

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, September 24, 2012

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

Members Present:

Bastress, R.	Curtis, R.	Mays, M.	Strife, M.
Bilgesu, I.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Nutter, R.	Turton, R.
Butcher, F.	Elmore, S.	Orlikoff, J.	Wheatly, M.
Clements, J.	Griffith, R.	Prudhomme, J.	
Cottrell, L.	Kleist, V.	Ruscello, D.	

Guests:

Clark, N.	Karraker, K.	Robinson, S.	Wilson, C. B.
Dooley, E.	Lang, A. (DP)	Six, M.	

2. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2012 meeting.
Motion carried.
3. President Clements reported that:
 - The new greenhouse opened last week. It is a state-of-the-art facility, and the first in a set of new buildings that will open on the Evansdale campus over the next several years.
 - With respect to the capital campaign, he has been on several fundraising trips recently. The support of alumni and friends is increasingly important as resources become tight.
 - There is no new information on the budget. We continue to be told to look at a 7.5 percent budget cut, which would translate to \$12-13 million. We need to continue to emphasize the significant impact the University has on the economic well-being of the state.
 - For the 4th consecutive year, WVU has been recognized as one of the top military friendly schools in the country by GI Jobs. Currently, more than 800 military personnel and their dependents are studying at WVU. This fall, 291 new student veterans enrolled. Jerry McCarthy, a doctoral student in political science, is serving as the University's interim veteran advocate.
 - The Board of Governors will meet on campus Thursday and Friday, September 27-28. There will be a presentation from the Davis College. Voting members of the board include 2 faculty members, 1 staff, and 1 student; such privileges are not common across the country.
 - Alum John Chambers will be speaking on campus on Friday morning, September 28.
 - Greg and Carla Babe have donated \$250,000 to support student projects in the Statler College and B&E. Following a 32-year career with Bayer Corp., Greg Babe is now CEO of privately-held Orbital Engineering.

- The goodwill ambassadors were highly visible during and after the game last weekend. He received nothing but positive comments.

4. Provost Wheatly reported that:

- Some of the ADVANCE grant funding has been used to identify external mentors for women in STEM. Academic Affairs decided to create another part to this program for people who are not in STEM areas, but are also underrepresented in their disciplinary departments. Six other faculty proposals have been funded for: Jena Amerson, Blessing Maumbe, Litha Sivanandan, Amy Welsh, Xiangying Jiang, and Valeriya Gritsenko.
- C.B. Wilson prepared a draft application for a Big 12 faculty fellowship program. The program will offer faculty the opportunity to spend time on other Big 12 campuses to exchange ideas and research. Comments are welcome regarding the draft. The program will most likely begin with the next academic year.
- She and Melissa Latimer are reviewing results of the COACHE (Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education) survey. They will report back to the Faculty Senate regarding how we scored relative to our peer institutions (Kansas State, North Carolina State, Purdue University, University of Tennessee, and SUNY-Stony Brook).
- Last year, we were able to include 30 women in the women's leadership initiative. We are hoping to enlarge the circle of influence to another 30 women. The long term goal is for every woman on campus to feel she has the support systems she needs to be successful professionally; we would also like that to trickle down to other groups who do not currently have the support they need.
- There will be a Council of Deans retreat this fall on enrollment management and improving the academic profile of the entering class.
- We have been looking at using external agencies to assist us in determining current performance and future aspirations. Two agencies under consideration are Academic Analytics and Thomson Reuters.
- She is going to attend her second Big 12 provosts' meeting, as well as the APLU meeting.

5. Chair Mays reported that:

- He would like comments on the second draft of his letter to Governor Tomblin. President Clements suggested that the return on investment of \$23 referred to in paragraph 3 should actually be \$40.
- The NRCCE is reallocating space to classrooms and labs, so after the May meeting, the Faculty Senate will have to find a new venue. At this time, the best option appears to be the Erickson Alumni Center. He will continue to work with Mary Strife to finalize plans.
- He will attend the Board of Governors meeting this week. He expects the Faculty Senate to have the opportunity to make a presentation at the November board meeting.

6. Dennis Ruscello, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
 - Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
 - Annex II, Monthly Alterations Report, was submitted for information.
7. Ilkin Bilgesu, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee, moved for approval of the following report:
 - Annex III, GEC Actions. Motion carried.
 - Annex IV, GEC Audits, was submitted for information.
8. Bob Griffith, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies moved to recommend that the Faculty Senate approve the School of Public Health as a constituency. Motion carried.
9. C.B. Wilson asked for volunteers and/or names of nominees to serve on the University Promotion and Tenure Advisory Panel. Six people are needed. Richard Turton and Lisa DiBartolomeo volunteered to serve. Lesley Cottrell will volunteer if she is not on her department committee. Barbara Apostolou and Gerald Wilcox were nominated to serve.
10. New Business:
 - Chair Mays introduced Judy Hamilton, the new staff person in the Faculty Senate Office. She will be the point person for the Course Inventory Management (CIM) system.
 - Sandra Elmore reported that the Higher Learning Commission visited the WVU Tech campus last week.
 - Ilkin Bilgesu requested that the Faculty Senate discuss whether the social justice statement and the academic integrity statement should be required on syllabi submitted to the General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee.
11. The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 22, 2012.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary