

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, August 23, 2021

1. Chair Ashley Martucci called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Committee members and guests participated via videoconference.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	Hauser, D.	Murphy, E.	Vanderhoff, J.
Davari, A.	Hibbert, A.	Reddy, R.	Veselicky, L.
Elliott, E.	Hileman, S.	Reed, M.	Wayne, S.
Galvez-Peralta, M.	Hissam, R.	Schaefer, G.	Welsh, A.
Gee, G.	Martucci, A.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	

Members Absent:

Chisholm, S.

Guests:

Gavin, M.	Latimer, M.	Slimak, L.	Thomas, R.
Kreider, P.	Pfeifer, A.	Staples, C.	Widders, E.

2. Chair Martucci presented for approval the minutes from the May 24, 2021 meeting.
Motion carried by unanimous consent.
3. President Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - We have had an excellent start to the school year. Students express a great deal of joy over being back on campus.
 - The pandemic continues to be an issue that we must confront. We are fortunate to have all of the tools available to us that any institution in this country could possibly need to manage the pandemic. We want to make certain that we are deferential to the concerns of the various members of our community, including, faculty, staff, students, parents, and others. We also want to vigorously encourage people to get vaccinated. We want to have boosters available as needed, and to have vaccines available when they are approved for children.
 - He thanked Sharon Martin and her group for implementing a successful undergraduate application and admissions process. Graduate numbers are exceptionally strong, as well.
4. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
 - She provided an update on our COVID planning and response. Detailed information on testing results, vaccine information, guidelines and policies, and numerous other topics is available at wvu.edu/return-to-campus.
 - She provided an update on academic transformation. The program portfolio review process identified 48 undergraduate majors or terminal master's degree programs as

either programs of concern or programs of opportunity. Program review reports are due to the Provost's Office on September 1, 2021. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board of Governors on October 29, 2021. Under academic restructuring, the most significant item is the merger of CEHS and CPASS. With respect to instructional efficiencies, we will look at class size and teaching assignments. The Academic Advisory Committee, the Student Success Committee, and the Faculty Rewards and Recognition Committee will also continue their work. The provost.wvu.edu/academic-transformation web site will be updated to reflect actions from the spring and priorities for the 2021-2022 academic year.

- Presha Neidermeyer has stepped down as associate provost to return to her faculty role in the Chambers College. Paul Kreider, Melissa Latimer, and Chris Staples will share her former responsibilities this year.
- She asked Richard Thomas to talk about some of the changes in Graduate Academic Affairs. He reported that Allison Dagen is now the Assistant Provost for Graduate Education and Jess Queener is the Assistant Provost for Graduate Education Policy. They also have two fellows who are working on initiatives around graduate community diversity.

5. Chair Martucci reported the following:

- Our September Faculty Senate meeting will be conducted via Zoom. We are waiting to hear from the President's Office regarding the platform for the October State of the University address.
- We are continuing to improve communication between the Senate and the faculty. She, Scott Wayne, and other members of Senate leadership are holding a monthly Coffee and Conversation with Senate on Tuesdays after Senate meetings. This will provide an opportunity for faculty members to share updates or concerns in a virtual setting.
- The provost leadership team and the Senate are continuing to improve communication. Biweekly meetings and the Faculty Senate Chairs' leadership luncheon are opportunities for conversation.
- She asked Emily Murphy and Nathalie Singh-Corcoran to comment on the reimagined County Roads Tour Scholars Tour. The tour was piloted this summer and included stops at WVU Tech, the Bechtel Summit, and various locations in McDowell County. It included a service component.
- Morgan Boyles' last day with the Faculty Senate Office will be August 27. She thanked Morgan for her service and wished her luck in her next adventure with the University.

6. Robin Hissam, Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, presented the following report for information. [Report filed.](#)

Annex I, 2020-2021 Committee Report and 2021-2022 Goals

7. Amy Welsh, Chair of the General Education Foundations Committee, reported that the committee will hold its first meeting on August 30, 2021.

8. Marina Galvez-Peralta, Chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, reported that the committee will continue work this year on the Early Semester Teaching Assessment, removing inappropriate comments from SEI reports, and considering other types of assessment in addition to SEIs.
9. Ann Marie Hibbert, Chair of the Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies, presented the following report for approval. Motion carried.
Annex II, Committee Appointments
10. Ashley Martucci, on behalf of the Faculty Welfare Committee, presented the following reports for information. Reports filed.
Annex III, 2020-2021 Committee Report and 2021-2022 Goals
Annex IV, 2020-2021 Annual Report for the WVU Faculty Ombudsperson Office
11. Ashley Martucci, on behalf of the Inclusion and Diversity Committee, presented the following report for information. Report filed.
Annex V, 2020-2021 Committee Report and 2021-2022 Goals
12. Eloise Elliott, Faculty Representative to State Government, introduced a document outlining the proposed Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) legislative agenda for 2021-2022. She asked that Executive Committee members provide feedback to her by September 10, 2021.
13. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors held a special meeting on August 13, 2021, at which time they approved a lighting and paving project for the coliseum parking lot. A regular Board meeting took place on June 25, 2021. They received updates on IT, finances, COVID, investment strategies, audits, and academic transformation. He and Emily Murphy presented the annual faculty report. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2021.
14. Parliamentarian: A motion was made and seconded to appoint Anne Lofaso as the Parliamentarian. Motion carried.
15. Chris Staples, Special Assistant to the Office of the Provost, reported that nominations are needed for 12 faculty members to serve on the University Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel. You are not eligible to serve if you or someone you are related to is up for promotion or tenure, or if you are serving on a department or college level Promotion and Tenure committee. Please contact him if you are interested in serving.
16. The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, September 27, 2021.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator