

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024, 3:00 P.M.

Faculty Senate Chair Frankie Tack brought the monthly meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Members and guests participated via videoconference.

Members Present:

Angeline, M.	Dilcher, B.	Hunt, C.	Trickett Shockey, A.
Cottrell, L.	Elliott, E.	Lupo, J.	Wayne, S.
Davari, A.	Galvez Peralta, M.	McDiarmid, M.	
Davis, D.	Gee, E.	Reed, M.	
Di Bartolomeo, L.	Hauser, D.	Tack, F.	

Guests Present:

Becker, K.	Kearns, S.	Morris, T.	Thomas, R.
Beckley, T.	King, F.	Nelson, J.	Vanderhoff, J.
Debastiani, A.	Kreider, P.	Shannon, R.	Veselicky, L.
Diaz, K.	Latimer, M.	Slimak, L.	Widders, E.
Gavin, M.	Mollohan, T.	Staples, C.	

1. For Approval – [Minutes](#) of the November December 12, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting GEFCo Report - Math 218 course number listed incorrectly.
Motion to approve corrected minutes carried by unanimous consent.
2. Report from Faculty Senate Chair Frankie Tack
 - a. The Executive Committee workgroup will begin work on revisions/updates to the Faculty Constitution, which will then be sent to the Shared Governance Committee to review and comment.
 - b. A Shared Governance Committee workgroup will begin work on revisiting the University Procedures for Promotion and Tenure that failed to be approved in the last academic year.
 - c. Additionally, Shared Governance will continue to work on preparing for the presidential search and facilitating faculty involvement with Stan Hileman leading that effort.
3. ~~Executive Session~~ – University Promotion & Tenure Advisory Panel Appointments
 - a. The committee declined to enter executive session to discuss panel volunteers. Proposed panel membership approved my unanimous consent.
4. Curriculum Committee Report (Cindi Trickett Shockey)
 - a. 53 course changes, 24 new courses in total.

For Approval – Program Change CAPS_BS Coaching and Performance Sciences, Key: 462

For Approval – Program Change WT_CRIM_JUS Criminal Justice, Key: 811

For Approval – Program Change WT_HLTH_SRV Healthcare Administration, Key: 806

For Approval – Program Change WT_PSYCH Psychology, Key: 803

For Approval – Program Change SAM_B SJ Sports and Adventure Media Key: 849

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD – Environmental Microbiology, Key: 1545

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD – Respiratory Therapy, Key: 1479

For Approval – New Course Report – [Annex I](#)

For Approval – Course Change Report – [Annex II](#)

Motion to approve all items. Seconded.

Motion carried with 8 in favor and none opposed.

For Information – Deleted Course Report – [Annex III](#)

5. General Education Foundations Committee Report (Mary Beth Angeline)
 - a. Moving forward, the committee will be refining a list of what should be a GEF course. Units have begun requesting to add additional courses, but the committee would like to complete that new list before reviewing new submissions.
 - b. Those new guidelines will be brought before the Senate once established.

6. Teaching and Assessment Committee Report (Marina Galvez Peralta)

Student Perception of Teaching Instrument – SpoT

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 - a. Decision to remove evaluation from the name, as students do not have the experience needed to evaluate instructors.
 - b. Answer scaling is different, with students being asked about how beneficial certain aspects of the class were and answering if it was beneficial, neutral, or not helpful.
 - c. Instrument divided into four categories to provide varied, beneficial feedback to the instructor from different aspects of the class.
 - d. Elective questions may be used, and responses may need to be modified to instead ask the student to agree or disagree.
 - e. When the University of Oregon shifted from a 5-category response to a similar three categories, the rate of personal comments in feedback dropped from 21% to 1.5%.
 - f. The university framework and use of course feedback will need to change, as the numerical rating of courses will no longer be applicable. Examples and guidelines will be posted on the TACo website.

7. Committee on Committees Chair Lesley Cottrell had no report.

8. Shared Governance Committee Report (Scott Wayne)
 - a. Presidential Search Subcommittee, led by Stan Hileman
 - a. Developing a list of qualifications that faculty would like to see in any potential presidential candidates.
 - b. Currently developing a preliminary list of questions from faculty that candidates would be asked to answer.
 - c. Determining rationale for how faculty will be selected and represented on the search committee.
 - b. Revising the Faculty Constitution

- a. Originally established a workgroup within the committee before the decision to move that work to the Executive Committee, which will then move to the Shared Governance Committee once a draft has been completed.
 - c. College Shared Governance Workgroup – Led by Emily Murphy
 - a. This group is working on college-level governance discussion and activities.
 - d. Shared Governance Surveys and Activities
 - a. Relating to the activities and surveys administered to deans, faculty senators in the past year.
9. Report from Faculty Representative to State Government (Eloise Elliott)
- a. ACF met on Friday, January 19 to discuss coordinated approaches to anticipated legislation.
 - b. Deferring the remainder of report until after Travis Mollohan presents.
10. Board of Governors Report (Stan Hileman)
- a. The first meeting of the BOG Subcommittee to begin establishing the presidential search is scheduled to meet this week.
 - b. Next Board meeting scheduled February 22 and 23.
11. Report from President E. Gordon Gee
- a. Coverage of RNI Alzheimer’s Treatment featured on 60 Minutes. Segment has triggered a surge of inquiries from those seeking treatment.
 - b. Moving forward with the forming of the new College of Creative Arts and Media, and the new Division for Land Grant Management.
 - c. Using \$47 million in state funding to address infrastructure projects in Morgantown, Beckley, and Keyser.
 - d. WVU Day at the legislature on January 30.
 - e. An announcement on the Vice President for Enrollment Management is expected to be made soon.
12. Report from Provost Maryanne Reed
- a. Program portfolio review process is well underway in Keyser and Beckley.
 - b. Associate Provost for WVU Online Julie Thalman has announced her resignation. This position will not be filled until a new Vice President for Enrollment Management has been hired.
 - c. 160 promotion and tenure files for review.
 - d. FY25 budget is getting closer to being finalized, with an eye on any potential state support.
13. Report from Karen Diaz, Dean of Libraries – Library Reorganization Report
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- a. Pre-transformation budget reduction of \$1.2 million, accomplished through \$460k in personnel reduction (managed through vacancies and attrition), and \$740k reduction in

Collections budget. This was following by an additional \$800,000 cut through academic transformation to be made entirely through personnel reduction.

- a. Net loss of 11 actual positions, and 12 state positions. One position was retained due to an endowment from generous donors.
- b. This represents a 10 to 15% reduction in staffing overall.
- b. Material/publication reductions have been posted on the Library website, alongside a means for faculty to communicate a concern with any selected items.
- c. No libraries will close, no primary services are being discontinued.
- d. Additional tenants may be considered in library spaces.

14. Report from Travis Mollohan, Assistant Vice President for Government Relations and Collaboration – Legislative Update, Campus Carry Update

- a. WVU Day at the State Capitol on January 30
- b. President Gee and Paula Congelio will present to the house finance committee and the senate finance committee as part of the budget hearings. WVU will join Marshall in a joint presentation between President Gee and President Smith, as they have done for the past few years.
- c. Six weeks to go in the legislative session.
- d. Governor introduced a pay raise for state employees, of which WVU is funded \$3.5 million for. That represents a very small portion of the cost that WVU would bear to implement such a pay hike.
- e. Current Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) bill is not expected to move forward, though a different DEI bill is anticipated to be introduced before the end of the session.
- f. Institution has discussed how to respond to such a bill, should it be introduced. We are not currently speculating what that bill will contain and will report more information when available.
- g. WVU Administration is working on pricing metal detectors, storage lockers for implementing Campus Carry, related to last year's bill that was signed into law.

15. Report from Fred King, Vice President for Research – OSP Improvement Plan

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- a. Office of Sponsored Programs experienced substantial personnel loss in 2022, which also represented a great loss in institutional knowledge. That has created a backlog that has persisted into the present.
- b. Additional losses in the award negotiation unit have exacerbated the issue.
- c. This loss of personnel has been experienced in research offices at many peer institutions following the pandemic.
- d. Based on the nature of the work, it is difficult to temporarily shift employees onto projects in the backlog, as they lack the requisite training.
- e. By mid-February there will be an ability for associate deans for research, deans, research administrative personnel, or in some cases the business office to go in and find out the status of an award and be able to report that back to the PI. That should streamline things in terms of communication and being able to check on status. The interface is being finalized now in collaboration with the IT office.

- f. The Huron module is being worked on and is expected to go live about a year from now, March 2025. This will allow faculty to follow awards and proposals from beginning to end, as well as any issues that may hold up processing.
- g. Additional modules will follow to add additional control, quality, and mechanism. The whole project is expected to be completed in three years.

16. Call for Nominations – Faculty Senators; Faculty Senate Chair Elect; Board of Governors
Faculty Representative

17. No new business.

18. Motion to adjourn. Seconded.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Chair Tack adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m. to reconvene on February 26, 2024.

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Faculty Senate Office Administrator

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