

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, April 22, 2019

1. Chair David Hauser called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bluestone Room, Mountainlair.

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Bernardes, E.	Brock, R.	Gee, E.	Goff, N.
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Guests:

Gavin, M.	Pfeifer, A.	Slimak, L.	Wilson, C.
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2. Chair Hauser moved for approval of the minutes from the March 25, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 - She and President Gee will be attending commencement ceremonies.
 - There are 110 cases of promotion and tenure. This includes Health Sciences, Extension, Library and the two divisional campuses.
 - Immediately following the promotion and tenure season, the awards season begins.
 - Since June 30, 2019 is her last day, she is meeting with Maryanne Reed on a regular basis to transition her into the new position.
 - There is a \$15 million deficit caused by last year's decrease in enrollment. The budget is also affected by tuition rates and by state allocations. Down years float for four years. All signs for enrollment this year are very positive. Housing deposits and registrations are both up from last year. Housing alone is up by 600 deposits. Last year there were 4750 students enrolled. We anticipate 5150 students to be enrolled in the fall. We hope to see even more enrollment, so we can fill in the \$15 million gap.
 - We did not see any budget cuts from the state. Colleges are taking budget cuts due to decreased enrollment.
 - Mark Gavin discussed measures that the Provost's Office takes to calculate how each department will determine where to make budget cuts. The anticipated cuts are not a surprise to the departments and they are working on a multi-year plan on how to carefully redirect resources.
 - There is currently an open call for anyone interested in the Voluntary Separation Incentive Plan (VSIP). The open call is for WVU employees who have been employed

for 20 or more years. Their requests will be passed to the dean and/or chair of the department to evaluate departmental requirements and then passed on to a team for further review.

4. Chair David Hauser reported the following:

- We held a working group at the most recent Faculty Senate meeting. The working group results from two previous meetings will be combined and sent to Faculty Welfare for review.
- No final decision has been made on the need of a June Senate meeting. More details will soon follow.
- He asked for volunteers to look at some new Academic Integrity and (separate) Probation/Suspension policies. A small group met and provided comments on the draft policies. The updated policies will be presented to the Executive Committee as an overview sometime in the fall.
- We are moving Faculty Senate meetings to the College of Law beginning in the Fall 2019 semester.
- We had a single candidate for Faculty Senate Chair-Elect. Chair Hauser reported that Nathalie Singh-Corcoran won the election. She has been a very active Senator for several years, and he has high confidence in her Senate leadership abilities. She will formally begin her term as Chair-Elect on July 1, when Emily Murphy steps up to be Senate Chair. Dr. Singh-Corcoran will be invited to come to the next Executive Committee meeting as part of bringing her up to speed on the position.
- The Executive Committee will hear reports from Faculty Senate committees at the May meeting. He has asked chairs of the committees that we do not hear from frequently to come and present an update at the May meeting. Written reports are requested to be submitted by all other committees by the September Senate meeting.
- He, Judy Hamilton, Emily Murphy, and Lou Slimak are working on a set of programs/training sessions for August 2019. Members of curriculum-related committees (FSCC, TACO, GEFCo) will receive CIM training, including an explanation of how the committees work together. We will also put together an orientation session for all new Senators before the first meeting in September.
- The Past Chairs Convocation will be held after the May Executive Committee meeting (May 20, 2019). The reception will be held in Room 234 of the Evansdale Library at 4:30. Given the passing of Alan Stolzenberg this year, we have asked Merle Stolzenberg to attend, and former Chair Mike Mays will say a few words about Dr. Stolzenberg's work with the Senate and with WVU. He hopes all Executive members can attend, and we will be sending out reminders as the time approaches.
- The Senate voted some time ago to move to +/- grades, which would count towards the student's GPA. The intended semester for that to begin was Fall 2021. At the request of the Provost's Office, implementation will likely be delayed.
- David Hauser provided a committee proposal for the Faculty Senate Sustainability Committee. A motion was made and duly seconded to establish the Faculty Senate Sustainability Committee for a one-year period. Motion carried.
- The divisional campuses have volunteers to serve on the Faculty Senate Service and Research and Scholarship Committees. The committees are populated by the Senate and

disburse funds for research and service that come from the Provost's Office. The funds are (per the Provost's office) solely for the use of Morgantown faculty. Because of that, those two committees have traditionally been reserved for only Morgantown faculty, allowing them to serve as gatekeeper committees for Morgantown requests. This will be carried to the Senate for further discussion.

5. Ednilson Bernardes, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee moved for approval of the following reports. Motion carried.

Annex I, New Courses Report.

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

Changes to the Major in International Studies.

The following reports were submitted for information:

New Minor in Communication Disorders. Report filed.

New Minor in Communication Sciences. Report filed.

6. Robert Brock, Chair, General Education Foundations Committee, moved for approval of the following report:

Annex III, GEF Actions. Motion carried.

7. Ashley Martucci, Chair, Teaching and Assessment Committee, reported that the committee will also be reviewing SEI language that goes to faculty and students about anonymity and confidentiality.
8. Roy Nutter, Faculty Representative to State Government, reported that topics of concern include updates on West Virginia Higher Education Retirement Plan Transition to Sole Record-Keeper and the Higher Education Policy Commission. ACF's next meeting will be in May.
9. Stan Hileman, BOG representative, reported that the Board of Governors discussed several rule approvals at the last meeting. The developer positions to improve the overall housing strategy for campus and to improve property owned and leased by WVU were approved. The evaluation and compensation committee reviewing President Gee will meet soon. The evaluation committee has also asked to meet with the Faculty Senate Executive committee from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29 in the Mountainlair Shenandoah Room. The faculty presentation to the Board will be held in Beckley on June 21.
10. New Business: None.
11. Faculty Secretary Position: A motion was made and duly seconded to appoint David Hauser for a 3-year term as Faculty Secretary. Motion carried.
12. Faculty Senate Representative to State Government: A motion was made and duly seconded to appoint Roy Nutter as the Faculty Senate Representative to State Government. Motion carried.

A motion was made and duly seconded to appoint David Hauser as the alternate Representative to State Government and alternate ACF Representative. Motion carried.

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, May 20, 2019.

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