

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall
April 23, 2007

1. Chair Parviz Famouri called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

Members present:

Bergner, G.	Dean, R.	Kershner, R.	McDiarmid, M.	Strife, M.
Branch, D.	Famouri, P.	Kite, S.	Nutter, R.	
Clark, N.	Hardesty, D.	Lastinger, M.	Robbins, J.	

Members absent:

Butcher, F.	Kleist, V.	Torsney, C.
Jacknowitz, A.	Lang, G.	Wilson, C.

Guests:

Fulks, T. (D.A.) Gregory, K. (D.A.) Tauger, M.

2. President Hardesty spoke about future partnerships that are taking place at the University and what their implications might be. The Blanchette Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute partnership involves a 501(C)(3) independent corporation located on the campus of WVU built largely with funds from federal and state funding, and private giving from the Rockefeller family. People working there, some may be tenured at WVU, may be jointly applying for projects with neurosciences people. It's a new kind of partnership. The difference is, unlike NIOSH or NETL, we are going to have a private 501(C)(3) as a partner.

Within the next few days an announcement will be made on the "Memorandum of Understanding" between Pitt and Carnegie Mellon and WVU in the area of energy. We will be collaborating to provide services to the National Energy and Technology Laboratory. Three universities working together: one private, one public, and one kind of mixed, with a goal working with the Federal Energy Technology Laboratory which is a government agency.

There are also two parks being built. One is here, where we will be leasing, selling, and partnering with private entities using technology being developed at WVU. For the most part, it is hoped that jobs will be created that will employ our people and maybe involve some of our people on a part-time basis or on the Boards. In Charleston, we are working hard to establish a park given to us by Dow, and developed with Battelle, a commercial-listed company.

President Hardesty said that in the future, the paradigm of what constitutes research at the University and how it is funded and formulated will take on a variety of forms. It raises new questions: what are appropriate partnership agreements, are we getting too commercial or are we not; how should profits be distributed; how should losses be distributed? President Hardesty feels that this is the way the University is going to look in the future if it's going to try to push its research agenda because WVU has neither the funds nor the means to do it all alone, there has to be partnerships. As the University becomes more of a research university, these different kinds of arrangements are out there and we must adjust appropriately as we change and watch for the issues and address them as they come up.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2007 meeting. Motion carried. The Faculty Senate minutes for the April 9, 2007 meeting were reviewed; the following sentence was added to the Chair's report: "I want to make it clear that it is important to me and I am committed for the majority and I emphasis the majority of the faculty voice to be heard." The Faculty Senate Office will prepare minutes of the April 11 Special Faculty Senate Meeting.
4. Chair Famouri thanked the committee for sending him a card during the illnesses in his family. Instead of his regular chair report, Chair Famouri opened discussion on the events of the last two weeks involving the presidential search and the hiring of Mr. Garrison. Chair Famouri will prepare a report of the Special Executive Committee meeting to present to the full Senate at its May 14 meeting. It was decided to hold all further discussion until new business so all agenda items could be transacted.
5. Professor Bergner, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following Curriculum Committee reports:
Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
Annex II, The Alteration Report was submitted for approval.
Committee Chair Bergner will meet with Provost Lang, Associate Provosts Dean and Torsney to discuss the process of approving Special Topic Courses that have been taught for more than three years. Chair Bergner will have a report for the Executive Committee next month.
6. Professor Kite, Chair, General Education Oversight Committee, moved for approval of a revised GEC Actions report listed in Annex VII. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.
7. Professor Clark moved and it was duly seconded to add one senator, two faculty, two graduate students, and two undergraduate students to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee as requested in Annex IV. Motion carried.
8. Professor Kershner moved, and it was duly seconded to accept Annex V, Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee's 2006-2007 Annual Report and Committee Goals for 2007-2008. Motion carried. Associate Provost Dean will contact Associate Provost Cheryl Torsney about sending the Student Rights and Responsibilities website address to faculty through the faculty list-serve.
9. Faculty Secretary Strife moved, and it was duly seconded to accept Annex VI, Library Committee's Proposal for Rules on Overdue Materials. Motion carried.
10. Student Instruction Committee Chair Tauger discussed a Policy regarding exams during the last week of classes as described in Annex VII. The Executive Committee requested Professor Tauger provide a sample of the Petition required for administering exams during the last week of classes and also have a motion stating, in part, that "Provided that there is still a substantive final examination in the course." Professor Tauger will provide this information at the May 21st Executive Committee meeting.
Professor Tauger moved, and it was duly seconded to accept Annex VIII, Student Instruction Committee's 2006-2007 Annual Report and Committee Goals for 2007-2008. Motion carried.
11. Professor Kite moved, and it was duly seconded to accept Annex IX, Ad Hoc Committee on Curriculum Committees Procedures Final Report. Motion carried.

The ad hoc committee will be extended into the Fall Semester to oversee implementation of its final report. A member of the Student Instruction Committee will be added to the committee to address syllabus related issues.

12. Chair-elect Kite said Executive Committee member Virginia Kleist was the only candidate for Faculty Senate chair-elect. Nominations will be taken from the floor during the May 14 Faculty Senate meeting.
13. Professor Roy Nutter agreed to serve as Advisory Council of Faculty representative. Professor Jacknowitz will act as Professor Nutter's back-up.
14. Faculty Secretary Strife will contact Ray Miller, Television Productions, about rearranging the seating for the Faculty Senate meetings.
15. Professor Kershner will meet with Melanie Cook from Student Life, and Associate Provost Cheryl Torsney to determine the best way to get a copy of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Code to faculty.
16. Professor Nutter gave an ACF report for Professor Jacknowitz. It consist of the HEPC's Faculty report that was emailed to the Exec Committee a few months ago. ACF asks if the report has been given to our BOG and Professor Nutter has said yes. However, one needs to submit an item for the BOG 2-3 months before the meeting. This report may be an opportunity to interact with the board again. Associate Provost Wilson is waiting for HEPC to formally adopt the policy before convening a group with faculty leadership to interpret it for WVU. Professor Nutter says the HEPC is waiting for ACF to "ok" the report. Associate Provost Dean will check to confirm if it is on the agenda.
17. The results of the 2007 Faculty Senate Elections were presented in Annex X.
18. Professor Kershner raised concerns about student evaluations of instruction where there are few students in the class (independent study, etc). This matter will be referred to the Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee.
19. It was moved, and duly seconded to recommend the following resolution for consideration by the full Faculty Senate:

The Faculty Senate remains disappointed that its vote of April 11, 2007 was not heeded by the Board of Governors, but believes that the future success of WVU is predicted on sincere cooperation between the faculty and the administration.

Therefore, the Senate, as a representative body, (1) affirms that faculty execute the core missions of West Virginia University: teaching, research and service; (2) resolves to work cooperatively with President-elect Garrison and his future administration; (3) resolves to seek enhancement of faculty participation and leadership in University governance; and (4) acknowledges that individual faculty members may hold views divergent from those expressed above.

Due to a full agenda, it was decided to postpone John Weete's (VP for Research & Economic Development) report, which was planned for the May 14th Faculty Senate meeting.

20. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, May 21, 2007.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary