

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, May 23, 2016

1. Chair-Elect Lena Maynor called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Ameri, S.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Gee, E.	Orlikoff, J.
Bastress, R.	Elmore, S.	Griffith, R.	Stolzenberg, A.
Cottrell, L.	Fint-Clark, R.	Maynor, L.	Veselicky, L.

Members Absent:

Hauser, D.	McConnell, J.	Turton, R.	Valenti, M.
Kleist, V.	Nutter, R.		

Guests:

Billings, H.	Dean, R.	Murphy, E.	Prud'homme, J.
Campbell, J.	Ibrahim, M.	Pfeifer, A.	Wilson, C.
Day-Perroots, S.	Merrifield, J.	Proudfoot, C.	

2. Chair-Elect Maynor moved for approval of the minutes from the April 25, 2016 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - He thought our commencement ceremonies were wonderful. When the stadium renovations are complete, he would love to be able to hold a single ceremony rather than individual college commencements. Many of our students are first generation college students, which gives their parents the opportunity to celebrate something they never experienced for themselves. The number of parents who attend is striking. We do not want to lose our sense of family and the commitment that we have to one another.
 - Our students continue to perform very well in national competitions. We rank at the very top among institutions in terms of students who qualify for Goldwater, Udall, Truman, and other prestigious scholarships and fellowships. We have 24 Rhodes Scholars.
 - Admissions are up about 31% over last year. We will have the largest and best prepared freshman class in the history of the university. About 20% of entering students will now be honors students.
 - We are working to protect our position during the current legislative impasse. Our long-term goal is to take control of our own agenda, and to be able to generate our own resources. He supports an increase in the tobacco tax as well as a temporary sales tax.
 - Our transformation teams (previously known as SWOT teams) are working to discover where we can be more effective and efficient with our resources. Our long-term strategy is to improve quality while moderating costs.
4. Vice Provost Russ Dean reported the following:
 - He passed along Provost McConnell's thanks to everyone who was involved with commencement this year. This year was particularly challenging with the on-going renovations to the Coliseum.

- Tom Patrick has been appointed faculty ombudsman. He will serve as a source of information and referral for faculty having difficulty negotiating the University system.
 - The twelve transformation teams are continuing their work and are making progress.
 - Enrollment looks promising for fall. Deposits are up 8% over last year, which implies that the incoming class will number between 5100-5200 students. The number of students who have registered for fall classes is up about 1.5% over last year, with a fairly significant bump among both sophomores and juniors. This suggests retention rates may have increased. Honors College enrollment is up by about 18% over last year.
5. Karen Haines, Chair-Elect, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following:
 - Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried, with approval for ADRC 101 pending receipt of a sign-off from CPASS.
 - Annex II, Course Changes Report. Motion carried.
 - Annex III, Capstone Courses Report. Motion carried.
 - Annex IV, Alterations Report, was submitted for information. Report filed.
 - Consent Agenda items: Annex V, Major in Aerospace Engineering (Potomac State College); Annex VI, Major in Biometric Systems Engineering (Potomac State College); Annex VII, Major in Computer Engineering (Potomac State College); Annex VIII, Major in Industrial Engineering (Potomac State College); Annex IX, Termination of General Studies (Science) Major (Potomac State College); Annex X, Termination of General Studies (Non-Science) Major (Potomac State College); Annex XI, Termination of Physical Education (Sport Behavior) Major (Potomac State College); and Annex XII, Termination of Physical Education (Athletic Training) Major (Potomac State College). Motion carried.
 - Information item: Minor in Engineering in Society. Report filed.
 - Annex XIII, Subject Code Policy. Motion carried.
 6. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair-Elect, General Education Foundations Committee, moved for acceptance of the following report:
 - Annex XIV, 2015-16 Committee Report and 2016-17 Goals. Accepted.
 7. Art Jackowitz, Committee of Retired Faculty, moved for acceptance of the following report:
 - Annex XV, 2015-16 Committee Report and 2016-17 Goals. Accepted.
 - Annex XVI, Invitation to Faculty Retirees, was submitted for information. Report filed.
 8. Emily Murphy, Chair-Elect, Faculty Welfare Committee, moved for acceptance of the following report:
 - Annex XVII, 2015-16 Committee Report and 2016-17 Goals. Accepted.
 9. Michael Ibrahim, Chair, Research and Scholarship Committee, moved for acceptance of the following report:
 - Annex XVIII, 2015-16 Committee Report and 2016-17 Goals. Accepted.
 10. Becca Fint-Clark, Chair, Service Committee, moved for acceptance of the following report:
 - Annex XIX, 2015-16 Committee Report and 2016-17 Goals. Accepted.

11. Heather Billings, Chair, Teaching and Assessment Committee, moved for acceptance of the following report:

Annex XX, 2015-16 Committee Report and 2016-17 Goals. Accepted.

Dr. Billings noted that a software glitch surfaced after the committee report was prepared. When SEI reports were released, some people saw results that were not their own. That problem was quickly resolved.
12. Jennifer Orlikoff moved for approval of Annex XXI, Attendance Policy and Guidelines. Motion carried following the addition of study abroad to the list of authorized university activities in item 1.
13. Jennifer Orlikoff reported that the main topic of discussion among ACF members is the state budget, and what actions institutions will take if a state budget has not been approved by the start of the fiscal year. There is a great deal of anxiety and fear at other institutions surrounding the possibility of furloughs and closures.
14. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors will hold a special meeting on May 26 to discuss the evaluation and contract renewal for President Gee.
15. Valerie Lastinger presented Annex XXII, Academic Dishonesty Process, for information. The document represents a clarification of existing policy, making the catalog copy easier to understand. A suggestion was made to add language under item 2 of Step 1 (Instructor Level) reiterating that, if the student does not respond, then the instructor's charge will stand. Report filed.
16. Faculty Secretary Alan Stolzenberg moved for approval of Annex XXIII and Annex XXIIIA, Proposed Changes to the Faculty Constitution. Motion carried.
17. Joe Prud'homme, Chair, Research Integrity Committee, moved for approval of Annex XXIV, Proposed Changes to the WVU Research Integrity Procedure. Motion carried.
18. Sue Day-Perroots, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, presented Calendar Guidelines (Annex XXV), Proposed Calendar Version 1 (Annex XXVI), and Proposed Calendar Version 2 (Annex XXVII) for information. The two calendar options will be presented to the Faculty Senate for a vote.
19. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, August 22, 2016.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator