

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, September 27, 2021

1. Chair Ashley Martucci called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Committee members and guests participated via videoconference.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	Gee, G.	Hissam, R.	Singh-Corcoran, N.
Davari, A.	Hauser, D.	Martucci, A.	Vanderhoff, J.
Elliott, E.	Hibbert, A.	Murphy, E.	Veselicky, L.
Galvez-Peralta, M.	Hileman, S.	Reed, M.	Wayne, S.

Members Absent:

Chisholm, S.	Reddy, R.	Schaefer, G.	Welsh, A.
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Guests:

Becker, K	Gavin, M.	Lofaso, A.	Slimak, L.
Brugnoli, A.	Kearns, S.	Pfeifer, A.	Staples, C.
DeBastiani, A.	Latimer, M.	Shannon, R.	Widders, E.
Dibartolomeo, L.			

2. Chair Martucci presented for approval the minutes from the August 23, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
3. President Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - WVU's vaccination rate is now at about 80%. The number of people in quarantine or isolation is quite low. We will continue to review the indoor mask mandate.
 - We earned the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award for the sixth consecutive year. The award recognizes colleges and universities that foster diversity and inclusion on campus.
 - WVU FirstGen, an initiative housed in the Office of Student Success, has earned membership in the First Scholars Network, which includes more than 45 higher education institutions nationwide.
4. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
 - She shared an update on COVID-19 numbers for the State and the University. The Health and Safety Committee will continue to discuss the indoor mask mandate, but masking in the classroom may continue for the entire semester.
 - The program portfolio review process identified 45 undergraduate or master's programs as programs of concern, as well as 31 programs with growth opportunity. Program review reports for the programs of concern were received in the Office of the Provost by the September 1, 2021 deadline; based upon a review of those reports, the office is ready to make preliminary recommendations. Those recommendations

will include: continue at the current level, continue with specific action required, development of a cooperative program, or discontinuance.

- She asked Mark Gavin to discuss the appeals process for those who want to dispute the preliminary recommendations from the Office of the Provost on programs of concern. He indicated that programs that wish to appeal the preliminary recommendation will need to express that intent by October 4. Appeals will be processed and hearings scheduled from October 5-13. Results of the appeals will be provided by October 14. At the conclusion of the appeals process, final recommendations for programs of concern will be presented to the Board of Governors on October 29, 2021.
- Academic transformation priorities for this year are being developed and should be finalized by November.

5. Chair Martucci reported the following:

- The October 18 Faculty Senate meeting will be a hybrid meeting, with the face-to-face portion held at the College of Law. The November meeting will include a presentation from Jodi Goodman, the Faculty Ombudsperson. Melissa Latimer and Amy Kittle, the Assistant Director for Prevention and Education in the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, will also be presenting on available resources, trainings, and the DEI classroom.
- The first Coffee and Conversation with Senate was held on September 14, 2021. About 12 people attended, and discussions included vaccines, work/life balance, the culture survey, P&T narratives, and contact tracing.
- The Academic Advisory Committee met to reestablish the charge, develop a tentative agenda for upcoming meetings, and consider recommending a possible name change for the committee.

6. Robin Hissam, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, presented the following reports for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Annex I, New Courses Report
Annex II, Course Changes Report
New Program in Sustainable Design and Development

The following reports were submitted for information. Reports filed.

Changes to the Minor in Sport Coaching
New Minor in Health Coaching

7. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair-Elect, General Education Foundations Committee, presented the following reports for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 10-0.

Annex III, GEF Actions
Annex IV, Revised Learning Outcomes

8. Marina Galvez-Peralta, Chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, reported that the committee has worked with the Teaching and Learning Commons to create a seminar to address any questions that faculty may have with the Early Semester Teaching

Assessment survey. They are also developing a pamphlet to explain the survey and how to use the results. TACO has also created a subcommittee to evaluate offensive comments on eSEIs.

9. Ann Marie Hibbert, Chair of the Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies, presented the following report for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 10-0.

Annex V, Committee Appointments

10. Eloise Elliott, Faculty Representative to State Government, presented the following report for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 10-0.

Annex VI, Legislative Agenda

Dr. Elliott also reported that she will attend the Higher Education Policy Commission meeting on October 4. ACF will meet on October 8, 2021.

11. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors met on September 17. The Board received a report from the Foundation, as well as updates on academic transformation, COVID-19, and university finances. They renewed the emergency leave plan for vaccinated individuals. The next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2021.

12. The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 25, 2021.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator