

MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Monday, December 8, 2008

1. Professor Virginia Kleist, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

2. Members Present:

Abraham, R.	Cottrell, S.	Kirby, B.	Perone, M.	Steranka, P.
Ahern, T.	Davari, A.	Kleist, V.	Petronis, J.	Stolzenberg, A.
Anderson, J.	Davis, S.	Kuhlman, J.	Plein, C.	Stuchell, R.
Bilgesu, I.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Lively, M.	Rafter, J.	Tallaksen, R.
Blaydes, S.	D'Souza, G.	Long, K.	Richards, A.	Tower, L.
Bonner, D.	Famouri, P.	Malarcher, J.	Riley, W.	Turton, R.
Bowen, E.	Fredette, H.	Mandich, M.	Ruscello, D.	Urbanski, J.
Boyles, J.	Graber, S.	McDiarmid, M.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Valenti, M.
Branch, D.	Hall, D.	Meckstroth, R.	Schreurs, B.	Vona-Davis, L.
Bredehoft, T.	Hartman, K.	Miller, M.	Sedgeman, J.	Walls, T.
Brooks, J.	Hash, K.	Nelson, C.	Serafini, M.	Watson, J.
Bryner, R.	Hessl, A.	Nestor, P.	Shelton, E.	Weihman, L.
Caldwell, J.	Hileman, S.	Nichols, A.	Sherlock, L.	Wilcox, G.
Campbell, L.	Insch, G.	Nutter, R.	Sherwood, L.	Wilson, M.
Clark, B.	Iskander, W.	Oberhauser, A.	Siegrist, J.	Woloshuk, J.
Clark, N.	Jacknowitz, A.	Olson, K.	Spleth, J.	
Cottrell, L.	Kershner, R.	Peace, G.	Stack, S.	

Members Absent:

Abate, M.	Chetlin, R.	Higgins, C.	McCombie, R.	Robbins, J.
Bagby, M.	Comer, P.	Huffman, V.	McGinley, P.	Ryan, K.
Banta, L.	Connors, J.	Hunter, S.	Murthy, K.	Zaslau, S.
Bonar, C.	Hermosilla, P.	Mancinelli, C.	Riemenschneider, S.	

Members Excused:

Bergner, G.	Lake, M.	Latimer, M.	Rauch, H.	Wenger, S.
Hutson, Z.	Lastinger, V.	Nath, C.	Rockett, I.	

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the Monday, November 10, 2008 meeting. **Motion carried.**

4. Interim President, C. Peter Magrath appointed an Ad hoc Committee to "Rescind Asinine Procedures," and he asked Professor Nigel Clark to chair the committee. Members will include representatives from faculty, staff, and administrators. The Interim President said efforts are underway by key executives to examine all areas in the Health Sciences Center to integrate and collaborate wasteful redundancies that are not helpful to the cause of health care. The Interim President reported that Governor Manchin has convened an energy summit that will be held tomorrow (Tuesday, December 9, 2008) at the Stonewall Jackson Resort in West Virginia; representatives from various environmental and energy groups will attend. Interim President C. Peter Magrath will attend the summit as well and speak on various issues. He said West Virginia is a state that is enormously involved in energy in terms of research and application, and WVU continues to engage in productive ways with the state and the region.

5. Interim Provost Jane Martin reported on the following issues:

- The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (ACRO) visited the University on November 12-14, 2008 to study the record-keeping processes of the University. The consultants are in the process of preparing their report, and it will be read February 2, 2009. The Interim Provost said the consultants were impressed with the commitment of the faculty to the students and to the University.
- A diversity workshop was held on October, 2008, and great progress was made with Coppin State as a feeder school for WVU's graduate programs. On January 6-7, 2009, the provost from Coppin State, her assistant, and 3 faculty members representing nursing, business and economics and engineering will attend WVU to meet with various WVU representatives. They will attend a basketball game on January 6th and on January 7th, the group will meet with various faculty contingent groups. Interim Provost Martin, Interim President C. Peter Magrath and a few minority doctorate students will have a luncheon with the representatives before they leave for Maryland.
- Jonathan Cumming and Sid Morrison presented to the 2010 Implementation Team. Their presentations included the criticalness of both graduate programs and OIT resources. On June 30, 2009, Sid Morrison, AProv Information Technology, will step down from his position. The Provost's Office will be actively looking for a person to provide the leadership, vision and strategic planning that is needed for the OIT enterprise. Sample job descriptions will be sent to the Provost's Office so they can be reviewed before opening the search. To date, a search committee has not been implemented.
- Associate Provost Torsney will be leaving the University to take a new position as Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean at Hiram College in Ohio; her starting date will be June 1, 2009. The title for Professor Torsney's current position has been changed to "Vice-President for Undergraduate Academic Affairs." A search committee has been named for this position. Associate Provost C.B. Wilson will chair the Committee, and members will include: Jonathan Cumming, Vice-President for Graduate Academic Affairs; Elisabeth Shelton, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, School of Nursing; Keith Garbutt, Dean of Honors College; and Nigel Clark, Professor, CEMR, and Faculty Senate Chair-elect. The Committee will meet before the holiday break to review the five applications that have been received. Interim Provost Martin encouraged a thorough review, but a quick decision, so the new person can work with Professor Torsney before she leaves the University.

6. Chair Kleist reported on the following issues:

- Reminder of the holiday party at the Blaney House today at 5:30 p.m.
- Two interim board members for the Research Corporation- presently held by Professors Larry Hornak and Earl Scime need to be replaced. The Chair asked that nominations for these two positions be submitted to Professor Gwen Bergner, Chair, Committee on Committees.
- Patrick Callery represents faculty at the Health Sciences Center, and he has been attending monthly Executive Committee meetings held at the HSC. A meeting was held

this morning, and the proposed bi-laws were pulled, but there may be discussions about current bi-laws.

- The Executive Committee met with Chancellor Noland in August, 2008, about the presidential search rule. To date, this rule has not passed through HEPC. On October 6th, the Chair sent a letter on behalf of the Executive Committee relaying its recommendations for the search rule along with a few comments. It is the legal responsibility of HEPC to approve the presidential search.
- The Chair also asked about the president's salary in the October 6th letter. She asked if it could be based upon a basket of presidential salaries of peer institutions that were selected by the governing board of the institution. The response was that a basket will be used by a consultant group and other national data will be incorporated. HEPC understands that the University must pay a competitive salary for WVU's new president.
- The HEPC is legally obligated to approve the final presidential candidate, and they will have great sensitivity to the timing of the search and the interview process.
- On November 10th, the Faculty Senate approved a motion that questioned the PEIA increases being proposed. On November 13th, many faculty went to the PEIA hearing held at the Ramada Inn, Morgantown, to make comments. Roy Nutter, ACF representative worked with ACF, and he was influential in the passing of a state-wide motion. On December 4th, the PEIA Board passed an increase on premiums, but no associated increases were instituted.
- Sara Bishop attended the November 17th Executive Committee to show detailed screen shots of how the curriculum committee process will be automated. The Ad hoc Curriculum Committee group, chaired by Steve Kite will continue to review the curriculum automation. They will meet in January.
- The Chair spoke with Larry Hornak about the presidential search, and he said he was extremely pleased with how the search is going. The pool is strong, and he is impressed. Professor Cottrell, member of presidential search committee, said the process has been smooth and managed effectively with very strong candidates.
- The GEC Ad hoc portfolio group will meet this week to finalize its report.

7. The following consent agenda reports were approved:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. A change included modifying the course description for ATTR 626 listed on page 8; "physically active individual" will be replaced by "injured athlete." The reason for the change was to better differentiate the course from similar physical therapy courses.

Annex II, Alteration Report

Annex III, Course Recommendations

Annex IV, GEC Audits

Annex V, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies 2007-08 Annual Report and 2008-09 Committee Goals

8. Professor Roy Nutter, ACF representative, reported that the last ACF meeting was Thursday, November 20, 2008. Issues included PEIA changes; state schools passed a similar resolution that was passed by the WVU Faculty Senate. The same statement is now a resolution for the ACF.

Professor Nutter presented the resolution to the PEIA board in Huntington, WV. The ACF passed a BOG resolution. On Friday, November 21, Professor Nutter gave the annual ACF presentation to HEPC. Three issues include: bring higher education funding to the national average, membership for faculty on HEPC and the CCTV; continued push to allow higher education to serve on the legislature. This week, Professor Nutter will give the ACF annual report to the community technical college counsel and then on January 11th or 12th, he will give the report to Legislature's Education Committee.

9. Professor Mike Perone presented a handout entitled, Resolution on Proposed Revisions to Legislation on Boards of Governors of Institutions of Higher Education in West Virginia. Professor Perone asked for the Faculty Senate to endorse revisions to the code that control the compensation appointment of the boards of governors for all the institutions of higher learning in West Virginia. He said revisions were developed in collaboration with the Monongalia County delegation, and discussed in September. The Legislature would like to do something to improve the composition of the BOG and resolve some of the concerns that have been addressed at WVU in the last several months. He said this legislative session is the golden opportunity to effect modest but meaningful changes. The handout lists some of those changes. Professor Perone said on September 18th, a small group of faculty worked on the resolution, chaired by Boyd Edwards. The group will meet with Governor Manchin to discuss the ideas, which are currently under review by Staff Council. Professor Perone said he would like to take the endorsements of the Faculty Senate, Advisory Council and Staff Council with him when he presents the Resolution to the Governor. He moved approval of the resolution. It was duly seconded. **Motion carried.**
10. Narvel Weese, Vice-President for Administration and Finance gave a power point presentation concerning the University's financial status.
11. Professor Steve Kite gave an update on the "State-wide Task Force on Textbook Affordability." The group met Thursday, December 4th in the WVU Mountain lair. Students, administrators and representatives from the textbook trade attended. Professor Kite said the group has received positive comments, especially from SGA leaders, and he will continue to pass e-mails to the task force group. He said the increase in the cost of textbooks has exceeded the increase of the overall cost of education. The Higher Education Act, which passed this summer, now requires publishers to tell faculty members what the price will be on the textbook they adopt. He said the University must list the price of textbooks for each course. Topics of discussion by the task force included: online sales of books, direct student to student book exchange, textbook rental programs, E-books for advertising, E-books with advertisements, unbound books for 3-ring binders, and customized books with only needed chapters. Professor Kite will report back as the ad hoc committee continues to meet.
12. Professor Sedgeman said the Student Evaluation of Instruction committee will meet this week if anyone would like to attend, she will send an e-mail about the time and place of the meeting. She said comments/input are welcomed. An e-mail survey may be done to get further suggestions.
13. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. for an immediate Executive Session. The next meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2009.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary