

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
May 19, 2008

1. Chair Kite called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Laurel Room, Mountainlair.

Members present:

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| Clark, N.    | Famouri, P.  | Kleist, V.    | Olson, K.    |
| Cottrell, L. | Garrison, M. | McDiarmid, M. | Richards, A. |
| Cumming, J.  | Hornsby, G.  | Martin, J.    | Strife, M.   |
| Etzel, E.    | Kite, S.     | Nutter, R.    | Torsney, C.  |
|              |              |               | Wilson, C.B. |

Members absent:

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| Dean, R. | Garbutt, K. | Jackowitz, A. |
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Guests:

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| Brady, L.           | Cohen, S.     | Griffith, R. | Harner, J. |
| Hornak, L.          | Lastinger, M. | Lohmann, N.  |            |
| Riemenschneider, S. | Wilkinson, C. |              |            |

2. President Garrison said several Executive Committee members have been part of the total compensation workgroup, and there has been a lot of discussion about what the percentage of the salary increase will look like. He said the salary increase for classified staff will be implemented on July 1<sup>st</sup> and everyone else will receive a salary increase on October 1, 2008. He said any options will be discussed with the Board of Governors and issues will be worked through.
3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the April 28, 2008 minutes. Motion carried. The draft minutes for the May 12<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting were distributed for review.
4. Lesley Cottrell, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved and it was duly seconded to approve and accept the Curriculum Committee reports:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried with small changes.

Annex II, 2007-2008 Annual Report. Accepted

Annex III, 2008-2009 Committee Goals. Accepted.

Annex IV, The Alteration Report was submitted for information.

It was moved and duly seconded that a meeting take place in the fall between the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Graduate Council, and the associate deans to discuss curriculum issues. Motion carried. The Chair will report this fall meeting to the Faculty Senate on June 2, 2008.

5. It was moved and duly seconded to approve and accept the General Education Oversight Committee reports:

Annex V, Course Recommendations. Motion carried.

Annex VI, Annual Report for 2007-2008. Accepted.

Annex VII, 2008-2009 Committee Goals. Accepted.

Annex VIII, GEC Audits were submitted for information.

6. Robert Griffith, Chair, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies Committee moved and it was duly seconded to accept the following Committee report:

Annex IX, 2007-2008 Annual Report and 2008-2009 Committee Goals.

Accepted.

7. It was moved and duly seconded to accept the report by the Research and Scholarship Committee:

Annex X, 2007-2008 Annual Report and 2008-2009 Committee Goals. Accepted.

8. It was moved and duly seconded to accept the report by the Student Instruction Committee:

Annex XI, 2007-2008 Annual Report and 2008-2009 Committee Goals.

Accepted.

9. It was moved and duly seconded that the Ad Hoc Committee on Curriculum Committees Procedures 2007-08 Report and 2008-09 Committee Goals be approved pass-pending Chair Kite sending them to the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Faculty Senate meeting. Motion carried.

10. Faculty Secretary, Mary Strife will send thank you notes to the eMBA investigative panel.

11. Associate Provost C.B. Wilson suggested a committee be formed to revise the faculty handbook, and he will work with the group over the summer. He said 2008 would be the first year of a 3-year cycle. It was moved that a committee be formed to review the faculty handbook; Chair Kite and Chair-elect Kleist will oversee the faculty handbook committee.

12. Discussion included revising the faculty constitution. Professor Nutter moved and it was duly seconded that the current chair (Steve Kite) and the 2 past chairs (Parviz Famouri and Mike Lastinger) serve to assist the committee on revising the faculty constitution as well as Professor McDiarmid. Motion carried. Chair Kite said that, "Faculty Assembly" needs to be redefined when the new constitution is implemented.

13. Professor Hornak read the following, “What is the Meaning of the Vote on May 5, 2008 Special Session”:

“On May 5, 2008 the WVU Faculty Senate voted no confidence in President Garrison and his administration. The passage of this motion is of great gravity. Its influence on the conduct of shared governance, the cornerstone of our senate constitution, is significant. Given this, it is moved that the Executive Committee deliberate on the meaning of this motion, its ramifications for shared governance, and its resulting impact on senate and faculty engagement with the present administration. The Executive Committee is requested to report the results of its deliberations at the June Senate meeting and offer for debate and approval the actions it recommends of the Senate and faculty necessary to operationalize the vote of no confidence.”

Chair-elect Kleist offered to step down from serving on the Faculty on Shared Governance to maintain functioning of the faculty but to attempt to draw a line with interactive functioning.

Professor Hornak asked for guidance and action for the no-confidence vote. Professor Brady said that she has stopped her participation in the university’s Strategic Implementation Team, as well as Professor Hornak, in response to the no-confidence vote.

Professor McDiarmid moved, and it was duly seconded to set up a working group to determine appropriate responses and report the existence of the group at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Faculty Senate meeting; a final report of recommendations from the August Executive Committee will be reported at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting. Motion carried.

Members of the working group include: Lesley Cottrell, Larry Hornak, Laura Brady, Nigel Clark, Kristina Olson and Robert Griffith. Professor Clark will call a meeting to determine a chair person.

Professor Clark will summarize the Executive Committee’s discussion about the work group at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Faculty Senate meeting.

14. In reference to item 16 of today’s agenda, Professor Clark said there was a motion made at the May 14<sup>th</sup> mass meeting about the hiring of major University players. He said the motion had extensive procedures embedded. Professor Clark moved and it was duly seconded that an ad hoc committee be formed to produce recommendations and opinions on hiring practices. Motion carried. Professor Clark and Chair-elect Kleist will populate the ad hoc committee.

15. Chair-elect Kleist said an on-line ballot will be made available electronically to the entire population of faculty because some faculty were not able to attend the May 14<sup>th</sup> special faculty assembly meeting. Professor Emeritus Sophia Blaydes reported that there are 540 retired faculty members. Faculty Secretary, Mary Strife and Chair-elect Virginia Kleist will work together to determine a correct WVU faculty list-serve.
16. Professor Lohmann distributed a draft policy about the extension of the tenure clock. She said the provost's office has been working on this issue, and it should be on the provost's web page by June, 2008. Comments can be sent to Professor Lohmann. The policy will go to the Board of Governor's meeting in June or soon after so it can be put in place as an official WVU policy.
17. Chair-elect Kleist thanked Chair Kite, Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary and the Faculty Senate staff for their assistance with the May 14<sup>th</sup> faculty assembly meeting. Chair Kite thanked the Executive Committee for its work this year, and he said he looks forward to working with everyone at a later time.
18. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. to reconvene August 25, 2008.

Mary Strife  
Faculty Secretary