.	Hornsby, G.	Napolitano, M.	Selin, S.	Watson, J.
Cottrell, L.	Howard, S.	Nath, C.	Shelton, E.	Webb-Dempsey, J.
Cottrell, S.	Huffman, V.	Nestor, P.	Sherlock, L.	Weihman, L.
Culberson, J.	Jackowitz, A.	Nutter, R.	Sherwood, L.	Wilcox, G.
Cumming, J.	Kershner, R.	Olson, K.	Siegrist, J.	Woloshuk, J.

Members Absent

Almond, C.	Dedhia, H.	Hessl, A.	McCombie, R.	Ryan, K.
Bagby, M.	Dillis, C.	Hurst, M.	McGinley, P.	Stolzenberg, A.
Banta, L.	Etzel, E.	Iskander, W.	Miller, M.	Townsend, C.
Brooks, J.	Gerbo, R.	Latimer, M.	Moffett, K.	Walker, E.
Chetlin, R.	Hartman, K.	Lively, M.	Murthy, K.	
Clark, N.	Hermosilla, P.	McClellan, A.	Riley, W.	

2. Chair Kite welcomed the newly elected senators.
3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2007 meeting.
Motion carried.
4. President Garrison said he appreciated the invitation to address the Faculty Senate, as well as the individual e-mails he has received from various senators. He discussed what WVU is doing and where it is going. The President said Chair Kite has discussed issues that matter most to the Faculty Senate as a whole. He said the name has been changed for the morning "8:15 a.m. group" who meet on a regular basis to discuss the day to day operations to the "7:30 Senior Management Team," and it will meet once every other week. Students, faculty and staff now have a representative on this group. The President said it has been very important to him to have Dr. Lang and Dr. Butcher involved with the new management team. President Garrison "officially" became President-elect on July 1, 2007; he started to prepare in mid-April and met with the FS Executive Committee on April 16, 2007. He said he has learned a lot throughout the summer. During the transition time for his presidency, eight

public forums have been held for the University committee. The President said it will help him tremendously to have a continuous dialogue with faculty. He announced that a dual-career program will be discussed this week that will be important for recruiting new faculty. Other issues to be explored include: parking, child care, and Morgantown's traffic issues. The inaugural celebration will be on October 19th with a full week of activities coming before and after the ceremony. The President asked the senators to take part in the academic procession because it will be a key part of the inauguration ceremony. He asked that faculty represent their degree granting institution in the procession. This will give a broad showcase of the diversity of our faculty. Provost Lang sent out formal invitations to faculty concerning this request.

5. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2007 meeting.
Motion carried.

6. It was moved and duly seconded to approve Grace Wigal as the new Faculty Senate Parliamentarian.

7. Highlights of Chair Kite's powerpoint presentation included:

Faculty report to the Board of Governors (BOG).

Discussion included the BOG's acceptance of a 5% pay package.

During his report, he explained what the Faculty Senate represents and that most of the Senate work is done by the standing committees; each of the committees reinforce the core missions of teaching, service and research.

Issues included: cost of living, quality of life, issues in the community, responsiveness to the land-grant mission, cooperation between units, child care and green space.

Recognition was given to past chairs Famouri and Lastinger for their work on the BOG and during the presidential search.

Core missions were addressed and an analogy about having "good players on a team" was given.

Resolution to work with President-elect (and now) President Garrison.

Seeking formal enhancement of faculty participation and leadership in University governance.

Chair Kite moved that the number of members on the "Work Group on Faculty Shared Governance" be changed from 11 to 10 and remove 1 member from the governor's office or the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC). Faculty Senate Chair-elect Virginia Kleist will chair the work group.

Professor Siegrist recommended that an extra focus be taken to extend programs from WVU-Morgantown to the regional campuses. Chair Kite said he recently visited the campus of WVU-Technical Institute and he believes that the ties should be strengthened with all the regional campuses.

Professor Famouri thanked Chair Kite for his excellent presentation in educating the BOG concerning issues concerning WVU.

8. A power point presentation concerning the “Campus-wide Green Campaign” was given by Barbara Angeletti & Lisa Saurborn. Lisa introduced the new initiative called “WE CAN” which stands for, “West Virginia University Environmental Conservation Awareness Now.” She said this year’s focus will be to educate people about energy conservation and recycling. Lisa encouraged senators to send any suggestions and/or notes concerning the campaign. She said in October, the Ecolympics will take place with WVU-Morgantown residence halls. The project will focus on “energy conservation and recycling,” and whichever hall recycles and saves the most energy will get a prize.
9. Professor Cottrell, Chair, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee, said last year a “short-term approval process” was implemented for special topics courses that needed to become new courses. She said extending this process will depend on how many more special topics courses need to be implemented as new courses. Professor Cottrell will report back to the Senate in October.
10. Chair Kite moved for approval of the General Education Oversight Committee’s report listed in Annex IV. He said a few courses and audits were left off the last report when it went to the Faculty Senate on June 11th; therefore, since he was chair of the committee at that time, he moved for approval of the report. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.
11. Associate Provost C.B. Wilson discussed modifications for the Board of Governor’s Policy # 2, Academic Freedom, Professional Responsibility, Promotion and Tenure, listed as Annex V on the agenda. He said on August 3, 2007, the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) approved the language for Series 9, which is listed on the 4th page of the Policy, and it is an approval for all higher education institutions. Associate Provost Wilson said the modifications are only for West Virginia University, so they will make more sense to faculty. Such modifications will allow the Institution to make non-tenure appointments for instructional appointments. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the modifications. Motion carried.
12. Sophia Blaydes, Chair, Retired Faculty, distributed a handout concerning the “Committee of Retired Faculty.” She said in 1989, it became a standing committee of the Faculty Senate with a 10-member governing board. This year, Margaret Phillips, VP Human Resources, began a project whereby she will be providing programs for current faculty who are expecting to retire within the next 5-10 years; therefore, activities have been condensed to only include retired faculty. To date, there are 556 retired faculty members, in which 92% live in West Virginia. Chair Blaydes said 164 workshops have been presented to 6,636 retired faculty, and average attendance for the workshops is approximately 41 members. In November, a workshop concerning “in-home care” will be held. Achievements for the Committee of Retired Faculty include: the phased retirement program, long-term care plan, reviewing of requirements for emeritus rank that was approved by the Faculty Senate. She encouraged senators planning to retire soon to be part of the committee. Chair Blaydes and Co-Chair Phil Comer will attend the Faculty Senate meetings to give committee updates.
13. Chair Kite said all members should have received and printed out the “2007-2008 Faculty Senate Committee” list that was on the agenda.

14. Professor Roy Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) representative, explained that the ACF is a group of faculty that has one representative from each campus state wide. He said LOCEA (Legislative Oversight Committee on Education Accountability) met yesterday at Shepherd College and Chancellor Noland discussed the following issues concerning WVU-IT: enrollment growth, investing in deferred maintenance, professional development of faculty and addressing faculty salary and retention issues. Professor Nutter gave his report concerning, "Legislative Issues for 2007-2008." He moved that the list of issues be approved. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.
15. Chair Kite moved that President Garrison's Inaugural Address serve as the State of the University Address. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.
16. Chair Kite read a resolution concerning President Emeritus Hardesty's 12 years of cooperation with the Faculty Senate. It was moved and duly seconded that resolution be accepted. Motion carried.
17. New Business

Professor Kershner said this past week, Professor Robert Stitzel passed away. She said he was a tremendous educator, researcher and servant to WVU and the University community. She recommended a resolution letter be prepared for Professor Stitzel. It was moved and duly seconded that a committee be appointed to oversee the proposing of the letter and Professor Kershner chair the committee. Motion carried.
18. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 8, 2007.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary