

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, August 25, 2014

1. Chair Jennifer Orlikoff called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Atkins, C.	Elmore, S.	Kleist, V.	Orlikoff, J.
Bastress, R.	Gee, E.	Maynor, L.	Perna, N.
Bowen, E.	Griffith, R.	McConnell, J.	Stolzenberg, A.
DiBartolomeo, L.	Harner, E.	Nutter, R.	Turton, R.

Members Absent:

Cottrell, L.

Guests:

Beckley, T.	Douglas, J.	Proudfoot, C.	Wilson, C.
Campbell, J.	Karraker, K.	Robinson, S.	
Clark, N.	Kuhn, A.	Stump, J. (NIS)	
Dooley, E.	Lang, A. (DP)	Titolo, M.	

2. Chair Orlikoff moved for approval of the minutes from the May 19, 2014 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 - She thanked everyone for all of the support she has received in making the transition to Provost.
 - Greg Bowman is the interim dean in the College of Law. A search team will be formed immediately.
 - Ken Blemings is serving as interim dean of the Honors College. The Honors College will remain an independent college, with the only change being that the ASPIRE office has moved from the Honors College to Undergraduate Education. A strategic initiative has been launched to examine the role of the College and its relationship to other programs within the University.
 - Bob Jones has accepted the provost position at Clemson University. Professor Almasy has agreed to serve as interim dean of Eberly College.
 - The Provost's Office has been realigned to allow Extension Service to report directly to the provost through its own dean. Steve Bonanno will continue to serve as the interim dean. A search committee has been formed.
 - Russ Dean's title will change to Vice Provost in order to clarify his role.
4. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
 - We have 6000 new students on campus. He was pleased with the efficient move-in process.
 - He completed his 55 county tour. He feels a deep sense of responsibility for how we serve the State.

- He made several realignments in his senior leadership teams. Jay Cole's new title is Vice President for Federal Relations and Senior Advisor to the President. Bill Hutchens is Vice President for Legal Affairs, Corporate, State and Local Relations and Counselor to the President. April Min is Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel. Oliver Luck is Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Associate Vice President.
- He reflected on the loss of Ruth Kershner and Christine Kefferstan, recognizing them as "giants on campus."

5. Chair Orlikoff reported the following:

- In July, she attended the ACF retreat with Roy Nutter and Richard Turton. Lisa DiBartolomeo and Nigel Clark's presentation on general education requirements was well received. The group worked on a flyer to take to the legislature with the ACF perspective on how to position the role of higher education for the economic advancement of the state.
- She accompanied President Gee, Ann Berry, Sharon Martin, and Sue Day-Perroots on a tour of Nicholas, Boone, Clay, and Calhoun counties. She was impressed with the strength, goodwill, and optimism of everyone they met.
- She talked to a lot of people on campus this summer about University matters. Two items in particular will be discussed in future Faculty Senate meetings: the take out your own trash initiative and the hearing process for victims of sexual assault.
- She attended the Center for Democracy and Citizenship Education's "Touching History" program at the Erickson Alumni Center's Nutting Gallery Room. The exhibit is on display until September 18.
- She will continue to pursue the issues related to PEIA and Senate Bill 3330 begun in previous years, will continue the progress made in forging strong bonds between all groups on campus, and will continue to strengthen the interconnection we have with our regional campuses.

6. Jim Harner, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, submitted the following report for acceptance:

Annex I, 2013-14 Committee Report and 2014-15 Goals. Accepted.

7. Lena Maynor, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, reported that 34 audit letters went out to department chairs requesting a total of 117 course audits. Everyone was given two months to submit an audit to avoid being placed on the removal list from GEC. She presented the following motion:

In anticipation of the specific implementation plans for the revised General Education Requirements to be developed by the GER Implementation Committee, and given that the new GER will not include "W" courses based upon approval from the WVU Faculty Senate in May 2014, the GECO Committee would like to propose: to allow existing W courses to stand as such for as long as necessary to meet student completion needs; that the GECO Committee suspend all W audits beginning in August 2014; and that no new W course proposals will be accepted by the GECO beginning in August 2014.

For clarification, new courses that emphasize writing and communication may be submitted to the Senate Curriculum Committee, but will not be designated with a “W.”

Motion carried.

8. John Campbell, Associate Provost for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, provided an update on Information Technology Services.
9. Tracey Beckley, Amy Kuhn, and Jenny Douglas provided an update on WVU Teaching and Learning Commons initiatives for faculty and graduate student support. Additional information is available at <http://tlcommons.wvu.edu>.
10. Roy Nutter, ACF Representative, moved that the West Virginia Advisory Council of Faculty 2014-15 Unity Agenda, “Higher Education: An Investment that Keeps Growing” be put on the agenda for the September Faculty Senate meeting. The motion was duly seconded. Motion carried.
11. Robert Griffith, BOG Representative, reported that the board has not met since spring, but a strategic planning meeting was held in August at Blaney House.
12. New Business

Lisa DiBartolomeo moved that the following Adverse Weather Commitment be placed on the September Faculty Senate meeting agenda:

In the event of inclement or threatening weather, everyone should use his or her best judgment regarding travel to and from campus. Safety should be the main concern. If you cannot get to class because of adverse weather conditions, you should contact me as soon as possible. Similarly, if I am unable to reach our class location, I will notify you of any cancellation or change as soon as possible (by X o'clock/X hours before class starts), using (MIX/Gmail/eCampus/Twitter/Facebook/text message) to prevent you from embarking on any unnecessary travel. If you cannot get to class because of weather conditions, I will make allowances relative to required attendance policies, as well as any scheduled tests, quizzes, or other assessments.

The motion was duly seconded. Motion carried.

Lisa DiBartolomeo and Nigel Clark presented draft summaries of changes to the general education structures, rationale for those changes, and progress made over the summer. They will present their report to the Faculty Senate in September.

Katherine Karraker asked that the committee designate one of its members to serve as an ex officio on this year’s Graduate Council. Jim Harner volunteered to serve.

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, September 22, 2014.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator