

MINUTES  
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
APRIL 10, 2006

1. Professor Michael Lastinger, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

Member Present:

Abbott, J.	D'Souza, G.	Kershner, R.	Napolitano, M.	Sexstone, A.
Atkins, C.	Dixon, S.	Kite, S.	Nelson, C.	Steranka, P.
Behling, R.	Etzel, E.	Kleist, V.	Nutter, R.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bergner, G.	Garbutt, K.	Kuhlman, J.	Outterson, K.	Tauger, M.
Bilgesu, I.	Gladwin, M.	Lastinger, M.	Peace, G.	Temple, J.
Bowen, E.	Griffith, R.	Latimer, M.	Perry, J.	Townsend, C.
Branch, D.	Held, J.	Lively, M.	Petronis, J.	Verlinden, S.
Brooks, R.	Hill, R.	Long, K.	Price, S.	Wilcox, G.
Brown, G.	Hoey, J.	Mancinelli, C.	Richards, A.	Wilkinson, C.
Brown, P.	Hornak, L.	Mandich, M.	Riley, W.	Wilson, R.
Bryner, R.	Howard, S.	Mays, M.	Royall, B.	Woloshuk, J.
Campbell, L.	Iskander, W.	McNerney, K.	Ruscello, D.	
Clark, N.	Jackowitz, A.	Miller, M.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	
Cohen, S.	Johnson, D.	Mutz, C.	Sedgeman, S.	

Members Absent:

Almond, C.	Dillis, C.	Janson, D.	Olson, K.	Valentine, S.
Ameri, S.	Douglas, W.	LaGodna, B.	Panaccione, D.	Voelker, J.
Bryan, W.	Elmore, S.	McCutcheon, T.	Putman, H.	Walker, E.
Burton, J.	Gerbo, R.	McDiarmid, M.	Riemenschneider, S.	Weihman, L.
Canfield, P.	Graeber, J.	Morgan, D.	Robbins, J.	Wright, F.
Cook, L.	Gross, K.	Mullett, C.	Rosen, C.	Yeater, R.
Cottrell, L.	Harris, B.	Myers, T.	Selin, S.	
Culberson, J.	Hornsby, G.	Nath, C.	Shambaugh, N.	
Cumming, J.	Hurst, M.	Nuss, M.	Stockdale, T.	
Dedhia, H.	Jackson, K.	Ogershok, P.	Ullrich, I.	

2. There was no report from the President's Office.
3. Chair Lastinger reported on the following issues:
  - On April 7, 2006, the Higher Education Policy Commission received a new Chancellor – Dr. Brian E. Noland.
  - The ACF met after the HEPC meeting; discussion included the passing of the annual increment for faculty.
  - The ACF agenda for the upcoming year will be discussed at a summer retreat. The ACF is excited about the global curriculum conference that will take place in Charleston on April 24-25th. One topic will include working together for instruction from P-20, which will make elementary, secondary and higher education come together in a more fluent and easier functioning system.
  - Chancellor Flack reported of a program that was initiated by the federal government that includes making higher education more accountable; the program is similar to the

no child left behind program. Several proposals have been submitted; one proposal includes adopting a nation-wide testing of college graduates and replacing the regional accreditation testing with a national system of accreditation.

4. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

5. The following reports were approved from the consent agenda:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes.

Annex II, Personal Trainer Minor.

Annex III, Curriculum Revisions for the B.S. in Agriculture.

Annex IV, For Information – the Alteration Report was presented.

Annex V, General Education Curriculum Course Recommendations.

6. Professor Ruth Kershner moved for approval of Annex VI, the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee Report: Revised Policy on Academic Misconduct. She said last year an Ad hoc committee reviewed the current academic dishonesty policy, and it was unclear and inconsistent in some areas. The committee made the policy more consistent and a better way of streamlining was applied, so it will be easier for both faculty and students to follow. Motion carried.

7. Professor Beth Royall moved for approval of Annex VII, Student Evaluation of Instruction Report. She said the SEI Committee met this year and made the recommendation to work with OIT to develop a web site to link samples of course syllabi. She said a sample syllabi would be available for students who are thinking about enrolling for a course. She said it would be an internal system for students, and it would give both the students and advisors more information about the course. Jason Gross, Student Body President, said students support the on-line syllabi because it would help them to decide what courses to take because it would list expected learning objectives and outcomes, even though the course syllabus would only be a sample of what is taught in the class. Motion carried.

8. Professor Mark Tauger moved for approval of Annex VIII, Student Instruction Committee Report. He said the committee was given two charges. The first one was to review the possibility of shortening semester hours so additional research opportunities and study time could be possible for students. He said the committee rejected the request to shorten the semester; one of the examples he gave to support the committee's reasoning was because several programs require 15 weeks of instruction per semester.

The second charge was to review the possibility of changing the last week of classes' policy so final examinations could be given. The committee did not recommend a change to the current policy.

A motion was made to table the report. Motion failed. It was duly seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

Professor Chris Wilkinson said the issue of dead week would not go away until a task force of faculty leadership and administrators from Academic Affairs would devise meaningful sanctions for policy violations. He said sanctions would not be effective from a college or department level, but they would need to come from the University level.

9. New Business

Professor Kevin Outterson moved that leadership from both the University and the Faculty Senate meet with the district superintendent and/or school board and discuss the ability to have spring break on the same week. WVU's spring break needs to occur in the ninth or tenth week of the semester. A hand count was taken; 27 were in favor of the motion and 22 opposed the motion. Motion carried.

Associate Provost Cheryl Torsney said she discussed the spring break issue with the School Board Superintendent of Monongalia County, and she said in 2008, both WVU and Monongalia County Schools will have the same spring break.

Professor Andrzej J. Karwowski was recognized by Mike Mays, senator from the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences. Professor Karwowski suggested that if students are allowed access to their evaluations that the same privilege be given to faculty members in regards to administrator's evaluation. No motion was made regarding this suggestion.

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. to reconvene Monday, May 8, 2006.

Mary Strife  
Faculty Secretary