

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, November 17, 2014

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

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Gee, E.	Maynor, L.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bastress, R.	Griffith, R.	McConnell, J.	Veselicky, L.
Bowen, E.	Harner, E.	Nutter, R.	
DiBartolomeo, L.	Kleist, V.	Orlikoff, J.	

Members Absent:

Cottrell, L.	Elmore, S.	Perna, N.	Turton, R.
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Guests:

Alsop, J.	Christian, T.	Hessler, A. (DP)	Proudfoot, C.
Campbell, J.	Clark, N.	Karraker, K.	Robinson, S.
Chisholm, S.	Dooley, E.	King, F.	Stump, J. (NIS)

2. Chair Orlikoff moved for approval of the minutes from the October 27, 2014 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. Chair Orlikoff reported the following:
 - We are all extremely aggrieved by the death of one of our students, Nolan Burch.
 - Faculty members are concerned about the number negative incidents that have occurred recently and are looking for ways to support initiatives that will ameliorate the situation. She suggested the Faculty Senate consider ways in which it can help.
 - She is impressed by the WellWVU Peer Advocate Training program. The victim-centered program's primary mission is to help the victim through a traumatic event over an extended period of time. Its purpose is different from Title IX, yet it can complement the efforts of Title IX if the student so chooses.
4. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - He expressed his condolences on the death of Nolan Burch.
 - We are trying to change the culture in a variety of ways, and take a leadership position in that regard. President Gee has been a member of the Amethyst Initiative for a number of years. He argues that we have lost control over alcohol-related behaviors on university campuses because, as we enforce the rules regarding alcohol, our students under age 21 go underground and engage in binge drinking at tremendously destructive levels. This behavior will not change until the culture of the students changes.

- He attended the kickoff party for the Million Hour Match. One million hours of community service by students, faculty, and staff will be matched by West Virginia citizens.
- He apologized to the faculty members who were uncharitably characterized for bringing forward their colleagues' valid concerns about the take out your own trash program. The program provides a way for us to engage in cost savings, and should not have been presented as simply a new initiative on environmental issues.

5. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:

- We want to capture the energy for service reflected in the launch of the Million Hour Match and build it into the academic experience. One of the aspects of the Live/Learn Communities is that they will have an academic connection to service. We are finding that many people, especially faculty and staff, are not using the University tracking system for service, iServe. She has asked Gypsy Denzine to design an interactive map showing what we are doing in terms of service engagement in each county of West Virginia. We want to find a way to capture what we are doing and integrate it better into how we talk about what we do. We also want to take advantage of APLU and Carnegie profiles and awards to highlight the extraordinary work we do.
- The Provost's Office is going to create a social media platform around academics, focused on teaching, research, and service. This will be a place where we can begin to raise the academic profile of the University and tell all of the wonderful stories that are going on here. She would appreciate any suggestions about what should be included.
- Her responsibility in the due diligence process for the Mountain State University property is to look at academic programs that would translate well to a Beckley campus. That area of the state could benefit from economic development. One area she is exploring under the economic development and entrepreneurial umbrella is tourism and the hospitality program that comes along with it. Adventure WV, forensics, physics, and the land use and sustainable development law clinic already have a presence in that area of the state. There is also a high demand for graduate programs, including business. The need for a construction engineering program has also been identified.

6. Jim Harner, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex II, Alterations Report. Accepted.

The Transparency Subcommittee plans to finish its preliminary report in December. The subcommittee is looking at transparency from two points of view. The first concerns documenting Curriculum Committee procedures and the second concerns providing better reference materials for people who initiate proposals.

Dr. Harner moved that the approval process for the AAS (Associate of Applied Science) and BAS (Bachelor of Applied Science) programs consist of approvals by Potomac State

College, the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee, and the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, followed by submission to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate for information. Motion carried.

7. Lena Maynor, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for acceptance of the following report:

Annex III, GEC Audits. Accepted.

8. Fred King, Vice President for Research, provided an update on the research office.
9. Toni Christian, Director, Benefits Administration and John Campbell, Associate Provost for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, provided an update on the Retirees Association and announced that a retiree email address (with a retiree.wvu.edu domain) will be established in January 2015.
10. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, reported that the ACF meets on November 21, 2014. That morning, he will be presenting the ACF annual report to HEPC.
11. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors will meet again in December, mostly by phone.

12. New Business

Lisa DiBartolomeo presented a letter to be signed by Chair Orlikoff and Staff Council Chair Lisa Martin and presented to Ted Cheatham, PEIA Director. Dr. DiBartolomeo moved that Senate Executive Committee endorse this letter, enabling Rob Alsop, Vice President for Legal and Governmental Affairs and Entrepreneurial Engagement, to present it to Ted Cheatham. Motion carried.

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, December 15, 2014.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator