Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, September 24, 2018

1. Chair David Hauser called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:
Bastress, R. Fleming, S. Hauser, D. Nutter, R.
Brock, R. Gee, E. Lieving, G. Valenti, M.
Cronin, A. Goff, N. McConnell, J. Veselicky, L.
DiBartolomeo, L. Haines, K. Murphy, E.

Members Absent:
Floyd, K. Hileman, S.

Guests:
Campbell, J. Kelley, E. Kreider, P. Martucci, A.
Gavin, M.

2. Chair Hauser moved for approval of the minutes from the August 27, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

3. President E. Gordon Gee reported that the Blue Ribbon Commission’s financial subcommittee recommended that the legislature increase funding by $10 million for the state’s smaller institutions. Once that happens, a new funding formula can be discussed. A funding formula must differentiate between institutions and must be based on performance. A second subcommittee discussed a recommendation to replace HEPC with an agency that would provide services to the smaller institutions. The third subcommittee involves collaboration with K through 12 and community and technical education.

4. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
   • She attended two committee meetings during the September 17-18 interim session: the Joint Standing Committee on Education and the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability. The staff person who has been primarily responsible for HEPC’s funding formula was on both agendas. No one else was able to speak in opposition. We requested that we be given an opportunity to speak at the November session of the legislature.
   • Our legislative team spoke with an NRA representative during the interim session. The NRA and the Citizens Defense League intend to reintroduce campus carry legislation.
   • Robert Bossarte, a professor in the School of Public Health, received a $13 million NIH grant to study the treatment of depression in rural areas.
   • Azalea Hulburt has been hired as the director of academic integrity. She has a PhD in higher education administration with a focus on academic integrity.
Jerry Wood has been hired as the director of the Office of Veterans Affairs, which recently moved from Student Life to the Office of the Provost. Most recently, he was involved in building support networks at universities and non-profits.

Following a reorganization in the Office of the Provost, John Campbell will focus on how we use technology, as well as our human resources, to support student success. Paul Kreider, whose position has been restructured, is now serving as a vice provost. Mark Gavin from the College of Business and Economics has moved into an associate provost role to focus on budget, facilities, and strategic initiatives.

A student health traveling flu shot clinic will take place from 10:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. on October 9.

5. Chair David Hauser reported the following:

There will be a flu clinic held at the Erickson Alumni Center before and after the November 12 Faculty Senate meeting. The vaccine is free to PEIA members.

A couple of faculty members have asked about their ability to take undergraduate courses at WVU. University policy seems to allow departments to pay for faculty to take graduate courses, but not undergraduate courses. Chis Staples in CB Wilson’s office is sorting this out. After he responds, Dr. Hauser will most likely refer the issue to the Faculty Welfare Committee for consideration.

He met with the Faculty Senate Office and Teaching and Learning Commons staff to discuss the costs and technical infrastructure issues surrounding live streaming Faculty Senate meetings. He recommends that we end live streaming of Senate meetings starting with the November meeting, and that we post a video recording within a few days of each Senate meeting. A motion was made and duly seconded to explore web-conferencing options and come up with a plan. Motion carried. He also recommends that we explore alternate meeting locations for Faculty Senate. He will continue to work with the Faculty Senate Office and the Teaching and Learning Commons to explore the cost and feasibility of using alternate sites.

6. Kim Floyd, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried pending resolution of questions concerning ASTR 705, EDP 301 NRSC 201, and PSYC 271.

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

Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex IV, Course Changes for PALM Subject Code. Motion carried.

New Major in Neuroscience. Motion carried pending resolution of the question concerning NRSC 201.

The following report was submitted for information:

New Minor in Health Service Administration. Report filed.

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

Annex V, GEF Actions. Motion carried.
Annex VI, GEF Transition Review, was submitted for information. Report filed.

8. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that most of the discussion from the Advisory Council of Faculty concerns the Blue Ribbon Commission.

9. Matthew Valenti, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors met on Friday, September 21. The meeting began with a WVU Foundation update and investment report. Provost McConnell provided an academic affairs update, with accompanying reports from Gerald Lang, interim campus president at WVU Tech, and Jennifer Orlikoff, president at Potomac State College. The Board approved Rule 5.2 – Capital Improvement Management, Rule 5.3 – Emergency Management and Campus Safety, and Rule 5.4 – Campus Facilities Plan. Three rules were approved for comment: Rule 5.12 – Disposition of Property, Rule 5.13 – Tuition and Fees, Waivers, Payment and Reductions, and Rule 6.1 – Student Rights and Responsibilities; Student Conduct. Two rules are out for comment due to technical corrections: Rule 2.3 – Undergraduate Admissions, and Rule 4.5 – Modification of Duties for Certain Full-Time Faculty; Extension of Tenure-Clock. The consent agenda included several items, such as relocating ROTC to the Evansdale campus and the renaming of buildings.

10. Faculty Secretary and Parliamentarian Vacancies
    • Chad Proudfoot has accepted a position at another university. Judy Hamilton has volunteered to be trained as a parliamentarian. If funds are available, we may request training for additional people. Chad Proudfoot has agreed to continue to answer questions, and Marjorie McDiarmid from the College of Law will fill in as a temporary parliamentarian.
    • There seems to be some overlap between the constitutional role of the Faculty Secretary and the role of the Office Administrator in the Faculty Senate Office. He recommends the Executive Committee appoint an interim Faculty Secretary while we address that overlap. He does not want to request nominations until we decide on the Faculty Secretary’s long-term role.
    • Matthew Valenti volunteered to serve as the interim Faculty Secretary through the remainder of the academic year. A motion was made and duly seconded to appoint Matthew Valenti as the interim Faculty Secretary. Motion carried.

11. New Business – None.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 22, 2018.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator