

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, September 28, 2020

1. Chair Nathalie Singh-Corcoran called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Committee members and guests participated via videoconference.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Elliott, E.	Murphy, E.	Steele, J.
Bastress, R.	Gee, G.	Nutter, R.	Vanderhoff, J.
Chisholm, S.	Hauser, D.	Reed, M.	Veselicky, L.
Cottrell, L.	Hileman, S.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Wayne, S.
DiBartolomeo, L.	Martucci, A.	Sowards, A.	

Guests:

Becker, K	Kelley, E.	Neidermeyer, P.	Staples, C.
Brugnoli, A.	Kreider, P.	Pfeifer, A.	Thomas, R.
DeBastiani, A.	Latimer, M.	Shannon, R.	Widders, E.
Gavin, M.	Long, D.	Slimak, L.	

2. Chair Singh-Corcoran moved for approval of the minutes from the August 24, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - He appreciates the good work everyone is doing. Based on his observations, students are wearing masks and social distancing.
 - We are being as data driven as we possible about the decisions we are making with respect to online versus in-person instruction. Our classroom protocols are working well for the health and safety of our community.
 - We achieved a record of nearly \$200 million in external funding for research and other sponsored programs, which further solidifies our R1 ranking.
 - We raised almost \$200 million in private giving in FY 2020.
 - A full report will be released soon from the diversity working groups.
4. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
 - There are several new protocols in place, including regular, free COVID-19 testing for faculty and staff.
 - If we have to pivot back to online instruction because of an increase in cases, we would likely stay online for the remainder of the semester.
 - Spring 2021 registration has been delayed by two weeks. We plan to publish the schedule on October 20, with registration to begin on November 2. The goal is to return more ownership to colleges and academic units. The Office of the Provost is providing guidelines and guardrails, such as prioritizing face-to-face instruction for freshmen and graduate students.
 - Summer registration will be delayed until spring.

- Faculty Senate leadership presented her with a document containing several requests, including greater involvement in decision making around planning for COVID-19 and a review of the faculty governance structure.
5. Chair Singh-Corcoran reported that
 - Stephanie Taylor and Ryan Watson will discuss intellectual property rights with respect to course materials at the November Faculty Senate meeting.
 - Erin Kelley and Dan Long will give a presentation on ADA Compliance at the October Faculty Senate meeting.
 6. Jennifer Steele, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee presented the following reports for approval. Motion carried.
 - Annex I, New Courses Report
 - Annex II, Course Changes Report
 - New Degree Program in Early Childhood Special Education
 - New Major in PSC-Technical Studies: Carpentry Technology
 7. Lisa Di Bartolomeo, Chair of the General Education Foundations Committee, reported that committee members have been looking into racial justice and diversity requirements at other universities. Their findings will be discussed at the next meeting, scheduled for October 5.
 8. Jessica Vanderhoff, Chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, provided an update on the Early Semester, Teaching Assessment Survey.
 9. Nathalie Singh-Corcoran, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies presented the following report for approval. Motion carried.
 - Annex III, Committee Appointments
 10. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, provided an update on the Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) and Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) meetings that took place on September 18.
 11. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board met on September 18. Topics included COVID preparedness, a WVU Foundation update, building project updates, and an extension to the special emergency leave program.
 12. Chair Singh-Corcoran presented Annex IV, a Resolution to Create an Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Planning, for approval. Members will be selected from volunteers currently serving on other Faculty Senate Committees, with the intent of creating greater representation from academic units across campus and meeting the planning needs of the provost's office. Motion carried.
 13. New Business – Nathalie Singh-Corcoran presented a Resolution on ADA Accessibility Expectations for approval. Motion carried.

14. The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 26, 2020.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator