

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, March 18, 2013

1. Chair Michael Mays called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Mays, M.	Ruscello, D.
Bilgesu, I.	Griffith, R.	Nutter, R.	Turton, R.
Clements, J.	Kleist, V.	Orlikoff, J.	Wheatly, M.
Cottrell, L.			

Members Absent:

Butcher, F.	Elmore, S.	Prudhomme, J.	Strife, M.
Curtis, R.			

Guests:

Campbell, J.	Karraker, K.	Robinson, S.	Wilson, C.B.
Clark, N.	Lang, A. (DP)	Stump, J. (NIS)	

2. Chair Mays moved for approval of the minutes from the February 25, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President Clements reported that:
 - Our collegiate 4-H Club was named national club of the year at the National Collegiate 4-H Conference in Missouri.
 - Higher Education Day at the Legislature takes place on Thursday, and WVU Day takes place on Friday of this week.
 - We are continuing to track the budget; there are no changes yet from what we have been told.
 - We joined the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) as a partner institution. HACU, established in 1986, represents more than 400 colleges and universities to promote Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America, Spain, and Portugal.
 - Nigel Clark will present an update on the strategic plan to the full Senate and to the Board of Governors next month. He thanked Dr. Clark for his leadership, as well as Provost Wheatly, Chancellor Colenda, and all of the faculty and staff who are transforming the institution.
 - We kicked off the national search last week for Vice President of University Relations. The job description is being finalized.
 - He and his daughter attended Dance Now! on Saturday. The performance was spectacular.
 - Please submit your comments on the 3 proposed policies posted by the BOG. The comment period ends March 25th.

4. Provost Wheatly reported that:

- C.B. Wilson is reviewing approximately 70 promotion and tenure cases.
- We will be working over the next month to enroll the incoming class for the fall of 2013, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- There is an active discussion nationwide on MOOCs. We will need to review this rapidly-changing landscape on an annual basis.
- We are moving ahead with all of the mountains of excellence. The last one under discussion is the responsible use of water.
- As announced on ENEWS, she will be offering a leadership development opportunity on the book “Choosing Civility” through the Mountaineer Leadership Academy.
- We have a group visiting campus today representing universities and scientific institutions in Queretaro. Victor Mucino has been building this partnership.
- She and Jay Cole will travel to Ireland at the end of May as part of an expedition from EBSCoR States. They will learn how Ireland rebuilt its STEM and associated economic development.
- The search committee for the associate provost for engagement and outreach has met and is working on a draft ad.
- She will be attending Extension Day at the Legislature and leading the Country Roads Scholars Tour this year.

5. Chair Mays reported that:

- He knows of one person who may be interested in serving as faculty secretary. According to the faculty constitution, the position is appointed by the Executive Committee subject to confirmation by the Senate; it suggests a term of 3 years. According to his review of the minutes, this has not been addressed by the Executive Committee since 2008. Depending upon developments, this issue may be considered by the Executive Committee next month.
- There will be a reception honoring former faculty senate chairs following the May Executive Committee meeting.
- He, Lisa DiBartolomeo, and Roy Nutter attended last week’s meeting of the Faculty Welfare Committee. The meeting was devoted to issues regarding PEIA. One result of the tiered system is that WVU loses recruiting battles for faculty who compare plans; we do not have the salary to compensate for what the health plan costs. To date, PEIA has continued to refuse requests from WVU for aggregate claims data. A representative from the committee will speak at the next Senate meeting; they may have suggestions on how to organize and move forward.

6. Dennis Ruscello, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.

Annex II, Monthly Alterations Report, was submitted for information.

Annex III, Proposal for Biomedical Engineering Degree Program. Motion carried.

7. Ilkin Bilgesu, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex IV, GEC Actions. Motion carried.

Annex V, GEC Audits, was submitted for information.

8. Lisa DiBartolomeo, on behalf of the General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee and Senate Curriculum Committee, introduced proposed guidelines regarding prescribed GEC courses. A student catalog version and a faculty/advisor version were distributed. One issue, whether programs can restrict courses in their major from being counted as GEC courses, is still under review. A motion was moved and seconded to move the document forward for Senate consideration at the April meeting. Motion carried.
9. Nigel Clark, Associate Vice President, Academic Strategic Planning, provided a summary of the update he will present at the April Senate meeting regarding progress on the 2020 Strategic Plan.
10. On behalf of Associate Provost Elizabeth Dooley, Chair Mays distributed a proposed academic calendar for 2014-2015. A motion was moved and seconded to approve the calendar for submission to the full Senate. Motion carried.
11. Roy Nutter, ACF representative, reported that:
 - Senate Bill 359 passed out of the Senate this morning and is now with the House of Delegates Education Committee.
 - House Bill 2566 and Senate Bill 326 concern outcomes-based funding. They state that the first year will be a pilot, followed by a 5 percent redistribution of budgets each year for 5 years.
 - Senate Bill 330, passed during the last legislative session, is taking flexibility away from institutions with respect to faculty salary.
12. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, reported that:
 - The Board of Governors will visit Eberly College of Arts and Sciences next month. Due to the size of Eberly College, the Board will visit the College again next year.
13. Chair Mays presented Annex VI, 2013 Faculty Senate Election Results.
14. New Business
 - C.B. Wilson distributed a draft copy of the Application for 2013-2014 Academic Year Big XII Faculty Fellowships. The application still needs to be populated with a website address, which was distributed via a second document. Information concerning the program will be circulated on the faculty listserv and on ENEWS.
 - Robert Bastress discussed SB 486 and HB 2856, which propose to add sexual orientation to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in employment and in the provision of public accommodations to the Human Rights Act. He moved that the committee recommend to the Faculty Senate that it adopt a resolution supporting the enactment of this amendment to the Human Rights Act. The motion was duly seconded. Motion carried. A motion was moved and seconded that the committee request of administration

that it look into the feasibility of providing domestic partner benefits and report back to the committee. Motion carried.

15. The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, April 22, 2013.

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