

Minutes
West Virginia University Faculty Senate
Monday, March 5, 2018

1. Matthew Valenti, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m. in Ruby Grand Hall, Erickson Alumni Center.

Members Present:

Ameri, S.	Culcasi, K.	Hauser, D.	M'bayo, T.	Scott, D.
Atkins, C.	Davis, D.	Hibbert, A.	McCombie, R.	Scott, H.
Barko, C.	Di Bartolomeo, L.	Hileman, S.	McCrary, J.	Shapiro, R.
Bastress, R.	Dickman, B.	Hodge, J.	Montgomery-Downs, H.	Singh-Corcoran, N.
Benedito, V.	Eller, W.	Hornsby, G.	Murphy, E.	Smith, M.
Bernardes, E.	Elliot, E.	Jacobson, G.	Murray, J.	Soccorsi, A.
Bilgesu, I.	Eschen, E.	Johnson-Olin, M.	Nicholson, R.	Sowards, A.
Billings, H.	Estep, C.	Kirby, B.	Nutter, R.	Tapia, J.
Bishop, J.	Famouri, P.	Kitchen, S.	Olfert, M.	Thomas, J.
Blobaum, R.	Feaster, K.	Knox, S.	Plein, C.	Trickett Shockey, A.
Bowman, N.	Fleming, S.	Krause, M.	Proudfoot, C.	Tu, S.
Bravo, G.	Floyd, K.	Kuhlman, J.	Rakes, P.	Tudorascu, A.
Bryner, R.	Fraustino, J.	Lee, S.	Reymond, R.	Utzman, R.
Burnside, J.	Garofoli, G.	Li, B.	Rice, T.	Valenti, M.
Casey, F.	Goff, N.	Lieving, G.	Rockett, I.	Vona-Davis, L.
Collins, A.	Haines, K.	Lockman, J.	Rowlands, A.	Widders, E.
Costas, M.	Harris, T.	Martucci, A.	Ryan, E.	Wietholter, J.
Cronin, A.	Hartley, D.	Matak, K.	Schaeffer, P.	Wilcox, G.
Cui, A.	Hartnett, H.	Maynor, L.	Schimmel, C.	Yocke, R.

Members Excused:

Bergner, G.	Cossmann, L.	Hambrick, G.	Knight, J.	Law, K.
Burt, A.	Dietz, M.	Kiefer, A.	Kolar, M.	McCusker, B.
Cohen, S.	Gilleland, D.	Kiefer, C.	LaBarbara, J.	Prucz, J.
Connors, J.				

Members Absent:

Anderson, K.	Carpenter, R.	Harrison, N.	Myers, S.	Shrader, C.
Bonner, D.	Cottrell, L.	Hessl, A.	Nath, C.	Tobin, G.
Brock, R.	Criser, A.	McTeer, M.	Robertson-Honecker, J.	Walter, S.
Brooks, R.	Gannon, K.	Mucino, V.	Schaefer, G.	Wilson, M.

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

Hauser, D.	Maynor, L.	Nutter, R.	Proudfoot, C.	Valenti, M.
Hileman, S.				

2. Chair Valenti moved for approval of the minutes from the Monday, February 12, 2018 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - The Higher Learning Commission site visit is going very well. He appreciates the participation of so many people in this accreditation process.

- Meshea Poore has been appointed Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She is a graduate of Howard University and Southern University Law Center.
- We have made a number of immediate changes in terms of requirements and expectations for Greek life on campus. Our fraternities are on a review process, and we are very hopeful that this will continue to increase the quality of our environment at the University.
- We are very concerned about pedestrian safety. Two students were struck by vehicles within the past several weeks. One of those individuals, a wonderful young lady, was killed. Our second student is beginning to improve. Rob Alsop and his team are working hard to address the issue of pedestrian safety.
- We have about 1100 students residing in Living-Learning Communities. Students in these communities have an opportunity to come together with like-minded folks or organizations to improve the quality of their academic experience. We are very pleased thus far with the initiative, and plan to expand the LLCs over time.

4. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:

- We think we have been successful in defeating campus carry, but we expect the issue to come up again next year. The anti-free speech bill seems to have died as well. The free community college bill also seems to be hung up in the legislature.
- The HLC visit is going very well. She encouraged everyone to read the 10-page summary of the assurance document put together by Elizabeth Hamilton.
- Anyone doing significant work in innovation, entrepreneurship, and design here at WVU is encouraged to apply to participate in the inaugural Demo Day on April 19. Demo Day will showcase all that we are doing in these areas. Individuals, groups, and classes can apply to participate at the IDEA Hub web site.
- Tickets to the TEDx Talks on March 2 were very scarce. Our license limited us to 100 people for our first conference. Over time, our license will allow us to expand the size of the audience.
- Antar Jutla has earned a CAREER award from the National Science Foundation for his research on how extreme events and enhanced climatic variability impact the emergence of water-borne pathogens that cause infection in humans.
- Paul Cassak, associate professor of Physics and Astronomy, has been named a Benedum Distinguished Scholar in Physical Sciences and Technology. He has also been recognized with a National Science Foundation CAREER Award and the prestigious Macelwane Medal for early career scientists.
- Emma Harrison, a junior political science major and honors student, has been named a Newman Civic Fellow for 2018. She plans to use her fellowship to continue her advocacy for prison education.
- Dillon Muhly-Alexander is the first WVU student to be named a Gates-Cambridge Scholar. His undergraduate work included research on food security.
- She, Rob Alsop, Randy Hudak, Ron Justice, and an SGA representative joined the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization on March 2 for its initial meeting on pedestrian safety.

5. Chair Valenti reported the following:

- Senate elections are now open. If your constituency has open seats, you should have received an email ballot on March 2 from Qualtrics. The elections will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9. If you have not voted already, please remember to do so, and please encourage members of your constituency to vote.
- We are taking nominations for the second Board of Governors seat. Although this position represents the faculty of the entire University, the individual must come from either Extension or Health Sciences. Nominations can be made from the floor during the April meeting or by email through May 7.
- The survey asking you to serve on committees has now closed. Please let Chair Valenti know if you would like to serve on a committee but did not respond to the survey.
- The public comment period closes on March 20 for the faculty-related Board of Governors rules presented by C.B. Wilson in our last meeting. Please go to policies.wvu.edu to review the policies. All comments will be reviewed by the Legal Affairs team and shared with the BOG.
- PEIA is now frozen, so next year's plan will look like this year's plan. There will be a Healthy Tomorrow's component, which you can meet by either using Go365 or the old paper-based form, and the penalty for missing the targets is a \$500 deductible increase. A small group of faculty, staff, and administration has been exploring options to improve PEIA for WVU employees for the subsequent year. Also, the governor has called for a PEIA task force, and we expect there to be WVU representation on it, but we will not know for sure until the membership list is released. The task force will have 23 members and will have its first meeting March 13.
- Decide WVU days are March 24 and April 14. The office of admissions is seeking faculty who are passionate about the University and want to help students make a decision to come to WVU. They would also like to have representation from major-specific student organizations, so if you are a faculty advisor to an organization please consider participating.

6. Chad Proudfoot, Faculty Secretary, moved for approval of Annex IA, Resolution to Renew Faculty Senate Standing Committees. The motion was duly seconded. Motion carried.

7. Two people have declared their candidacy for Faculty Senate chair-elect: Emily Murphy, Extension Service, and Virginia Kleist, College of Business & Economics.

The chair asked for additional nominations from the floor; none were given. Hearing no objections, the nominations were closed.

The candidates will have an opportunity to speak before the Faculty Senate at the April 9 meeting, and to submit a candidate statement beforehand. The elected candidate will serve as Faculty Senate Chair during the 2019-2020 academic year, and as one of the two faculty representatives on the Board of Governors from 2019-2021.

8. Kim Floyd, Chair-Elect, Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following consent agenda items. Motion carried following changes to Annex I and Annex II.

Annex I, New Courses Report. The title for ARE 380 was changed to Agribusiness Sales and Management.

Annex II, Course Changes, Deletions, and Adoptions Report. SM 546 was removed from the report at the request of the College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences.

Annex III, Capstone Courses Report.
New Major in Environmental and Community Planning.
New Major in Physical Activity and Well-Being.
Program Changes to the BA in English Secondary Education.
Global Mountaineers Certificate Program.

The following reports were submitted for information. Reports filed.

New Minor in Appalachian Music.
New Minor in Criminology.
New Minor in Cybersecurity.
New Minor in Entrepreneurship.
New Minor in Hospitality and Tourism Management.
Annex V, Graduate Programs Report.
Annex VI, Changes to the Timeline for Approving New Courses.

9. Nathalie Singh-Corcoran, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex VII, GEF Actions. Motion carried.

The following report was submitted for information:

Annex VIII, GEF Transition Review. Report filed.

10. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that a lot of bills are being run through the legislature, few of which relate directly to us.
11. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors met on February 16. They approved \$3.4 million to complete the architectural and engineering phase of the Hodges Hall renovation. Rob Alsop provided a legislative update. There will be a special meeting on March 6 to review rules, including Reduction in Force and Academic Program Creation and Review.
12. New Business – None
13. The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, April 9, 2018.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator