

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, October 22, 2018

1. Chair David Hauser called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	Fleming, S.	Hauser, D.	Veselicky, L.
Brock, R.	Gee, E.	Hileman, S.	
Cronin, A.	Goff, N.	Nutter, R.	
DiBartolomeo, L.	Haines, K.	Valenti, M.	

Members Absent:

Floyd, K.	Lieving, G.	McConnell, J.	Murphy, E.
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Guests:

Campbell, J.	Martucci, A.	Slimak, L.	Wilson, C.
Gavin, M.			

2. Chair Hauser moved for approval of the minutes from the September 24, 2018 meeting.  
Motion carried.
3. President E. Gordon Gee reported the following:
  - He just returned from a trip to the Royal University for Women in Bahrain. The university was established about 13 years ago as an empowerment vehicle for women in the Middle East. It was founded by the Al Zamil family, several of whom are WVU graduates. There are currently 700-800 students enrolled. We have developed a very strong partnership, and are going to start co-branding with them.
  - The Blue Ribbon Commission will meet on October 26. The commission has proposed the following:
    - That the state provide additional funding of \$10 million for the regional institutions.
    - A one-year study of a funding formula based upon the Carnegie classifications. The funding formula should be based upon performance, such as graduation and retention rates. WVU's goal is to increase retention and graduation rates to 90 percent.
    - An executive director of service, appointed by the governor, to replace HEPC.
    - Collaboration among institutions. He noted that WVU's current budget is \$3.5 billion, as compared to the state's \$4.2 billion budget. The next largest institution is Marshall University, with a budget of about \$250 million.
  - We are the leading Alzheimer's research institution in the country right now. A phase II trial, led by Dr. Ali Rezai, is using focused ultrasound to treat a patient with early stage Alzheimer's.
  - The Interfraternity Council leadership developed a proposal to allow a member recruitment period this semester. A pilot program has been approved, provided that

the participating organizations adhere to certain requirements, including a minimum 2.75 GPA for members and recruits. All events must be alcohol-free.

4. Vice Provost John Campbell reported the following:

- Gay Stewart has received the Hans Christian Oersted Medal from the American Association of Physics Teachers. Past recipients include Carl Sagan and Richard Feynman.
- WVU will continue to be part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, which encourages minority participation in STEM. We are part of a 10-university alliance. The third phase is funded by a 5-year, \$3.5 million NSF grant.
- A number of faculty expressed concerns about the Festival of Ideas. As a result, an effort has been made to bring in a more well-rounded group of speakers. Nadine Strossen, past president of the ACLU, will be speaking in the Mountainlair on November 8, 2018. A private, faculty-only discussion will take place from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Milano Reading Room on issues facing faculty around today's political climate.
- The annual request for long-form scholarship submissions will go out soon. We are looking for any full-length piece published or produced in calendar year 2018.
- The Office of Graduate Education is hosting a faculty development workshop from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on October 26. Paul Hernandez and Natalie Shook will be talking about maximizing the quality of mentoring relationships.

5. Chair David Hauser reported the following:

- There will be a flu clinic held at the Erickson Alumni Center before and after the November 12 Faculty Senate meeting. The vaccine is free to PEIA and Health Plan members.
- The University Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel could use a few more volunteers. Faculty members of any rank or title are eligible to serve, as long as they are not already serving on another P&T committee at the unit or college level.
- The amendments to the Faculty Constitution passed. Faculty Senate committees can now decide on the voting status of any ex officio member. The Executive Committee can now ask the chair of any standing committee to become an ex officio member of the Executive Committee. A motion was made and duly seconded to designate Ashley Martucci, chair of the Teaching and Assessment Committee, as an ex officio voting member of the Executive Committee for the remainder of the 2018-2019 Senate year. Motion carried.
- He is calling for volunteers to serve on a committee 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. It makes sense to clearly define the two roles. 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.
- He was approached by Rob Alsop and the rest of the staff in WVU's Governmental Relations office to talk about campus carry issues. The NRA has said that campus carry is their only legislative goal for the upcoming term, and WVU is trying to

- prepare in advance for the legislative session. He will have more updates as WVU sorts out its position and the Faculty Senate is asked to contribute.
- He has lined up speakers for Faculty Senate for the remainder of the fall semester. Please let him know if you have suggestions for speakers for the spring semester. He plans to contact someone from the WVU Foundation to talk about what faculty need to know about the foundation.
  - He wrote a letter on behalf of the Faculty Senate protesting the proposed funding formula. Please let him know if you would like to see a copy.
  - A faculty rule on Consulting and Conflicts of Interest will be presented to the Faculty Senate once a final draft is available. The rule will then move to the Board of Governors for the standard month-long comment period.
  - Beginning with the November Faculty Senate meeting, we will no longer be live webcasting the Faculty Senate meetings. There will be a video record, but it will go up several days after the meeting.
6. Karen Haines, Past Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following consent agenda items. Motion carried following an amendment to Annex II.
- Annex I, New Courses Report.
- Annex II, Course Changes, Deletions, and Adoptions Report. CHEM 115 and CHEM 116 were removed from the report. These two proposals were approved by the Executive Committee through an electronic vote that concluded on October 18. The vote allowed new prerequisites to appear in Banner prior to the start of spring registration.
- Changes to the Major in Agribusiness Management.
- Changes to the Major in Environmental & Energy Resources Management.
- Changes to the Major in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources.
7. Robert Brock, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, submitted the following report for information:
- Annex III, GEF Transition Review. Report filed.
8. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that he attended an Advisory Council of Faculty meeting on October 11, 2018. The following items were discussed:
- HEPC is in the process of forming a statewide consortium of two- and four-year institutions for the purpose of creating a single library system. Legislative action may be required if the initiative is adopted.
  - West Virginia is experiencing a shortage of math teachers. There are currently fewer than 50 students in the entire state identifying as math education majors. Only 3 of the approximately 11,000 West Virginia students who took the SAT last year expressed an interest in teaching math.
  - The funding formula was purportedly well-received by the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability.

9. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that there will be a special board meeting on October 23, 2018.
10. A motion was made and duly seconded to move the Faculty Senate Executive Committee into executive session under Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4, Subsection B7 of the Code of West Virginia to avoid premature disclosure of an honorary degree. Motion carried.  
  
Following the conclusion of Executive Session, the committee reconvened into open session. The executive session began at 3:55 p.m. and ended at 4:08 p.m.  
  
A motion was made and duly seconded to move the entire slate of honorary degree candidates to the Faculty Senate for a vote. Motion carried.
11. New Business – None.
12. The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, November 26, 2018.

Judy Hamilton  
Office Administrator