

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
January 23, 2006

1. Chair Lastinger called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

Members present:

Atkins, C.	Famouri, P.	Lastinger, M.
Butcher, F.	Hardesty, D.	McDiarmid, M.
Dean, R.	Hornak, L.	Strife, M.
Elmore, S.	Jackowitz, A.	Torsney, C.

Members absent:

Kershner, R.	Lang, G.	Mays, M.
Nutter, R.	Wilson, C.B.	

Guests:

Bergner, G.	Cook, M.	Held, J.
Simmons, C. (D.A.)		

2. President Hardesty said he just returned home from a west coast trip for fund raising in conjunction with the UCLA game. He said WVU has remarkable recognition throughout California, and it is a result of the success of WVU's sports teams. The President addressed three demographic maps in the room. One of them reflected where most WVU students come from, which is the northeast, so WVU recruits intensely in this area. The President said appropriate relationships with students will require travel and good internet communications. He said there was an article in, "USA Today," that looked at the tuition rates and compared the top 60 national flagship universities. WVU is on the list because students "come from" and "go to" many different states. The President said he came away from the trip with offers for help from people that live all over California, and the challenge is, "how WVU can put these people to work."

The President said he would check if graduating students can keep their "MIX" internet accounts after they graduate so they can keep in touch with the University, and the University can keep in touch with them.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2005, meeting. In item 7, line 5, the sentence should read, "Process changes are proposed," instead of, "Process changes have also been implemented." Motion carried.
4. Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary, distributed a handout pertaining to using "VoteNet" for the electronic Faculty Senate election. The student body has successfully used OnDemand voting from VoteNet over the last few years. Faculty will be assigned an appropriate login/password for their school/college elections. Cost is based on the number of eligible voters which changes from year to year since not all units hold elections every year. This

year the election will be held in March. Mary will register with VoteNet and get the process started.

5. Chair Lastinger read minutes from the January, ACF meeting; he said the Governor's liaison, Jay Cole, Educational Affairs Advisor, listed 3 main items for the group to consider. The first item was the P-20 concept, which is to establish the concept that pre-school through graduate school should have a coordinated approach to education with the same solid backing for funding. The Chair said the "International Experience" is the second item, and the third item includes the Governor's commission on, "meet and confer."

The Chair said he received a note from Professor Kite, Chair-elect, General Education Committee, saying that he is thinking ahead about how to devise a plan to review the huge number of audits that are coming to the committee; the average is 100 per year. The new charge includes working with the assessment council and/or any other body of assessment. Chair Lastinger said an assessment meeting is planned for Friday, January 27, 2006.

6. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the Faculty Senate minutes from the January 10, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.
7. Professor Gwen Bergner, Chair-elect, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee moved for approval of Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Changes consisted of the following: confirm that number "115" is the correct number to be used for the History course; revise page numbers; on page 2, change spelling from, "Principals" to "Principles" for both PLSC 453 and PLSC 553; and correct spelling for both "Rationale" and "Journalism." Motion carried.  
The Alteration Report listed in Annex II was presented for information.
8. Professor Jim Held, Chair, General Education Committee, moved for approval of Annex III, GEC report. He will confirm the number for the History course so it is consistent with the history course listed in the Curriculum Committee report. Motion carried. Professor Held said the committee will start meeting bi-monthly because of the volume of audit courses coming in for review.
9. Professor Carolyn Atkins and Melanie Cook reported on the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee on Academic Misconduct. The committee continues to discuss ways to make codes clearer for students and better educate them about plagiarism. It was suggested to place "teaching modules" on the internet, and/or give students notification of academic misconduct, and ask them to sign a form that would list any disclaimers. Ms. Cook said academic integrity is currently being taught in UNIV 101 classes. The committee will continue to discuss this issue.
10. Professor Larry Hornak gave a report concerning the Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Organization for Research and Graduate Education Engagement. He said the only feedback he received was to make both the Faculty Senate Chair and Chair-elect members of the Graduate Council. The Chair said some of the senate organizational issues will go to the Joint Rules Committee. A Task Force will be put in place for graduate education, and any changes

to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will be considered constitutional changes. Professor Hornak will continue his report next month so Provost Lang can be included in the discussion.

11. At the January 9<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting, Professor Clark asked the Senate Executive Committee to discuss if a “warning grade” could be given to students stating that they are doing poorly; such a warning would not affect their GPA. He said since the “unsatisfactory” grade hurts the student’s GPA, and he believes students would benefit by being given a warning grade. The Executive Committee will forward this issue to the Student Instruction Committee.
12. At the January 9<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting, Professor Wilkinson asked if the Senate Executive Committee would refer WVU’s “attendance policy” to an appropriate committee for its review. He said he would like a statement submitted to faculty concerning events or activities where absences would not be excused for those pertaining to extra-curricular activities in which the student is not a participant.” The Chair said there was a column in the Daily Athenaeum that discussed, “mandatory attendance.” Associate Provost Torsney said she submitted an article to the Daily Athenaeum that stated, “Students representing University-sponsored activities should be given accommodations for attendance, but if faculty chose not to enforce the attendance policy, they would be supported.” The Executive Committee will forward this issue to the Student Instruction Committee. Chair Lastinger said if anyone had additional comments, they should e-mail the Student Instruction Committee.
13. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 23, 2006.

Mary Strife  
Faculty Secretary