

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, November 26, 2018

1. Chair David Hauser called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	Gee, E.	Hileman, S.	Nutter, R.
Cronin, A.	Goff, N.	Lieving, G.	Valenti, M.
DiBartolomeo, L.	Haines, K.	McConnell, J.	Veselicky, L.
Fleming, S.	Hauser, D.	Murphy, E.	

Members Absent:

Brock, R.	Floyd, K.	Martucci, A.
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Guests:

Campbell, J.	Kreider, P.	Slimak, L.	Wilson, C.
Gavin, M.	Pfeifer, A.	Widders, E.	

2. Chair Hauser moved for approval of the minutes from the October 22, 2018 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - Over \$6.2 million was donated during WVU's second annual Day of Giving on November 14, more than doubling last year's \$2.9 million total. Nearly all of the gifts went to support students, faculty, and staff. The WVU Foundation did a fabulous job of soliciting matching funds and other gifts.
 - We renamed the College of Business after John Chambers, one of the country's most distinguished entrepreneurs. In addition to financial support, Chambers will volunteer his time and expertise to WVU.
4. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 - Ken Blemings, dean of the Honors College, will serve as the interim dean of the Davis College. Dr. Blemings is a biochemist, and Davis is his home college. Ryan Claycomb will serve as the acting dean of the Honors College, where he previously served as the associate dean. Dr. Claycomb will continue to serve as permanent director for the Humanities Center; we will be looking for a current professor within WVU to take on a 25 percent assignment as the assistant director.
 - We are ready to move forward on filling the Ombuds position, which is a 25 percent assignment. We are looking for someone with mediation training. The position will support faculty only; staff mediation is provided through Talent and Culture.
 - The Center for Excellence in STEM Education, along with the Center for Gravitational Waves and Cosmology and the WVU Extension Service, are hosting a public Hour of Code event on December 1 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in White Hall.

Participants can choose their own computer science adventure across multiple stations. The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching millions of students in over 180 countries. One-hour tutorials are available in more than 45 languages, and no experience is necessary.

- The Office of the Provost, in partnership with the Humanities Center and the WVU Press, will hold its third annual celebration of long-form scholarship this spring.
- The Humanities Center quickly pulled together a wonderful panel on antisemitism following the shooting at the synagogue in Pittsburgh. Approximately 250-300 people attended.
- An email survey about Demo Day, a project of the WVU IDA Hub, was distributed on November 16. The purpose of the survey is to gather information about the production of innovation by faculty and their students.
- There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 7 for the Center for Veteran, Military and Family Programs. The center is located on the second floor of the Mountainlair.
- A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was injured in a fall at the fraternity house on November 10 and remains severely injured. After viewing the videotape of the interior of the fraternity, we concluded that for the health and safety of our students, we needed to at least place the fraternity on interim suspension. We issued letters of interim suspension to a number of students. The Provost will be hearing appeals.
- The Blue Ribbon Commission's report is due to the governor on December 10, but that deadline may need to be extended. The report will provide the basis for the governor to propose legislation for the next session to reform HEPC. In the most recent meeting, the Blue Ribbon Commission considered a proposal to transform HEPC into a new Office of Postsecondary Education, which would provide shared services similar to those that HEPC currently offers, while providing institutions with the maximum amount of authority and flexibility in their governance and operations.

5. Chair David Hauser reported the following:

- He is calling for volunteers to serve on a working group to consider changes to the Faculty Secretary's role. The role of the Faculty Secretary as defined in the constitution has significant overlap with the role of the Office Administrator in the Faculty Senate Office. He intends to reach out to the people who worked on constitutional changes over the summer. Anyone else who is also interested in serving should let him know. The group will start meeting in January.
- At the December Senate meeting, he intends to break the audience into small groups to respond to questions related to general education. Responses will go back to the GEF Committee to consider as they contemplate changes to the GEF curriculum.
- He was approached by the Government Relations office about campus carry. They expect a bill to come forward in the next legislative session. If it looks like the bill will pass over our objections, WVU will negotiate with the bill's sponsors to try to create some appropriate and logical exceptions. The Faculty Senate has been asked to create a ranked order list of restrictions that we would like to see included in the legislation. He distributed a proposed list of high, medium, and low priority

restrictions. Based on today's discussion, he will revise the list and share it with the full Senate.

6. Karen Haines, Past Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex I, New Courses Report. Motion carried.

Annex II, Course Changes, Deletions, and Adoptions Report. Motion carried.

Annex III, Meaningful Mid-Term Grades. A motion was made and duly seconded to table Annex III. Motion carried.

7. David Hauser, on behalf of the General Education Foundations Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex IV, GEF Actions. Motion carried.

8. David Hauser, on behalf of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, reported that the committee, in conjunction with the Office of the University Registrar, has developed a way to gather course frameworks for most of our courses. We are trying to find an established way to define the learning goals for all of the courses at WVU so that transfer courses can be compared against them. In addition, the committee is beginning the process of reviewing section-level syllabi for various courses. We are piloting this for CDFS and the engineering fundamentals program. We have reviewed the learning goals in these courses and determined whether they are effective and meet our standards. In the spring, we will evaluate syllabi compared to the course frameworks worked on in the fall. The committee will determine whether CIM entries are current and valid and whether course syllabi match those CIM entries. In working with the WVU Libraries, we are close to having an electronic, institutional repository for syllabi.

9. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve as presented the nominations to the University Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel. Motion carried.

10. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that HEPC met on November 16, 2018. Other than accepting reports, HEPC did not take any significant action at that meeting. ACF also met on November 16. Most of the discussion by ACF concerned each institution's priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

11. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors met on November 9, 2018. They approved various rules that had been out for comment. They also approved a 30-day comment period for Rule 1.4 – Ethics, Conflict of Interest, and Outside Consulting Arrangements. He strongly encouraged everyone who does consulting work to review the rule and submit any comments they may have. The Board also received audit reports for WVU and WVU Research Corporation. The Board of Governors, along with the boards for the WVU Foundation and WVU Alumni Center participated in events surrounding the naming of the John Chambers College of Business and Economics.

12. New Business – None.

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, December 17, 2018.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator