

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 Monday, December 15, 2025 – 3:00 P.M.
 Location: Virtual via Zoom

Members:

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

1. **Faculty Senate Chair Scott Crichlow called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.**
 2. **The Minutes of the November 17, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting were approved as distributed.**
 3. **Report from Faculty Senate Chair R. Scott Crichlow**
 - a. The Faculty Senate leadership team has continued to meet regularly with faculty, administrators, and committees to address a range of faculty concerns. Recent attention has focused on the salary adjustment process, with an emphasis on improving clarity and transparency in future personnel actions. Other ongoing priorities include campus climate, economic freedom, research opportunities and challenges, First Day Complete, and general education reform.
 - b. Chair Crichlow thanked faculty and administrators who participated in the provost interview process and noted appreciation for a public, professional, and faculty-involved search.
 - c. Following passage of proposed revisions to the Faculty Constitution at the December 1 Faculty Senate meeting, plans are underway to schedule a University Assembly for broad faculty discussion, tentatively targeted for late January. The format is likely to be hybrid, with logistics and space still under consideration.
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4. **The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.**
 - Curriculum Committee
 - New Course Report – [Annex I](#)
 - Course Change Report – [Annex II](#)
 - Program Report – [Annex III](#)
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5. **Standing Reports**
 - a. Curriculum Committee Report (Cate Johnson)
 - i. No further report beyond the consent agenda items, which are from the committee's January 11 meeting.
 - b. General Education Foundations Committee Report (Cody Hood)
 - i. Cody Hood reported that one course seeking the GEF attribute was reviewed but not approved, with feedback provided to the submitting unit.
 - ii. Two additional courses have since been received and will be reviewed at the next meeting after the new year.

- iii. The committee is preparing to prioritize review of GEF courses once CIM is updated to reflect the transition from LEAP learning outcomes.
 - iv. The committee will continue annual monitoring of enrollment impacts related to Eberly Edge and reported no preliminary evidence of significant effects.
- c. Teaching and Assessment Committee Report (Ashlee Sowards)
 - i. The committee is entering SPOT season and expects increased activity in January, including redaction requests.
 - ii. An AI-related survey will be distributed after the first of the year.
 - iii. Questions and discussion considered the possibility of adding more reflective questions to SPOT. Sowards encouraged faculty to submit proposed questions for committee consideration.
- d. Committee on Committees (Lesley Cottrell) had no updates to report.
- e. Board of Governors Report (Lesley Cottrell)
 - i. BoG meets on Friday, December 19.
 - ii. In response to faculty requests for earlier access to meeting materials, efforts are being made to distribute agendas and public-facing materials as soon as they become available.
- f. Report from Faculty Representative to State Government (Jason Gross)
 - i. Last legislative interims were last week in Charleston. Speaker released a set of priority legislation for the upcoming session, which Jason will be reviewing on December 16 with Travis Mollohan.
 - ii. Travis Mollohan will be providing legislative updates at the January Faculty Senate meeting.
 - 1. WVU priorities are largely focused on funding for deferred maintenance, Potomac State initiatives, performance-based funding under the new state budget model, and support for the West Virginia Grant Resource Center.

6. Guest Reports

- a. Report from Interim Provost Paul Kreider
 - i. Kreider noted that he has reviewed concerns about academic freedom and administrative support of faculty raised at the most recent Faculty Senate meeting and will be meeting with faculty leadership to discuss them further.
 - ii. Dean search updates included: offer extended for the College of Law dean; Library dean search is underway with candidates expected on campus in February; Eberly dean position profile available on the Greenwood-Asher website with candidates expected on campus in March.
 - iii. Active search for a Director of Digital Accessibility, which will oversee efforts in making digital materials fully accessible and report through the Office of Student Accommodations
 - iv. Upcoming graduate opportunities include the Three Minute Thesis competition, Mentoring Graduate Students in Research awards, and graduate education fellowships for graduate and professional students.

7. Senate Business and Announcements

a. New Business

- i. A member raised concerns about the Eberly Edge program, asking if it would be appropriate for a representative to present at Senate. A discussion followed with members discussing program details, noting that the program already presented at Senate twice, and asking about restrictions in classes (Biology give as an example) limiting registration to only Eberly students. Kreider and Widder noted that they would investigate the matter of section restrictions.

8. Faculty Senate Chair Scott Crichlow adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m., to reconvene on January 26, 2025.

Corey Hunt
Faculty Senate Office Administrator