

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, February 23, 2026 – 3:00 P.M.  
 Location: Virtual via Zoom

Members Present:

Cottrell, L.	Gross, J.	Leight, M.	Prinzo, L.	Valenti, M.
Crichlow, S.	Hood, C.	Murphy, E.	Ripley Stueckle, J.	Veselicky, L.
Davis, D.	Johnson, C.	O'Quinn, J.	Sowards, A.	
Graves, C.	Kreider, P.	Pena-Yewtukhiw, E.	Terry, D.	

**1. The Minutes of the January 26, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.**

**2. Report from Faculty Senate Chair R. Scott Crichlow**

- a. Voting on proposed amendments to the Faculty Constitution end tomorrow, Feb. 24.
- b. Ongoing discussions with administration on the topic of filling the vacant faculty ombudsperson position.
- c. Continued work toward distributing community engagement grants, though getting that process back online has been complex.
- d. BOG Representatives Crichlow and Lesley Cottrell have attended numerous Board of Governors committee meetings and the full BOG meeting. Despite loss of voting rights, faculty representatives continue to be treated as full participants, and interactions have been positive.

**3. The Consent Agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent.**

Curriculum Committee  
 New Course Report – [Annex I](#)  
 Course Change Report – [Annex II](#)  
 Program Report – [Annex III](#)

**4. Committee and Officer Reports**

- a. Curriculum Committee Report (Cate Johnson)  
 For Information – Deleted Course Report – [Annex IV](#)
  - i. No further updates beyond those on the consent agenda.
  - ii. In response to questions about the deletion of Spanish graduate courses, Lou Slimak clarified that programs had three to remove courses from discontinued programs.
- b. General Education Foundations Committee Report (Cody Hood)
  - i. Three courses reviewed for addition to the GEF program:
    1. ECON 221 – After discussion with Rebel Wilson, GEF attribute not sought at this time.
    2. ESPT 101 – Rolled back due to selected GEF attribute selected not being appropriate based on course outcomes.
    3. HTOR 240 – Additional information requested from originator.
  - ii. Committee continues to work with the Honors College on Honors Fellow courses.
- c. Teaching and Assessment Committee Report (Ashlee Sowards)

\*You may access program proposals at <https://futurecatalog.wvu.edu/programadmin/> by using your login credentials. Search for programs using the 3- or 4-digit key provided above. Course Proposals may be similarly accessed at <https://futurecatalog.wvu.edu/courseadmin>

- i. Faculty have raised questions about early-semester course feedback and SPOT.
  - ii. The committee voted to allow two customizable questions (one Likert, one open-ended) in early-semester feedback beginning Summer 2026.
  - iii. SPOT revisions will be the committee's next focus.
- d. Committee on Committees Report (Lesley Cottrell)
  - i. Preparations are underway for the annual committee interest survey, and members were asked to encourage faculty to complete the survey rather than emailing committee chairs.
- e. Board of Governors Report (Lesley Cottrell)
  - i. Subcommittee meetings occurring the week prior to the full board meeting.
  - ii. Upcoming topics include micro-credentials, WVU Online, accreditation processes, enrollment/retention updates from divisional campuses, and the new university economic impact report.
  - iii. Governance subcommittee is reviewing BOG rules and bylaws.
- f. Report from Faculty Representative to State Government (Jason Gross)
  - i. The Legislature is on day 41 of the 60-day session. An increase in activity is expected before crossover day.
  - ii. HB 4587, prohibiting state funds for “low-earning-outcome” degrees, received a hearing today. Concerns were raised by HEPC and WVU representatives.
  - iii. The bill mirrors federal “financial value transparency” rules, with implications remaining unclear.
  - iv. SB 675, which would restore student voting rights on the BOG, appears unlikely to advance.
  - v. Early indications suggest positive news for WVU in both House and Senate budget drafts.

## 5. Guest Reports

- a. Report from Interim Provost Paul Kreider
  - i. Dean Searches:
    - 1. Libraries: Offer expected by the end of the week.
    - 2. Eberly: On campus interviews scheduled for March 2, 4, 9, and 10.
  - ii. Kreider mentioned a broad effort toward academic affairs improvement, including coordination with deans, ongoing review of academic structures, and support for curriculum and assessment processes.
- b. Report from Graham Peace, Yoav Kaddar, and Dana Huebert-Lima – General Education Revision Update
  - i. The group has met since Spring 2025. In that time, it has completed benchmarking of peer institutions and conducted a university-wide survey with 1,326 responses.
  - ii. Team is currently analyzing qualitative and quantitative data related to General Education programs. Themes include critical thinking, communication, empathy, and community engagement.
  - iii. A multi-year process is planned, and no predetermined model is assumed.

## 6. Senate Business and Announcements

- a. For Approval – 2025-2026 Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panels – [Annex V](#)
  - i. The committee entered executive session at 4:12 p.m. to discuss the appointment of members to the University and HSC Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panels.
  - ii. The committee exited executive session at 4:16 p.m. and voted to approve a slate of candidates.

- b. Faculty Senate Elections Update
  - i. Faculty Senate Office Administrator Corey Hunt provided a brief election update summarizing Senate seats open for election in the current cycle, the upcoming election for Chair-Elect, and call for candidates for the position of Faculty Representative on the Board of Governors.
- c. No new business was introduced.

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**7. Faculty Senate Chair Scott Crichlow adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.**

Corey Hunt  
Faculty Senate Office Administrator