

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, November 16, 2020

1. Chair Nathalie Singh-Corcoran called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Committee members and guests participated via videoconference.

Members Present:

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| Atkins, C. | Elliott, E. | Nutter, R. | Vanderhoff, J. |
| Bastress, R. | Gee, G. | Reed, M. | Veselicky, L. |
| Chisholm, S. | Hauser, D. | Singh-Corcoran, N. | Wayne, S. |
| Cottrell, L. | Martucci, A. | Sowards, A. | |
| Di Bartolomeo, L. | Murphy, E. | Steele, J. | |

Members Absent:

Hileman, S.

Guests:

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| Becker, K | Gavin, M. | Shannon, R. | Thomas, R. |
| Brugnoli, A. | Kreider, P. | Slimak, L. | Widders, E. |
| DeBastiani, A. | Latimer, M. | Staples, C. | |

2. Chair Singh-Corcoran presented for approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2020 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
3. President Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - Congress is reconvening today, November 16. We had been predicted to receive \$45-50 million in COVID relief, which would have been very positive for us given the prudence of our financial planning. That relief is now in doubt.
 - The WV Senate has chosen Craig Blair as president, who is a friend of the university. Tom Takubo will serve as majority leader and Eric Tarr will serve as Finance Committee chairperson. We now have a veto-proof legislature.
 - A number of institutions around the country are facing serious financial challenges, including WVU. We have managed to this point, but the net result will depend upon how well we do with retention and recruitment.
 - Two vaccines, one from Pfizer and one from Moderna, are showing promising results. The Pfizer vaccine must be stored at extremely cold temperatures; our academic medical center has the necessary storage.
 - “Breathe, Nolan, Breathe” has won an Emmy award. The documentary details the death of Nolan Burch, who died of alcohol poisoning in 2014. We are pleased with the impact of this campaign on raising awareness regarding hazing and binge drinking on college campuses.
 - The engineering team for the Virgin Hyperloop is moving ahead aggressively. He attended the Pegasus event, which was the first human test. The rapid transportation project will create about 13,000 jobs.

4. Provost Maryanne Reed led a discussion of the plans for closing out the fall 2020 semester.
5. Evan Widders, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, presented DFW and retention rate data currently available for fall 2020.
6. Chair Singh-Corcoran reported the following:
 - She and Emily Murphy met with Tracey Beckley regarding the possibility of creating an academic technology committee. The goal of that committee would be to address classroom technology needs and concerns and to advise TLC and ITS on how they can support classroom instruction. Once the ad hoc committee on third party tools completes its work, she anticipates a proposal to formalize a standing committee.
 - She, Provost Reed, Associate Provost Latimer, Ashley Martucci, and Dave Hauser met with Ian Harman and Emily Fidelman. They have offered their information management expertise to help better structure some of the university's web content. She will schedule a meeting with UR to see about getting that work started.
 - She has received feedback on the shared governance statement indicating that it offers clarity on how and when folks can move in-person courses online for the short term.
 - Rob Alsop will attend the January Faculty Senate meeting to discuss the new legislative agenda and to provide a budget update.
 - Karen Diaz will be attending the January Executive Committee and February Faculty Senate meetings to share the University Libraries' new vendor policy.
7. Jennifer Steele, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee presented the following reports for approval. Motion carried.
 - Annex I, New Courses Report
 - Annex II, Course Changes Report
 - Annex III, Capstone Report
 - New Program in Data Science
 - New Program in Integrated StudiesThe following report was submitted for information. Report filed.
 - Annex IV, Graduate Programs Report
8. General Education Foundations Committee – no report.
9. Jessica Vanderhoff, Chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, presented the Early Semester Teaching Assessment Summary report. She also reported that the committee voted to recommend that ITS release SEI reports twice per semester, once at the midterm mark when 8-week (and shorter) course grades have been locked in STAR and again at the end of the traditional 16-week semester.
10. Carolyn Atkins, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies, presented the following report for approval. Motion carried.

Annex V, Committee Appointments

11. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that HEPC will meet on November 20. ACF will meet that afternoon. One of the items on the HEPC agenda is the Fiscal Year 2020 Consolidated Audit report.
12. Board of Governors Report – None.
13. New Business – None.
14. The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, December 14, 2020.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator