

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
 Monday, November 3, 2025 – 3:15 P.M.
 Location: College of Law Event Hall; Zoom



Faculty Senate Chair Scott Crichlow called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Dai, F.	Jones, J.	Peluso, A.	Taylor, G.
Abraham, J.	Davis, D.	Jones, M.	Pena-Yewtukhiw, E.	Terry, D.
Adkins, B.	Deci, S.	Kidd, K.	Phillips, B.	Thomay, A.
Ameri, S.	Dilcher, B.	Leary, M.	Powell, B.	Unger, K.
Benincosa, M.	Fidelman, E.	Leight, M.	Prinzo, L.	Valenti, M.
Bergeron, J.	Fleming, S.	Li, H.	Pyles, L.	Vance, B.
Bonasso, P.	Fonseca, C.	Liller, B.	Ray Chaudhuri, N.	Wartella, J.
Bragg, R.	Fullen, M.	Martin, E.	Reaser, R.	Watson, K.
Bresock, K.	Gabbert, K.	Matak, K.	Reece, J.	Weatherford, L.
Brewster, D.	Graves, C.	M'Bayo, T.	Rogers, R.	Weirich, M.
Bryner, R.	Greenfield, J.	McCluskey, C.	Scally, J.	Williams, D.
Burnside, J.	Gritsenko, V.	McKenrick, S.	Shannon, B.	Witsberger, S.
Carder, J.	Hairston, P.	McWilliams, S.	Siekmeier, J.	Woloshuk, J.
Collignon, S.	Hambrick, G.	Metz, C.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Woodberry, K.
Corcoran, K.	Hamrick, A.	Milans, K.	Soccorsi, A.	Zaynutdinova, G.
Costas, M.	Hatipoglu, K.	Miller, C.	Song, X.	Zeni, T.
Costello, L.	Hood, C.	Mukdadi, O.	Sowards, A.	
Coy, A.	Horstick, E.	Mulligan, I.	Stueckle, J.	
Crichlow, S.	Hutchinson, J.	O'Quinn, J.	Swiger, J.	
Curtis, R.	Johnson, C.	Ostrowski, A.	Tanner, E.	

Members Excused:

Chapman, K.	DeMarco, F.	Livengood, H.	Spong, B.
Cottrell, L.	Gross, J.	Lituma, C.	Tarabishy, A.
Dadyburjor, D.	Hedrick, J.	Nolan, K.	

Members Absent:

Ahmad, M.	Dietz, P.	Kelly, C.	Murray, A.	Thayer, J.
Bardes, J.	Doyle, A.	Kim, D.	Nduaguba, S.	Udassi, S.
Bogdanskyy, K.	Fint-Clark, B.	Labus, A.	Palmer, A.	
Descoteaux, J.	Gorman, C.	McCloskey, J.	Sizemore, J.	

1. The Minutes of the October 13, 2025, Faculty Senate Meeting were approved as distributed.

2. Report from Faculty Senate Chair R. Scott Crichlow

- a. Chair Crichlow reported on recent meetings of the Senate Leadership Group, which has continued discussions with President Benson and Interim Provost Kreider regarding the university's strategic plan, mission statement, and budget.
- b. Crichlow, along with Diana Davis and Matt Valenti, recently met with Faculty Senate leaders from other Big 12 institutions to discuss shared governance and common challenges.

*You may access program proposals at <https://futurecatalog.wvu.edu/programadmin/> by using your login credentials. Search for programs using the 3- or 4-digit key provided above. Course Proposals may be similarly accessed at <https://futurecatalog.wvu.edu/courseadmin>

- c. Senators and faculty are encouraged to use the [feedback link](#) on the Faculty Senate webpage to submit questions or comments on the budget, Blackboard Ultra rollout, or other matters of faculty interest. The collected input will be organized for discussion with administration.
 - d. Crichlow, along with Diana Davis and Matt Valenti, recently met with Faculty Senate leaders from other Big 12 institutions to discuss shared governance and common challenges.
 - e. Chair Crichlow also previewed upcoming Faculty Constitution revisions, noting they aim to streamline Senate and Assembly processes. A comparison of the current and proposed constitutions will be shared with senators prior to the December 1 meeting, and feedback is welcome before the Executive Committee reviews the proposal on November 17.
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3. Consent Agenda – For Approval

The following items were approved without objection:

Curriculum Committee*

New Course Report – [Annex I](#)

Course Change Report – [Annex II](#)

Program Report – [Annex III](#)

Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies

Committee Roster Updates – [Annex IV](#)

4. Standing Reports

- a. Curriculum Committee Chair Cate Johnson had no updates to report beyond the consent agenda items.
For Information – Deleted Course Report – [Annex V](#)
 - b. General Education Foundations Committee Chair Cody Hood had no updates to report.
 - c. Teaching and Assessment Committee Report (Ashlee Sowards)
 - i. Shared two upcoming initiatives:
 - 1. Workshops of effectively using SPoT results in promotion and tenure narratives
 - 2. A survey on AI use in teaching, which will be distributed to faculty soon.
 - d. ~~Committee on Committees Report (Lesley Cottrell)~~
 - e. Board of Governors Representative Lesley Cottrell was unable to attend due to a conference in Washington D.C. and had no updates, noting that the Board of Governors will meet later in the week.
 - f. Faculty Representative to State Government Jason Gross was attending legislative interim meetings and unable to attend. He noted that the Advisory Council of Faculty will meet later in the week with participation from WVU's Dan Kimble and State Senator Mike Oliverio.
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5. Guest Reports

- a. Report from Interim Provost Paul Kreider
 - i. Dean Search Updates:
 - 1. Libraries: Public announcement released; campus visits expected in February.
 - 2. Eberly College: Announcement forthcoming; campus visits anticipated in March.

3. College of Law: First-round interviews completed; on-campus interviews planned for early December.
 - ii. PEIA proposed 2026 plan changes:
 1. 3% premium increase for employees, employers, and retirees.
 2. \$200 monthly spousal surcharge increase.
 3. Introduction of Plan D, a lower-premium in-state care option with adjusted cost ratios and deductibles.
 4. Public hearings will occur statewide and include a November 17 session at the Mountainlair.
 - iii. Provost Kreider also highlighted the Nov. 12 Mountain State Cyber Summit (Morgantown Marriott), a free event for faculty, staff, and students focusing on cybersecurity collaboration and workforce development.
- b. Report from Associate Provost Lou Slimak – Updates on Assessment, HLC Report
- i. Reported that WVU received a fully successful accreditation outcome from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), with all criteria met and no follow-up required.
 - ii. Slimak announced multiple initiatives:
 1. Formation of a post-graduate outcomes assessment group to address the need for post-graduate outcomes data collection, with examples being job placement, earnings, and debt-to-earnings ratios. Faculty interested in participating can submit this survey: https://wvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1QUy9RPz1K25oG2
 2. Creation of a University Program Review Council combining undergraduate and graduate perspectives to address college-level trends.
 3. Intent to increase the rigor and comprehensiveness of the annual unit-level review by adding components on unit revenue and cost. Slimak will seek input from faculty on ensuring that those related processes are communicated clearly and effectively.
- c. Report from University Police Department Chief Sherry St. Clair – Campus Safety
- [Link to Presentation - PDF](#)
- i. Three notification types:
 1. WVU Alert System: for immediate threats where action may be required. Alert sent via text/email/social media/LiveSafe app. Examples given of weather alerts, gas leaks, and active shooters.
 2. Campus Warning: When a Clery Act Crime has been committed and may still pose a threat. These are sent via social media, email, and LiveSafe alert. Example given of robberies or sexual assault where no suspect has been arrested.
 3. Community Notice: Alerts that aren't required by law but intended to keep the campus community notified of occurrences in the vicinity of campus. These may include tips, theft patterns, and advisory information sent via social media or LiveSafe. Employees/faculty must opt into text alerts; the department is considering automatic opt-in with an opt-out option pending feasibility/approval.
 - ii. LiveSafe app contains features of anonymous reporting, photo and video uploads, emergency/panic button that shares GPS when activated, facility requests, and a “walk with me” safety follow feature. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to download the app and become familiar with operation.

1. Students are automatically opted into text alerts. Faculty and staff must self-enroll. UPD is exploring options for faculty and staff to be automatically opted in as well.
 - iii. Community policing and training emphasis on outreach, verbal de-escalation, prevention (run/hide/fight framework), active-shooter training, and returning best practices from national training programs.
 - iv. Protect class & safety talks: Ongoing self-defense class (Protect) offered monthly in fall and spring semesters. Additional safety talks are available and can be requested by departments or groups (clubs, sororities, etc.)
 - d. Report from Dean of Students Carrie Showalter – Student Mental Health
[Link to Presentation - PDF](#)
 - i. Support system of the CARE Team (behavioral intervention), Carruth Center (short-term counseling), and Healthy Minds University (long-term psychiatric support).
 - ii. Trending rise in CARE reports, hospitalizations, and critical mental health cases among students. Data included in linked presentation.
 - iii. Common referral concerns include mental/emotional health, academic difficulty, and wellbeing.
 - iv. The CARE Team reviews cases weekly and coordinates with academic, housing, and police units.
 - v. Faculty were encouraged to submit CARE reports when concerned about a student's wellbeing, even if minor. Faculty/staff should call 911 for immediate concerns related to active crisis or suicidal ideation.
 - vi. National College Health Assessment data show high student loneliness, anxiety, depression; only 32% of WVU respondents felt student health and well-being are a campus priority, compared to a national average of 53%
 - vii. 24/7 crisis services via Carruth Center and protocol phone line.
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6. Senate Business and Announcements

- a. For Information – Committee of Retired Faculty Annual Report – [Annex VI](#)
 - b. Executive Session – Review Honorary Degree Nominees
 - i. Motion to enter Executive Session to review nominees for WVU honorary degrees (Fleming) carried by unanimous consent.
 - ii. Faculty Senate entered executive session at 4:21 p.m. and returned to open session at 4:27 p.m.
 - iii. Motion to approve the slate of candidates agreed upon in executive session approved by unanimous vote.
 - c. No new business was introduced.
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7. Faculty Senate Chair Scott Crichlow adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m., to reconvene on December 1, 2025.

Corey Hunt

Faculty Senate Office Administrator