

MINUTES

West Virginia University Faculty Senate

Monday, March 7th, 2022

1. The meeting was convened at 3.15 p.m. by Ashley Martucci, Faculty Senate Chair.

Members Present:

Anderson, K.	Donley, D.	Hodge, J.	Morgan, J.	Staniscia, S.
Armour-Gemmen M.	Downes, M.	Honaker, L.	Myers, S.	Swager, L.
Barnes, E.	Eades, D.	Hood, C.	Nguyen, Y.	Tack, F.
Battistella, L.	Elliott, E.	Huber, S.	Nix, A.	ter Haseborg, H.
Bhandari, R.	Ellison, M.	Hudgins, C.	Olfert, M.	Titolo, M.
Bolyard, J.	Elswick, D.	Jaczynski, J.	Peckens, S.	Toppe, M
Bragg, R.	Evans, K.	Kearns, J.	Phillips, T.	Utzman, R.
Bresock, K.	Famouri, P.	Kitchen, S.	Reece, J	Vercelli, M.
Bravo, G.	Feaster, K.	Kupec, J.	Reece, R.	Waggy, C.
Bryner, R.	Frazier, V.	LaRue, R.	Rinehart, L.	Wayne, S.
Butina, M.	Fullen, M.	Leary, M.	Rota, C.	Welsh, A.
Casey, R.	Gilleland, D.	Leight, M.	Sabolsky, E.	Williams, D.
Celikbas, E.	Gross, J.	Li, B.	Sakhuja, A.	Woloshuk, J.
Chantler, P.	Grushecky, S.	Li, H.	Samuels, H.	Woods, S.
Crichlow, S.	Hamrick, A.	Lorenze, S.	Sealey, V.	Wuest, T.
Crosno, J.	Hatipoglu, K.	Marra, A.	Sims, J.	Young, S.
Cui, A.	Hauser, D.	Martucci, A.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Zeni, T.
Davari, A.	Heady, M.	McCrary, J.	Smith, D.	
Dey, K.	Hibbert, A.	McCusker, B.	Soccorsi, A.	
DiBartolomeo, L.	Hileman, S.	McGinnis, R.	Sofka, S.	
Dickman, B.	Hissam, R.	Miltenberger, M	Sowards, A.	

Members Absent:

Bastress, R.	Davis, D.	Hessl, A.	Momen, J.	Shrader, C.
Billings, H.	Dilcher, B.	Hines, S.	Mucino, V.	Sizemore, J.
Bonner, D.	Duenas, O.	Holbien, M.	Murphy, T.	Watson, J.
Bruyaka, O.	Ellis, E.	Hornsby, G.	Murray, A.	Willard, M.
Burke, R.	Galvez	John, C.	Orr, E.	Zegre, N
Burnside, J.	Peralta, M.	Kelly, K.	Petrone, A.	
Cohen, S.	Geldenhuis, W.	Klein, A.	Rice, T.	
Costas, M.	Graziani, G.	Knuckles, T.	Roberts, D.	
Cottrell, L.	Hamrick, A	Law, K.	Schaefer, G.	
Cronin, A.	Harmon, I.	Lupo, J.	Sherlock, L.	

Excused:

Rogers, T.
Schimmel, C.

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

Hauser, D. Hileman, S. Murphy, E.
Singh-Corcoran, N.

2. Chair Martucci presented for approval the minutes from the Monday, February 14th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
 - a. Following the decline of COVID-19 cases in West Virginia, masks will no longer be required in indoor spaces starting March 8th.
 - b. Provost Reed, Fred King, and Associate Provost Thomas met with representatives from the Graduate and Professional Student Senate regarding a petition for additional financial relief. The University is committed to raising the minimum stipend for graduate assistants to \$15,000 over the next two years, beginning Fall 2022.
 - c. The first campus conversation regarding academic transformation was held January 27th. On February 24th, a campus conversation was held regarding student success. On March 10th at 11 o'clock, there will be a campus conversation regarding the budget model. The review portfolio was completed regarding Statler College.
 - d. The committee to select the new Dean for the College of Applied Human Sciences met, and the search is underway.
 - e. An internal search is being conducted for the Associate Provost of Academic Personnel
4. President E. Gordon Gee reported that there will be a vigil for Ukraine at 7 o'clock on March 7th. President Gee thanked all those involved in this year's legislative session. President Gee also reported that in the next ten years, the University will dedicate approximately 20 million dollars to the advancement of economic education. Wednesday, March 9th will be the annual WVU Day of Giving.
5. Rob Alsop, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, reported on the West Virginia Legislative Session, including an update on Senate Bill 498 and the new budget model.
6. Melissa Latimer, Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Culture, and Chris Staples, Executive Director of Academic Personnel, reported on the Rewards and Recognition Committee's Workload Guidelines Procedures document endeavors. The Committee has asked colleges to submit drafts of their Workload Guidelines by April 18th, and academic units have been asked to complete their documents by May 15th.
7. Faculty Senate Chair Ashley Martucci reported the following:
 - a. The Faculty Senate Inclusion and Diversity Committee is in the process of creating a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion toolkit. Please reach out to Committee Chair Stephanie Hines to submit any ideas.
 - b. Please visit the Carruth Center website for information regarding dealing with students in distress.
 - c. An Amazon wishlist link for The Rack Student Food Pantry was included in the email with the agenda.

- d. The Faculty Senate will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on April 13th. On March 8th, faculty will receive a senator ballot. Voting closes March 11th at 5PM.
 - e. The Shared Governance Committee met on Friday, March 4th.
8. Chair Martucci opened the floor for nominations for Faculty Senate Chair Elect. Frankie Tack from CEHS, Jared Sims from the College of Creative Arts, and Suzanne Gosden Kitchen from the College of B&E had declared their candidacy. There were no further nominations. Candidates will prepare a speech for the April 11th meeting and submit a candidate statement beforehand. The elected candidates will serve as Faculty Senate Chair during the 2023-2024 academic year and on the Board of Governors for a two year term.
 9. Robin Hissam, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, presented [Annex I](#), New Courses Report, [Annex II](#), Course Changes Report, and three Program Changes for approval. The motion to approve these reports passed 63-1.
 10. Amy Welsh, General Education Foundations Committee Chair, presented [Annex III](#), Honors Fellows Cohort GEF Areas, for information.
 11. Ann Marie Hibbert, Committee on Committees Chair, presented [Annex IV](#), Committee Appointments, and [Annex V](#), Petition for Constituency of the College of Applied Human Sciences, for approval. The motion to approve Annex IV passed 66-0. The motion to approve Annex V passed 67-1.
 12. Eloise Elliot, Faculty Senate Representative to State Government, reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee approved an email regarding Senate Bill 498 that was sent to House Education Committee members. There was a public hearing regarding the bill at 7:30 on March 7th.
 13. Stan Hileman, Board of Governors Representative, reported that there was a Board of Governors meeting on February 14th where they received updates on the advising transformation and modernization projects. Sodexo also gave a presentation at the meeting. The next meeting will be April 22nd.
 14. Eloise Elliot presented a Resolution, Academic Freedom to Teach About Race, Ethnic, and Gender Justice in Response to WV SB 498 – [Annex VI](#). The motion to approve the Resolution passed 68-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Sophia Flower, Recording Secretary