

MINUTES

West Virginia University Faculty Senate

Monday, January 10th, 2022

1. The meeting was convened at 3:15 pm by Ashley Martucci, Faculty Senate Chair. The Senate met by videoconference.

Members Present:

Anderson, K.	Davis, D.	Hauser, D.	McGinnis, R.	Soccorsi, A.
Barnes, E.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Heady, M.	Miltenberger, M.	Sofka, S.
Bastress, R.	Dickman, B.	Hibbert, A.	Momen, J.	Sowards, A.
Battistella, L.	Dilcher, B.	Hileman, S.	Morgan, J.	Staniscia, S.
Bhandari, R.	Donley, D.	Hissam, R.	Murphy, T.	Swager, L.
Bolyard, J.	Downes, M.	Hodge, J.	Myers, S.	Tack, F.
Bonner, D.	Eades, D.	Honaker, L.	Nix, A.	ter Haseborg, H.
Bragg, R.	Elliott, E.	Hood, C.	Orr, E.	Toppe, M
Bresock, K.	Ellis, E.	Huber, S.	Peckens, S.	Utzman, R.
Bruyaka, O.	Ellison, M.	Hudgins, C.	Phillips, T.	Vercelli, M.
Bryner, R.	Elswick, D.	Kearns, J.	Reece, R.	Waggy, C.
Burnside, J.	Famouri, P.	Kitchen, S.	Rinehart, L.	Wayne, S.
Butina, M.	Feaster, K.	Kupec, J.	Rogers, T.	Williams, D.
Casey, R.	Frazier, V.	LaRue, R.	Rota, C.	Woloshuk, J.
Celikbas, E.	Fullen, M.	Leary, M.	Sakhuja, A.	Woods, S.
Chantler, P.	Galvez-Peralta, M.	Li, H.	Samuels, H.	Wuest, T.
Cottrell, L.	Gilleland, D.	Lorenze, S.	Schimmel, C.	Young, S.
Crichlow, S.	Gross, J.	Lupo, J.	Sealey, V.	Zegre, N.
Crosno, J.	Grushecky, S.	Marra, A.	Sims, J.	Zeni, T.
Cui, A.	Hamrick, A.	Martucci, A.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	
Davari, A.	Hatipoglu, K.	McCrary, J.		

Members Absent:

Armour-	Evans, K.	Kelly, K.	Nguyen, Y.	Sizemore, J.
Gemmen M.	Geldenhuys, W.	Klein, A.	Olfert, M.	Smith, D.
Billings, H.	Graziani, G.	Knuckles, T.	Petrone, A.	Titolo, M.
Bravo, G.	Harmon, I.	Law, K.	Reece, J.	Watson, J.
Burke, R.	Hessl, A.	Leight, M.	Rice, T.	Welsh, A.
Cohen, S.	Hines, S.	Li, Bingyun	Roberts, D.	Willard, M.
Costas, M.	Holbien, M.	McCusker, B.	Sabolsky, E.	
Cronin, A.	Hornsby, G.	McCusker, B.	Schaefer, G.	
Dey, K.	Jaczynski, J.	Mucino, V.	Sherlock, L.	
Duenas, O.	John, C.	Murray, A.	Shrader, C.	

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

Hauser, D. Hileman, S. Singh-Corcoran, N.
Murphy, E.

2. Chair Martucci presented for approval the minutes from the Monday, December 6, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
3. President Gordon Gee discussed his plans to travel to Charleston, WV for the West Virginia Legislative session, noting that the State is in a strong financial position in regards to providing strong support for the University budget and investment in infrastructure improvement at Jackson's Mill. President Gee also urged faculty, students, and staff to review information provided on the Return to Campus website to ensure a safe semester.
4. Provost Maryanne Reed reported the following:
 - a. She provided an update regarding the updated COVID-19 campus protocols which were sent out in a university wide message on Tuesday. She urged flexibility with both student absences and instruction modalities.
 - b. She gave the floor to Dr. Jeff Coben who reported that new cases of COVID-19 in West Virginia would peak earlier than originally predicted, with a model indicating a peak in seven to ten days. He also expressed that the current surge in cases is due to the Omicron variant, as 89% of samples tested in the Morgantown area were identified as such.
 - c. She then gave the floor to Rob Alsop who further discussed the University's COVID-19 guidelines for the spring semester.
 - d. The undergraduate and terminal master's degree portfolio review process is wrapping up by reviewing the portfolio in the Statler College. Programs of concern have been removed from the academic transformation website upon request from those units who had programs of concern. Priorities for Year 2 will be announced the week of January 24th.
5. Rob Alsop, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, gave an update on the 2022 Legislative session, including an overview of the proposed West Virginia HEPC funding formula and the Governor's proposed 5% pay raise.
6. Allison Hayes, CARE Team Case Manager, gave an overview of the CARE Team, student absences, and communication between the CARE Team and faculty.
7. Dean Corey Farris gave an overview of the Division of Student Life and discussed how faculty can partner with Student Life in teaching, research, and service.

8. Faculty Senate Chair Ashley Martucci reported the following:
 - a. On September 7th, 2021, the Board of Governors Chairman Tom Jones was sent the vote of the resolution on the administration.
 - b. There is a Wufoo Form on the Faculty Senate website to ask questions to be directed to the Faculty Senate or shared at meetings.
 - c. Coffee and Conversation will be held on Tuesday, January 11th from 10-11 AM.
 - d. Judy Hamilton, Faculty Senate Administrator, retired on January 5th. While her position is being filled, there may be delays in posting on the Faculty Senate website.
 - e. Residence Life, the Center for Fraternal Values and Leadership, Faculty Senate, and Staff Council will be partnering for Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in asking for donations of new gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, and socks by noon on Friday, January 14th. Items will be packaged on Monday the 17th.

9. Robin Hissam, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, presented Annex I, New Courses Report for approval. The report was amended by changing the credit hours reported for Finance 250 to 1. The motion to approve the amended Annex I carried by a vote of 63-0.
 - a. Dr. Hissam presented the following report for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 65-1.
 - i. Annex II, Course Changes Report
 - b. The following reports were submitted for information.
 - i. New Minor in Data Science (Program Code: NEW-TBD, Title: Data Science, Key: 1335)

10. Marina Galvez-Peralta, Chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, reported that the committee met in December and discussed rebranding the tools for evaluating teaching and assessment by rewarding early semester course feedback and is looking at new instruments to measure teaching, aside from student evaluations.

11. Amy Welsh, Chair of the General Education Foundations Committee, reported that assessment of some subsets of general education courses will begin this semester.

12. Ann Marie Hibbert, Chair of the Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies, reported that the committee will begin requesting volunteers for committees.

13. Andrea Soccorsi, Chair of the Sustainability Committee reported that a survey will be distributed in early March to assess teaching, service, and research in areas of sustainability and that a pilot composting course will be occurring this semester in the University Greenhouse.
 - a. Dr. Soccorsi presented the following letter for approval. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Annex III, Letter to the Board of Governors

14. Eloise Elliott, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that she has a meeting with ACF on January 14th at 1PM.

15. Stan Hileman, Board of Governors Representative, reported that the BOG held a brief meeting on December 17th where they received an update on graduation rates and retention, approved renovations to the School of Dentistry, and approved measures to prepare for renovations of the Campus Drive/Beechurst Avenue intersection. The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for February 18th.
16. New Business – none.
17. The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 14, 2022.