

Faculty Senate Executive Committee
President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall
December 17, 2007

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

Members present:

Clark, N.	Garbutt, K.	Lang, G.	Torsney, C.
Cottrell, L.	Hornsby, G.	McDiarmid, M.	
Cumming, J.	Jackowitz, A.	Nutter, R.	
Etzel, E.	Kite, S.	Olson, K.	
Famouri, P.	Kleist, V.	Richards, A.	

Members absent:

Dean, R.	Garrison, M.	Martin, J.	Strife, M.
Wilson, C.			

Guests:

Askins, N. (Sierra Student Coalition)
Janney, M. (Dominion Post)

2. Provost Lang reported on the energy audit. He said Phase II of the energy performance contract will provide opportunities for energy to be improved. The contract is a mechanism to implement resource efficiency improvements with minimum upfront costs; two more audit phases are in the planning stages. The Provost said last Friday the Board of Governors approved Phase II of an energy renovation plan; in which approximately \$7 million dollars will go toward energy renovations at WVU-Morgantown, 2.2 million dollars will be given to WVU-Tech and \$3.3 million dollars will be given to WVU-Parkersburg. A third and fourth phase will also be implemented. The Provost said energy is important to the future of the country, so the University will do its part to bring outdated energy structures up-to-date. Last week, 100 faculty and others came together to discuss the University's energy plan. The Provost said Chesapeake Energy has committed to give \$750,000 to WVU over the next five years to support graduate students and faculty research in geology and geography, petroleum engineering, and law.

The Provost said faculty have ownership in their class concerning whether it meets or not; they have flexibility in figuring out how to handle having class during increment weather. The Provost and Associate Provost Cheryl Torsney are working on a document that will be sent out to all faculty letting them know that they have the latitude to decide if their class should be cancelled or not.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2007 meeting with a correction to include Jonathan Cumming in the members present list.
Motion carried.

4. The draft minutes for the December 10, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed with a revision in the first line of item 2; it should read “100-day mark” instead of “100 mark.”
5. Professor Stan Cohen, Chair, Student Evaluation of Instruction, gave a committee progress report. He said the committee drafted a statement and requests it be put in the course syllabi to encourage students to complete the Student Evaluation of Instruction forms. The Executive Committee gave recommendations to Professor Cohen concerning the statement, he will take them back to the SEI committee for further discussion.
6. Professor Roy Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, said a report will be submitted to the LOCEA on January 6, 2008. He will provide a web link to the Faculty Senate so the report can be posted. He said other meetings will take place with the HEPC, CTC and Legislative Oversight Committee.
7. Nate Askins, Sierra Student Coalition representative, said that “Focus the Nation” is a national event that has 1200 schools participating. The goal is to make others aware of global warming climate changes on various campuses across the nation. He said a day-long seminar/teaching is scheduled for January 31, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Panel sessions will include 2-3 faculty speaking about how global warming relates to their field of instruction and what WVU is doing about global warming. He said a question and answer session will follow the panel sessions. If anyone has suggestions, he requests e-mails be sent to: nate.askins@juno.com. It was moved and duly seconded that Mr. Askins give a report on “global warming” to the Faculty Senate on January 14, 2008. Motion carried. He will send his report to Chair Kite so it can be placed on the Senate agenda.
8. Chair Kite said he has a conflict with the June 9th Faculty Senate meeting, so it was moved and duly seconded that the Faculty Senate meeting be changed to Monday, June 2, 2008. Motion carried.

The Chair reported that, currently, 30 participants have signed up for the writing forum that will be held on Friday, January 11, 2008 at the Erickson Alumni Center. He said he appreciated the discussion concerning the forum, which was led by Professor Cy Logar, B&E, and Associate Provost Cheryl Torsney, Academic Affairs, at the December 10th Faculty Senate meeting.

Provost Lang will give an enrollment report at the January 14, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting and Narvel Weese, VP for Administration and Finance, will give a financial report. Ed Pastilong, Director of Athletics, will give an athletic report. Jonathan Cumming, Assistant VP for Graduate Education, will report on graduate education at the February 11, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting and Kristina Olson will give a code of conduct report. A research corporation report will be given at the March 10, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting.

Chair Kite said the HEPC legislative initiative powerpoint presentation given by Chancellor Noland at the December 10, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting can be viewed at:

<http://www.wvu.edu/~facultys/07Files/Chancellor'sReportDec2007.ppt>. The Chair and Chair-elect Kleist visited WVU-Parkersburg on December 3, 2007 and they met with 16 members of the Senate; various concerns were discussed.

Last year, WVU was invited to participate in a faculty academy. Associate Provost Torsney will give a presentation concerning "teaching the millennium student". She said if anyone has a topic they would like to present, sign-ups will be held during the first of the year.

9. Chair-elect Kleist, Chair of the Work Group on Faculty Shared Governance, said in the spring, a charge was given to the workgroup to form a widespread membership group so communication and interaction can be enhanced between WVU faculty and the BOG. She said the group consists of two board members: Parry Petroplus and Robert Wells; administrative representatives: Russ Dean and Patricia Chase; Chair of the workgroup, Virginia Kleist and Faculty Senate Chair Steve Kite; 5 faculty representatives: Donald Hall, A&S, Lawrence Hornak, CEMR, Arthur Jacknowitz, Pharmacy, Marjorie McDiarmid, Law, and Kim Horn, Medicine. She said 3 meetings have been held so far and a 4th meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2008; President Garrison will attend this meeting. Chair-elect Kleist said the BOG has been responsive and pleased about the structure of the workgroup and everyone has been willing to serve. The group has requested to be on the February BOG meeting agenda.
10. Professor Cottrell, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
 - Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried with a minor change.
 - Annex II, Pre-Pharmacy Prerequisite Change. Motion carried.
 - Annex III, Program Change for the BA in Religious Studies. Motion carried.
 - Annex IV, the Alteration Report was presented for information.
11. Professor Garbutt, Chair, General Education Committee, moved for approval of Annex V, Course Recommendations. Motion carried.
12. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, January 28, 2008.

Barbara Dunn
Committee Secretary