

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, August 27, 2018

1. Chair David Hauser called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in the Bluestone Room of the Mountainlair.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Brock, R.	Gee, E.	McConnell, J.
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Guests:

Campbell, J.	Martucci, A.	Widders, E.	Wilson, C.
Kreider, P.			

2. Chair Hauser moved for approval of the minutes from the May 21, 2018 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. Vice Provost John Campbell reported the following:
 - The President and Provost are attending a Blue Ribbon Commission meeting. The commission, chaired by President Gee and the presidents of Marshall and Concord Universities, is meeting every other week to examine the needs of higher education in the state. The commission grew out of a need to reexamine the proposed funding formula released by HEPC in the spring. The formula would have removed over \$13 million from WVU's budget and redistributed it to other institutions. HEPC released some minor changes to the proposed formula at its August 24 meeting.
 - Over the last four years, we have been going through a series of updates to the PRT. The PRT was built in the 1970s, and is unique to WVU. We have replaced the signaling and control system that was buried in the tracks with wireless transponders. The programming and electrical systems have also been replaced. An upgrade occurs almost every weekend, and issues are being identified daily.
 - ROTC and the LGBTQ center are scheduled to move to the Evansdale campus later this year. However, the change of use to the spaces they are moving into requires upgrades to comply with fire codes, such as sealing in stairs and providing additional exits. With respect to downtown, Stansbury and Hodges Halls are largely off-line. Asbestos removal will constitute the first round of demolition. The inside of Hodges Hall will be gutted, with only outside walls, floors, and ceilings to remain. The goal is to have plans done by spring and bids requested by early summer. We anticipate one year of planning and two years of construction.
 - There have been some changes in the Provost's Office. Elizabeth Hamilton left this summer to join the University of Central Florida. Mark Gavin starts his new position

as Associate Provost for Academic Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives on September 1, and will work with the office of global affairs, extension, and academic integrity. The new Academic Integrity Director, Azalea Hulbert, starts on August 31. Retired lieutenant colonel Jerry Wood will be joining WVU in mid-September in veterans affairs. There has also been some reshuffling of duties; Paul Kreider will be working with the deans, and John Campbell will address student success and retention.

- He distributed a draft policy on background checks. The issue of faculty background checks came up with the Board of Governors last spring. We were asked by the BOG to create a background check policy and to implement it as soon as possible. The proposed effective date is October 1, and will apply to new hires or to people whose position as substantially changed.
4. Background Checks – CB Wilson, Associate Provost for Academic Personnel, reported that the rules team, which is the group that worked on BOG faculty rules, met to help formulate a background check policy. The draft policy piggybacks on processes for background checks already in place for classified and non-classified staff, but interjects the provost or designee as one of the members of the group who would look at individuals who might have problems as a result of the background checks. The policy would apply to new tenure-track, adjuncts, graduate assistants, and everyone else not covered by staff processes; someone whose position materially changes (such as a faculty member who transitions to an associate dean role); or someone who returned to WVU after a gap of more than 12 months. Promotion and tenure does not trigger a background check. We hope to have the policy in place for mid-year hires.
 5. Chair David Hauser reported the following:
 - Over the summer, Mark Brazaitis asked to address the Faculty Senate on town and gown relations at an upcoming meeting. Because Professor Brazaitis is not teaching on campus this semester, Dr. Hauser suggested the committee table his request. There were no objections.
 - There was a letter that circulated among some of the faculty, commenting about issues of diversity and the Festival of Ideas. He questioned the process by which the Festival of Ideas goes from discussion to invitation to finalized schedule. Vice Provost John Campbell indicated that Robin Yorty of University Events leads that effort; Dr. Hauser will contact her.
 - There has been an update to the university's email policy. Matthew Valenti will ask Barb Dawson, CIO, to attend a future Faculty Senate meeting to answer any questions Senators may have.
 - If anyone has suggestions for people they would like to see speak to the Senate this year, please let Dr. Hauser know.
 6. Kim Floyd, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for acceptance of the following report:

Annex I, 2017-18 Committee Report and 2018-19 Goals. Motion carried.

7. Chad Proudfoot, Faculty Secretary, moved the following resolution: “resolved, that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee hereby appoints the following individuals to serve on Faculty Senate committees for the current academic year.” The individuals are listed in Annex II. The motion was duly seconded. Motion carried.
8. Following discussion, the Executive Committee decided not to revisit the issue of including plus and minus grades in GPA calculations.
9. Roy Nutter (Faculty Representative to State Government), reported the following:
 - He attended ACF and HEPC meetings on August 24. One of HEPC’s goals is to equip 60 percent of West Virginians with a certificate or degree by 2030. Currently, 31 percent of West Virginians age 25-64 hold at least an associate’s degree.
 - Under an agreement with the West Virginia Community and Technical College System and the National Student Clearinghouse, West Virginia community college students who transfer to WVU before earning their associate degrees can now receive their credentials retroactively via reverse transfer. Students who agree to participate will have their WVU transcripts sent back to their community colleges to determine whether their WVU courses have met associate degree requirements.
 - HEPC’s revised funding formula excludes schools of medicine and dentistry, changes the way credit hours are weighted, and changes the weighting for access, success, and impact.
10. Stan Hileman, BOG Representative, reported that the Board of Governors met on Friday, June 22. The Board approved the FY 2019 budget and approved Rule 5.1 Authorizations and Delegations of Authority for Financial and Administrative Matters. Proposed Rule 5.2 Capital Improvement Management, Proposed Rule 5.3 Emergency Management and Campus Safety, and Proposed Rule 5.4 Campus Facilities Plan were approved for comment. The Board also discussed moving forward on the new student housing project for the WVU Beckley campus. The new SGA president, Isaac Obioma, will replace Blake Humphrey on the Board of Governors. Tom Flaherty’s term on the Board has ended and he will stop serving when the governor appoints a replacement. The next meeting will be on September 21.
11. CB Wilson asked for volunteers or nominees to the Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel. Chris Staples has contacted everyone who served last year, many of whom are willing to continue. The role of the panel is to review all cases of promotion and tenure, across all campuses, and to advise the provost on those cases. Faculty who are presently up for promotion or tenure cannot serve, and faculty who are currently serving in a similar capacity in units, departments, or colleges cannot serve.
12. Chad Proudfoot introduced Annex III, proposed amendments to the WVU Faculty Senate Constitution, and Annex IV, an overview of those proposed changes. A motion was made and duly seconded to recommend the revised constitution be presented for approval to the Senate. Motion carried.

13. New Business – Chad Proudfoot announced that he has accepted a faculty position at Virginia Tech. He thanked the Executive Committee for everything they have done for him and for all of their support. He is happy to help with the transition to a new faculty secretary and a new parliamentarian.
14. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, September 24, 2018.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator