

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, May 20, 2019

1. Chair David Hauser called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. in Room 4004 of the Agricultural Sciences Building.

Members Present:

Brock, R.	Goff, N.	Martucci, A.	Nutter, R.
Fleming, S.	Hauser, D.	McConnell, J.	Veselicky, L.
Gee, E.	Hileman, S.	Murphy, E.	

Members Absent:

Bastress, R.	Cronin, A.	Haines, K.	Valenti, M.
Bernardes, E.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Lieving, G.	

Guests:

Atkins, C.	Kreider, P.	Slimak, L.	Wayne, S.
Cohen, S.	Pfeifer, A.	Watson, J.	Wilson, C.
Gavin, M.	Shannon, R.	Wayda, V.	

2. Chair Hauser moved for approval of the minutes from the April 22, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - This is a critical time of the year for us as we begin new student orientation. We anticipate 5000-5200 new students. Our academic profile will improve once again this year. The honors program has increased from about 300 students four years ago to about 1050 students; we are going to raise the program's admission standards for a third time. Our out-of-state numbers are looking stronger than anticipated. He reminded everyone that improving the retention rate to 90 percent remains our number one goal.
 - The Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute (RNI) dedicated its new Innovation Center on May 15. Two pioneering procedures have been performed at RNI. The first involved implanting a tiny pellet near a patient's spine to combat chronic lower back pain with a non-opioid drug. The second involved using focused ultrasound of the hippocampus to treat a patient with Alzheimer's in a process that temporarily opened the blood-brain barrier.
4. Provost Joyce McConnell reported that there is significant concern at the federal level as to whether the Chinese have a program of espionage in place for technology developed through military-based research. Some universities have closed their Confucius Institutes; WVU's institute, which is based in the Chambers College, remains open. We have been growing our relationships with Chinese universities through 2+2 agreements. Larger cooperative agreements, such as the robust research project we once had going on with carbon capture in

China, have been scaled back. WVU does not have a large population of undergraduate students from China.

5. Chair David Hauser reported the following:

- He thanked everyone for their service and help on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. He specifically acknowledged those who will not be returning next year.
- The academic integrity and probation/suspension policies will be presented to the Faculty Senate for information.
- We will probably put a small group together this summer to consider possible changes to the faculty constitution related to the role of the faculty secretary and issues of university assembly membership.
- Committee reports will be presented to the Faculty Senate in September.
- He proposed that the Teaching and Learning Commons have a representative available to every Faculty Senate committee. A motion was made and duly seconded to have the Committee on Committees explore putting a TLC representative on each committee. Motion carried.

6. Ednilson Bernardes, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee moved for approval of the following reports. Motion carried.

Annex I, New Courses Report.

Annex II, Course Changes, Deletions, and Adoptions Report.

Changes to the AOE in Adventure and Outdoor Learning.

Changes to the AOE in Aquatic Physical Activity.

Changes to the AOE in Recreational Sport.

New AOE in Therapeutic Exercise and Rehabilitation.

Changes to the Health and Well-Being Program.

Changes to the Major in Coaching and Performance Science.

New Program in Health and Well-Being.

Changes to the Major in Immunology and Medical Microbiology.

The following report was submitted for information:

Changes to the Minor in Leadership Studies. Report filed.

7. Robert Brock, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex III, GEF Actions. Motion carried.

8. Ashley Martucci, Chair, Teaching and Assessment Committee – no report. The committee has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting.

9. The following 2018-19 Committee Reports and 2019-2020 Goals were submitted for acceptance by their respective committee representatives.

Annex IV, Committee of Retired Faculty

Annex V and Annex VI, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies

Annex VII, Faculty Welfare Committee

Annex VIII, General Education Foundations Committee
Annex IX, Library Committee
Annex X, Research and Scholarship Committee
Annex XXI, Teaching and Assessment Committee

A motion was made and duly seconded to accept all of the committee reports. Motion carried.

10. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that the next meeting of ACF and HEPC is on June 14.
11. Stan Hileman, BOG representative, reported that the Board of Governors held a special meeting on May 14. Tuition for Potomac State College was reduced to allow AAS degree programs to qualify for the West Virginia Invests Grant program, also know as the “free community college bill.” Room rates were revised at University Park. Funds were approved to convert space in the Market at the Health Sciences Center to accommodate a Chick-Fil-A restaurant and adjacent coffee bar. The Board also agreed to lease property adjacent to the Reedsville Farm.
12. Appointment of Ex Officio Members to the Executive Committee. A motion was made and duly seconded to appoint the chairs of the Curriculum Committee, General Education Foundations Committee, and Teaching and Assessment Committee as ex officio members of the Executive Committee for 2019-2020. Motion carried.
13. David Hauser provided a committee proposal for the Faculty Senate Committee on Shared Governance, Annex XIII. A motion was made and duly seconded to remove Committee Charge II from the proposal. Motion carried. A motion was made and duly seconded to change the word “make” to “consider making” in paragraph (5) under Committee Charge I. Motion carried. A motion was made and duly seconded to revise “administrative” positions to “normally dean level or above” in paragraph (2) under Committee Charge I. Motion carried. A motion was made and duly seconded to remove paragraph (6) under Committee Charge I. Motion carried. A motion was made and duly seconded to not move forward with the proposal. Ballots were distributed and counted. Motion carried.
14. New Business – Lou Slimak asked if visitors are welcome to attend Faculty Senate committee meetings. In response, Chair Hauser requested that people who plan to attend those meetings contact the committee chairs in advance.
15. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, August 26, 2019.

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