

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, December 20, 2010

1. Chair Alan Stolzenberg called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainair.

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Cottrell, L.	Peace, G.	Wheatly, M.
Bastress, R.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Petty, T.	
Bilgesu, I.	Kershner, R.	Stolzenberg, A.	
Clements, J.	Nutter, R.	Urbanski, J.	

Members Absent:

Butcher, F.	Clark, N.	Hartman, K.	Strife, M.
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Guests:

Lastinger, M.	Mazzella, D. (NIS)	McDiarmid, M.	Robinson, S.
Shaner, C. (DP)	Wilson, C.B.		

2. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President Clements thanked the Senate Executive Committee for what they do for the University. He said that he received a draft of the Strategic Plan on Friday, so he will review it over the break. The President thanked Professor Nigel Clark, Provost Wheatly and Chancellor Colenda for their efforts in putting the Plan together, as well as the additional 100 people who were involved.
4. Provost Wheatly thanked members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for helping her learn her new role as Provost. She has a few faculty left to meet after the new year to discuss any issues and/or concerns they may have.

The Provost said she has been working hard and holding several meetings so she could get the draft of the Strategic Plan to the President.

Leadership searches are going well and an announcement will be given shortly about candidates for the dean's position for the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design.

Eight airport interviews were held for the dean's position for the College of Creative Arts, and campus interviews will be conducted soon. The Provost said two outstanding leaders will be added to the team.

5. Chair Stolzenberg said last month a motion was made that the Senate Executive Committee appoint a small Ad-hoc committee to work with administration and Information Technology (IT) to deal with work flow issues because there are a lot of processes coming forth that need approvals. A few faculty have volunteered for the Committee but more are needed. Meetings will be arranged after the first of the year to discuss the approval process. The Chair said if anyone would like to take part in the Ad hoc Committee to let him know.

The Chair talked with people from IT last week and they are looking for faculty input into a number of committees including the IT Policy and Support Decision Committee. They are in the process of developing policies and procedures for IT. They have a large schedule of policies and other things they will be going through in the next year and a half. The Chair said if anyone would like to nominate someone to serve on this Committee he/she can send the name/s to him. The Committee meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

The Chair said last week he participated as the faculty representative for the NCAA Legislative proposals. He tried to make certain the academic process would be respected and that student athletes would have similar academic treatment as students in general. He said the University is supporting positions that are consistent with this decision.

Ted Mattern, BOG member, has been appointed as the Superintendent of WV Schools starting in January, 2011. The Attorney General was asked, and it was ruled, that it is not possible to hold both the Superintendent of Schools position and the BOG position, so there will be a vacancy on the BOG.

6. The Chair invited the following legislative delegates to speak before the Senate Executive Committee today: Tony Barill, Bob Beach, Barbara Fleischauer, Tim Manchin, Mike Manypenny, Charlene Marshall and Amanda Pasdon. The Chair said one of the reasons that the delegates were invited to attend the meeting was to discuss ways that faculty could be more proactive and form better and closer relationships with the State and be better acquainted with its needs. The main discussion included “staying connected.” Faculty should let delegates know if there are various issues/bills that they would like to see passed as well as what they like and dislike about various bills. The delegates agreed that it helps when everyone can be on the same page with communication and what they want and do not want to see passed.
7. Professor Todd Petty moved for approval of the following SCC reports:
 - Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Issues have been resolved for Management 470 and 471 so they will be put back on the SCC report for the January 10, 2011, Faculty Senate meeting. Motion carried.
 - Annex II, Curriculum Change for Histotechnology. Motion carried.
 - Annex III, Renumbering for Music courses was submitted for information.
 - Annex IV, The Alteration Report was submitted for information.

8. Steve Robinson, Director, University Registrar's Office, discussed the Policy on Repeated Courses. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the policy. Motion carried. It will go to the Faculty Senate on January 10, 2011.
9. The Chair said the Assessment Council is moving forward on the question of assessing the general education curriculum about how well is it satisfying the objectives of the curriculum. This issue will have to be addressed and data will be needed before its re-accreditation in 2014. The Chair asked at what point does the Faculty Senate want to get involved with the assessment of the curriculum; discussions have taken place with the General Education Committee. The Chair said he is thinking about asking members of the General Education Committee to work with the subgroup within the Assessment Council to talk things through. He asked the Committee to think about the Faculty Senate's role on the assessment issue so it can be discussed next month.
10. Professor McDiarmid distributed a copy of the Academic Integrity Policy. She said the current policy has been in place since the year 2000. After much discussion about the policy, it was decided to form a small committee to review it in detail, make recommendations for changes, and report back to the body as a whole. The Chair asked for volunteers to serve on the Committee; the following members volunteered: Robert Bastress, Jonathan Cumming, Lesley Cottrell, and Chair Stolzenberg,
11. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m. to reconvene Monday, January 24, 2011.

Barbara Dunn, Committee Secretary