

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, May 18, 2015

1. Chair Jennifer Orlikoff called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Mountaineer Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

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| Atkins, C. | DiBartolomeo, L. | Kleist, V. | Stolzenberg, A. |
| Bastress, R. | Elmore, S. | Maynor, L. | Turton, R. |
| Bowen, E. | Griffith, R. | McConnell, J. | Veselicky, L. |
| Cottrell, L. | Harner, E. | Orlikoff, J. | |

Members Absent:

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| Nutter, R. | Perna, N. |
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Guests:

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| Connors, J. | Ibrahim, M. | Robinson, S. |
| Dean, R. | Merrifield, J. | Stump, J. (NIS) |
| Dooley, E. | Proudfoot, C. | Wilson, C.B. |

2. Chair Orlikoff moved for approval of the minutes from the April 27, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
3. The Chair thanked all the faculty, staff and administrators for their contributions and support of the Faculty Senate this year. She said she appreciated the opportunity to work with everyone and is pleased to know that the work of the Faculty Senate will continue with Richard Turton, Chair, and Lena Maynor, Chair-elect.
4. The Chair reported on the following issues:
 - We celebrate not only the student's successes, but the successes of the faculty, staff and administrators as well.
 - Two vendors provided demonstrations for SEI platforms. A subcommittee is meeting to determine which vendor to pursue.
 - Professor Abate, Chair, Faculty Welfare Committee, said the Faculty Senate approved a resolution in 2011 entitled, "Resolution to Facilitate University Communications." She said the goal of the resolution was to set up an ad hoc committee to look at the various committees across the campuses that make important decisions that impact faculty and academic units, explore the extent that faculty are involved as members of those committees, and identify those that could benefit from faculty input. She asked if the Faculty Senate could set up an ad hoc committee and revisit this goal.

Some of the committees mentioned in the 2011 resolution include:

- Athletic Certification Committee
- Assessment Council
- Council on Residency
- Parking and Transportation

- Planning Committee

The Chair said the committee list should be updated since some committee names have changed. Professor Di Bartolomeo suggested an ad hoc committee be populated from the Faculty Welfare Committee instead of the Faculty Senate since that group made the recommendation. Chair Orlikoff will discuss this recommendation with Professor Abate.

5. Provost McConnell reported on the following issues:

- President Gee is resting after an intense weekend of graduation ceremonies.
- Seventeen distinct graduation ceremonies were held this past weekend from Friday to Sunday, May 15-17, 2015. Each ceremony was wonderful and had its own distinct personality. Thursday evening students gathered in the Coliseum for a time of hat decorating. Tables of glue, glitter, symbols, numbers, letters, etc. were provided for students. Some students from the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design wore decorative “footwear” to their graduation ceremony. Some students from the College of Education and Human Services decorated their caps as symbolic of teaching. One student even attached a video camera to his cap so he could film the ceremony. The Provost said it was great to see the creativity from the various colleges and schools.
- The Honor’s College ceremony was held at the College of Creative Arts and it was standing room only. She said it was deeply moving to watch the families celebrate with their “first-to-graduate” family members.
- University events did a wonderful job making all the venues look attractive. The receptions were beautiful. Catering did a wonderful job, as did safety and parking. The singing of the “National Anthem” at the beginning of graduation and “Country Roads” at the end was well received.
- The Provost has been in her position for 11 months, so she has now had the opportunity to see how everything works in the annual cycle. She thanked everyone for a great first year.
- The Provost thanked Associate Provost C.B. Wilson for his excellent guidance with the Promotion and Tenure process. He plays an important role in the process, and has a wonderful system of note taking for each file. One hundred and thirty P&T files were reviewed this year. She learned a lot about the process and was pleased to see how carefully the reviews were handled and that everything was thoroughly documented. The P&T process might be the focus of streamlining efforts next year to see if there are more efficient ways of running the process that will save time for all involved. It was good to see the significance of the land grant mission and the productivity of faculty who care about teaching, research and service.
- The Provost is encouraged by the growth of interdisciplinary work, but we need to be more nimble. Several administrators and faculty will bring their talent and forces together this coming year to explore interdisciplinary work.
- University College is offering its students extra support, if needed, to graduate. Similar support could be offered in other schools/colleges as well.
- The advising process is being reviewed and given resources in order to make it more efficient because it is a vital part of student success. Living learning communities and Project 168 will also aid student success.

- The Honors College will have several hundred students more than its current enrollment. A new dorm has been opened for Honors to accommodate the record number of students.
- Adventure WVU is being reviewed for expansion.
- The BOG approved the budget, which includes a 3% raise pool for faculty. The pool is available due to the efforts of Russ Dean and Narvel Weese to improve efficiency. The tuition increase that was approved was absolutely necessary for maintaining the institutions forward momentum.
- Merit pay for faculty will be discussed.
- Thanks to University Registrar Steve Robinson for playing a huge role as well as to all faculty who contribute in making WVU a success.
- The Faculty Senate will have several huge projects to work on next year. If everyone works together, they can be accomplished. One topic that will be examined is salary compression.

6. Jim Harner, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval and acceptance of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex II, Course Changes Report. Motion carried.

Annex III, Alterations Report. Accepted. Professor Elmore, WVU Tech, asked about the grading for ACCT 311. Professor Harner will check into it.

Annex IV, V and VI - Resource Documents. Accepted. The documents will be posted to the Faculty Senate webpage.

He also raised the issue of streamlining program approvals by considering the programs before all of the courses for the program are approved individually.

7. Carolyn Atkins, Chair, Committee on Committees, moved for acceptance of the following reports:

Annual Report for the 2014-15 Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies. Accepted.

Committee on Committees, Membership, and Constituencies 2015-16 Goals. Accepted.

8. Lena Maynor, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval and acceptance of the following reports:

Annex VII, GEC Actions. Motion carried.

Annex VIII, GEC Audits. Accepted

Annex IX, 2014-15 Committee Report and 2015-16 Goals. Accepted.

9. Art Jacknowitz, Committee of Retired Faculty, moved for acceptance of the following report:

Annex X, Committee of Retired Faculty Report. Accepted.

10. Richard Turton, Faculty Welfare Committee, moved for acceptance of the following report:

Annex XI, Faculty Welfare Committee Annual Report 2014-15. Accepted.

11. Karen Haines, Faculty Senate Library Committee, moved for acceptance of the following reports:

Annex XII, WVU Faculty Senate Library Committee Report 2014-2015. Accepted.

Annex XIII, What's Happening in the WVU Libraries. Accepted.

12. Mike Mays, Research Integrity Committee, moved for acceptance of the following report:
Annex XIV, 2014-15 Committee Report and 2015-16 Goals. Accepted.

13. Michael Ibrahim, Research and Scholarship Committee, moved for acceptance of the following report:

Annex XV, 2014-15 Committee Report and 2015-16 Goals. Accepted.

14. John Connors moved for acceptance of the Annual Report for the Community Engagement Committee. Accepted.

15. Associate Provost Dooley moved for approval of two Calendar Options in Annex XVI and Annex XVII. Motion carried. Both options will be presented to the Faculty Senate on June 8th for a vote.

16. Lisa DiBartolomeo presented the GEF Transition Report. She said a final report will be submitted to the Faculty Senate this fall. The group will work on getting everything ready this summer.

17. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, said the BOG will meet in Beckley, WV, next month to tour the new Mountain State campus.

18. Annex XVIII, Preferred Name Policy was presented for approval. Motion carried.

19. New Business:

Associate Provost C.B. Wilson said one application has been received for the Great Teacher's seminar. A glitch in the system prevented communication about the seminar from going out, so the date can be extended if anyone else would like to go. WVU can have two representatives.

20. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, August 24, 2015.

Barbara Dunn, Administrative Secretary Sr., Faculty Senate Office