

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, September 25, 2017

1. Chair Matthew Valenti called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in the Room 4004 of the Agricultural Sciences Building.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Maynor, L.	Nutter, R.	Turton, R.
DiBartolomeo, L.	McConnell, J.	Proudfoot, C.	Utzman, R.
Hauser, D.	Merrifield, J.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Valenti, M.
Kleist, V.	Murphy, E.		

Members Absent:

Cottrell, L.	Gee, E.	Hileman, S.	Veselicky, L.
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Guests:

Kreider, P.	Pfeifer, A.	Wilson, C.
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2. Chair Valenti moved for approval of the minutes from the August 28, 2017 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 - President Gee is attending a meeting of the American Council on Education. He serves on their Board of Directors.
 - There has been a wonderful connection between the Morgantown campus and Extension Service in the delivery of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math education. Many of our colleges have STEM ambassadors who have been working with 4-H on the delivery of STEM curriculum in all 55 counties and at all camps.
 - The final report on the McKinsey study will be released in a week or two. McKinsey is a global consulting company that works with jurisdictions to try to chart a path forward for economic development. President Gee decided to engage McKinsey in that process for West Virginia. He raised private funds to pay for the \$1 million study, and is raising additional funds to pay for its implementation. The study identified the following potential areas for growth: downstream oil and gas manufacturing; use of carbon fiber to reinforce plastics; fine chemicals; higher-end tourism; cybersecurity, cloud services, and data centers; life sciences; and automotive assembly plants. Since implementation is likely to be driven by the University, project managers from the Research Corporation are engaged in organizing implementation teams. We will need to continue to support the development of STEM education in pre-K through 12, which we are already doing through the WV Public Education Collaborative and UTeach, for example.
 - We need honorary degree nominations by the October 6 deadline. We are looking for applicants representing diversity in subject matter, achievement, gender, race, and so forth.

- We had a great enrollment retreat. All colleges were represented and were engaged with their teams from admissions, financial aid, marketing, and recruitment. A consultant from Noel Levitz provided an excellent presentation on enrollment trends in higher education. He indicated that the hard work we have done with respect to enrollment has allowed us to stabilize, move forward incrementally, and outperform our peers.
 - We continue to hear that campus carry is the NRA's highest priority.
4. Chair Matthew Valenti reported the following:
- The October 2 Faculty Senate meeting will include an announcement from Cris DeBord concerning the second annual culture survey and an update from David Fryson on the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
 - Tom Patrick, University Ombudsman, will address the Senate in November and Barb Dawson, Associate Provost for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, will address the Senate in December. Dr. Valenti also reached out to Athletics and the Center for Service and Learning. In addition, he would like to schedule a presentation on the McKinsey study and to ask Joe Seiaman, the Executive Director of Academic Advising and Student Success, to address the Senate.
 - If members are interested, he would like to explore the possibility of holding an Executive Committee meeting on the Potomac State College campus in the spring.
 - The Faculty Welfare Committee has reviewed a draft Code of Conduct. The document will be considered by various other groups and in various other venues before it is finalized.
5. Ralph Utzman, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for acceptance of the following reports:
- Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried after JRL 262, JRL 362, and RELG 120 were withdrawn from the report for further review and following minor edits to HIST 430, PLSC 460, and PLSC 560. In addition, CMGT 210 will be reviewed to determine whether there is already an Engineering course at WVU-Tech that covers the same content.
- Annex II, Course Changes, Deletions, and Adoptions Report. Motion carried.
- Annex III, Optional Syllabus Statement on Campus Safety. Motion carried.
- New Major in Sports and Adventure Media. Motion carried.
- Program Changes to Minor in Entrepreneurial Studies was withdrawn for further review.
6. Nathalie Singh-Corcoran, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
- Annex IV, GEF Deletions. Motion carried.
- Annex V, GEF Transition Review, was submitted for information. Report filed.
7. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve as presented the nominations to the University Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel. Motion carried.

8. Paul Kreider distributed a memo detailing a revision to the Spring 2018 academic calendar. The calendar committee approved the change, which will also be announced at the October 2 Faculty Senate meeting.
9. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, circulated a document from the Advisory Council of Faculty outlining their annual priorities for the legislature and HEPC. The document was tabled indefinitely.
10. Chair Valenti reported that the Board of Governors met on September 8 and considered the following:
 - The WVU Foundation presented its annual update.
 - The Board reviewed the comments on the new Talent and Culture rules and approved those rules with minimal revisions.
 - The Board received a report on tuition waivers and learned that the University waives \$68 million in tuition, a lot of which is for graduate assistants.
 - The Board approved the Civil and Environmental program at the Royal University for Women in Bahrain.

There will be a finance and strategic planning meeting on September 29. The next full meeting of the BOG will be October 27.

11. New Business

Lisa DiBartolomeo announced that the Slavic and East European Studies Program is sponsoring two upcoming presentations as part of its year-long commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolutions in 1917. On September 28, Dr. Cindy Buckley will talk about the current anti-LGBT agenda in Russia. On October 5, Professor Kristina Olson will talk about the Russian avant-garde.

Paul Kreider explained that we created a policy committee a couple of years ago that has been dealing with academic definitions and is charged with developing new BOG rules in the area of academics. Lena Maynor and Evan Widders, both of whom are Faculty Senators, serve on that committee. Dr. Kreider suggested we create an ad hoc Faculty Senate committee to advise the policy committee. He would like for all academic policies to complete the committee review and campus vetting procedures by the end of the fall semester, with submissions to the UPC occurring by February and to the BOG by April. A motion was made and duly seconded to form an ad hoc committee to serve in an advisory role for academic policy creation. Motion carried. A suggestion was made that the ad hoc committee be composed of a subset of Faculty Senate Executive Committee members, plus Lena Maynor and Evan Widders.

Chad Proudfoot reported that the Morgantown City Council is seeking to update its nondiscrimination ordinance to include sexual orientation, gender identity, and veteran status. Cris Mayo, Director of the LGBTQ Center at WVU, asked the Faculty Senate for its endorsement. Following discussion, the proposed resolution endorsing the action was amended to further clarify that the Morgantown City Council proposal seeks to expand, rather than redefine, its nondiscrimination policies. A motion was made and duly

seconded to approve the amended resolution for consideration by the Faculty Senate at its October 2 meeting. Motion carried.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 16, 2017.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator