

Minutes  
The West Virginia University Faculty Senate  
Monday, April 9, 2012

1. Professor Lesley Cottrell, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A&B, NRCCE.

Members Present:

Abraham, R.	Davari, A.	Johnston, A.	Oberhauser, A.	Stack, S.
Ameri, S.	Davis, S.	Kale, U.	Orlikoff, J.	Stout, P.
Anderson, J.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Kershner, R.	Osborne, E.	Stuchell, R.
Anderson, K.	Dino, G.	Kirby, B.	Perone, M.	Sundaram, M.
Atkins, C.	Elmore, S.	Kite, S.	Perry, J.	Turton, R.
Banta, L.	Etzel, E.	Kleist, V.	Prudhomme, J.	Urbanski, J.
Bastress, R.	Finkel, M.	Knight, J.	Putman, H.	Veselicky, K.
Blake, L.	Fint-Clark, B.	Kopriva, N.	Reddy, R.	Vester, M.
Bonner, D.	Fleming, S.	Kuhlman, J.	Reymond, R.	Vona-Davis, L.
Boone, D.	Graber, S.	Lofaso, A.	Rose, T.	Watson, J.
Brazaitis, M.	Harner, J.	Mandich, M.	Ruscello, D.	Wenger, S.
Campbell, L.	Hileman, S.	Mays, M.	Ryan, K.	Wood, A.
Cassels, A.	Hornsby, G.	Miller, M.	Schreurs, B.	
Clark, B.	Huber, J.	Munasinghe, R.	Shelton, E.	
Cohen, S.	Iskander, W.	Nichols, A.	Sherwin, M.	
Cronin, A.	Jackowitz, A.	Nutter, R.	Sperow, M.	

Members Absent:

Anfinson, J.	Curtis, R.	Holmes, M.	Mucino, V.	Tower, L.
Bergner, G.	Fuller, E.	Huffman, V.	Nelson, C.	Weihman, L.
Bredehoft, T.	Hartman, K.	Kromar, R.	Paul, S.	Whiteman, C.
Bucklew, A.	Hazard, H.	Miltenberger, M.	Petty, T.	
Carpenter, R.	Hogan, T.	Moritz, J.	Riemenschneider, S.	

Members Excused:

Barretto, G.	Brooks, R.	Hashmi, M.	Rockett, I.	Tuninetti, A.
Bilgesu, I.	Chalupa, C.	Jones, D.	Schwartz, S.	Watson, D.
Bowen, E.	Cottrell, S.	Paternostro, M.	Scott, H.	Woloshuk, J.
Britten, R.	Ernst, G.	Polak, J.	Tallaksen, R.	Zimmerman, P.

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

Cottrell, L.	Griffith, R.	Lee, P.	Stolzenberg, A.
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2. Chair Cottrell moved and it was duly seconded to approve the [minutes](#) from the Monday, March 12, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.
3. President Clements reported on the following issues:
  - The Provost Office has been preparing for the Higher Learning Commission's accreditation visit, which will take place in 2013-2014. A team has been put in place.

- 100 faculty lines are being added in four phases; 60 positions have been allocated, but we are still behind according to our peer schools and colleges.
- Deans have been hired for the College of Creative Arts, Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design, and the School of Dentistry. An interim dean has been selected for the School of Public Health. Searches are underway for a dean for the College of Human Resources and Education and a campus provost for Potomac State. Carolyn Long has been selected as the Interim Campus Executive for WVU-Tech. Fred King will hold a one-year assignment as the interim Vice-President for Research. He will focus on structures that support faculty research. Dr. Glenn Dillon has been hired as the Vice-President for Health Sciences, Research and Graduate Studies.
- Record enrollments for graduate enrollment and increased levels of diversity.
- Outdoor green spaces for recreational activities opened this year.
- White Hall is open and the official dedication will be held later this week. The basketball facility is completed. Renovations for the Visitor's Center are almost completed.
- The 250 million dollar bond deal has been completed, which will fund projects on the Evansdale Campus.
- Joint operating agreements for WVU have been finalized; budgets and financial performances have been integrated for the first time.
- 2011 was the busiest year in history for Ruby Memorial Hospital.
- The new School of Public Health has been launched.
- West Virginia United Health System merged with St. Joseph's and Camden Clark Medical Center to become one hospital on two campuses.
- Administration and Finance continues to look for ways to save money so funds can be reallocated; this year, there was a savings of 12.4 million dollars through a combination of new initiatives.
- Three boilers for the PRT are in the process of being replaced with energy-efficient units. The fourth boiler will be replaced next year.
- Implementations have been set in place for My Mountaineer Card, the on-line system for students, the new client-based HR model in student affairs, the new export control training program, and the classified-employee handbook.
- 35 million dollars was raised for the State Research Trust Fund, which was matched, so a total of 70 million dollars was placed in the endowment.
- Several endowed professorships were given and a 10 million dollar endowment for graduate student fellowships.
- 74 million dollars has been raised compared to 54 million last year. People are willing to invest in the future of WVU because they believe in us.
- The Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources was dedicated last week.
- Acceptance of the bid into the Big 12 Conference was a milestone because of the new collaborations and future partnerships.
- The Smoking Task Force posted the new policy on the BOG website for a 30-day comment period. The vote will take place in June.
- The policy concerning sexual misconduct was revised to meet federal guidelines, and it was posted for review.
- Policies concerning WVU-Parkersburg were posted.

- The P.I. Reed School of Journalism and the College of Business and Economics launched a blended minor concerning media entrepreneurship.
- 1700 employees registered for EmployeeFest; wellness is the focus.
- Masters of Fine Arts in Ceramics was ranked 18 in the nation.
- School of Medicine ranked in the top 10 for rural medicine.
- The School of Pharmacy ranked 26 on the list for the best pharmacy schools in the country.
- The School of Medicine programs had notable rankings that included primary care and physical therapy.
- Provost Wheatly and her team will work to restructure the state engagement efforts to lift up the role of extension so there is a greater level of collaboration across the colleges.
- Professor Ryan Claycomb has been hired as the new Assistant Dean for the Honor's College to assist Dean Keith Garbutt. There are currently 1,725 students enrolled in the College.
- Professor Michael Mays, Mathematics, has been selected as a partner in the Mathematics Teacher Education partnership. This partnership will link higher education with K-12 schools and other organizations to collaboratively redesign secondary mathematics teacher preparations programs.
- Professor Jennifer Williams, Extension, received the Susan Hoff award from the West Virginia Women's Commission.
- Professor Larry Banta, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, was selected as a Fulbright Scholar; he will be travelling to Genoa, Italy to conduct research on fuel cell and gas turbine hybrid electric generations.
- Professor Marcello Napolitano, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, received the Professor of the Year award.
- The following faculty were given awards for outstanding teaching: Brian Ballentine, Ken Blemings, Gina Martino-Dahlia, James Lewis, Mark Schraf, Kathryn Staples, Charline Rowland, and Udaya Halabe.
- Various student awards were mentioned.
- A BOG meeting will be held on campus later this week; part of the discussion will include finances.
- Professor Robert DiClerico, Political Science, is retiring from full time teaching after 40 years of teaching. He will teach his last class tomorrow, and everyone is invited to attend.

4. Provost Wheatly reported on the following issues:

- The annual event for the High Learning Commission Conference was held in Chicago last week. The process for reaccreditation is well underway; Nigel Clark, Elizabeth Hamilton, and Elizabeth Dooley will oversee the process. The accreditation and planning process will be brought into alignment so we only do it once. The Provost attended the Big 12 Provost meeting in Lubbock, Texas.
- A new dean for the College of Human Resources and Education will be announced tomorrow.
- Three candidates will come to the campus for the Potomac State College Associate Provost position.
- A search firm visited the campus to discuss the search for the Chief Information Officer.

- Steve Robinson, University Registrar, announced that there are approximately 4,663 students eligible for graduation.
- Bucklew scholarships will be presented this evening.
- The Council of Deans gathered a couple of weeks ago to discuss hills and mountains of excellence. A meeting with the research roundtable and the group will present an opportunity for the distribution of the 100 new faculty lines.
- Benjamin Seebaugh, WVU International Studies and Political Science major, was the 22nd Truman Scholar recipient.
- Mary Ann Samyn, one of the Benedum Distinguished Scholars for this year, will be honored tomorrow.
- The Provost and a few deans will make a trip to China this summer to discuss partnerships and sub-disciplines at the University.
- A showing will be held at the Science and Technology festival that will take place April 27-28 in Washington, D.C. University Events will assist in promoting outreach in the STEM fields. Exhibits focusing the STEM fields will be exhibited.

5. Chair Cottrell discussed the following issues:

- Two policies need to be reviewed from Legal Affairs – Code of Student Conduct and Student Rights and Responsibilities. These policies are in relationship with WVU at Parkersburg.
- Richard Turton, Chair, Committee on Committees, held a meeting and various committees were discussed. Chair Cottrell encouraged senators to serve. She will be holding meetings with chair-elects of committees to discuss the charges and go over committee processes so everyone will be informed.
- A subcommittee was formed and the definition of a credit hour has been written. A draft will be available soon. This issue was brought up at last month's meeting by Associate Provost Dooley.
- The Chair thanked professors Kleist and Neidermeyer from the College of Business and Economics for providing posters from Finance.

6. Professor Griffith, BOG representative, said the Board will meet this week in the College of Creative Arts. Lunch will be provided, and they will tour the College.

7. Nominees for the Faculty Senate Chair-elect, Lisa DiBartolomeo and Joseph Prudhomme, gave presentations. The election ballots were mailed from the Faculty Senate Office today; Chair Cottrell will announce the Chair-elect at the next meeting.

8. Jennifer Orlikoff, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee moved for approval of the following reports:

[Annex I](#), New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.

[Annex II](#), General Business Degree. Motion carried

[Annex III](#). The Alteration Report was submitted for information.

9. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Chair, General Education Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

[Annex IV](#), GEC Actions. Motion carried.

[Annex V](#), The GEC Audits were submitted for information.

10. Associate Provost Dooley presented, for approval, the Academic Calendar for 2013-14. Discussion focused on a “fall break.” In 1998, the Faculty Senate approved guidelines to allow the week of Thanksgiving as a fall break. Dr. Dooley said if the Faculty Senate would like to investigate an additional fall break, it would have to amend the current guidelines. Dr. Dooley said there is a current Calendar Committee, and if the Faculty Senate would like to work with this Committee to make changes, they need to contact the committee. She also said that the credit hour definition needs to be taken into consideration when making this decision. Professor Kershner recommended that faculty send comments to Chair Cottrell so she can bring them forward. Professor Harner also recommended a fall break because he said students and faculty are exhausted before the Thanksgiving break. He requested looking at peer institutions to see how they manage fall breaks.

A hand count was taken for the approval of the 2013-14 Academic Calendar; 36 were against approving the Calendar; 20 in favor of approving the Calendar with 5 abstentions. The Calendar was not approved.

Professor Kershner moved that faculty members send written comments concerning a fall break to Chair Cottrell within 30 days. It was duly seconded. Professor Harner made an amendment, with Professor Kershner’s agreement, that comments be sent within 10 days to both the Faculty Senate Executive Committee as well as the Calendar Committee for review. Motion carried.

Professor Orlikoff made a motion to review the Faculty Senate guidelines so other ways could be explored in devising the Calendar. Motion carried.

Professor Stolzenberg said a compromise needs created to allow for a fall break but not lose instructional time. Professor Orlikoff suggested starting classes two days earlier so days could be taken off later, and it would not interfere with instructional time.

Professor Ryan asked if the Calendar Committee would offer scheduling options and necessary guideline changes as well as look at peer institutions and report back to the Faculty Senate. Professor Prudhomme asked if the current Faculty Senate guidelines could be sent to all senators.

11. Professor Stolzenberg gave an update from the Textbook Affordability Committee. He said there is a policy in place, and it will be made available on the Faculty Senate website and the Provost’s website. When faculty select books, they can look at the policy. He recommended faculty make decisions that will give students all the information they need without making a financial impact. The marketing arena is changing rapidly so the best decisions need to be made.
12. Professor Fint-Clark, Chair, Public Service Committee, said the Committee received 13 applications, and the dollar amount requested was \$135,000. The Public Service Grants are to provide funding for special projects that will make a difference to the citizens of West Virginia. She said all of the applications were not funded because there was not enough money available, but most of them were funded. The deadline to apply for grants is December, and you can request up to \$10,000. Information can be obtained from the Office of Sponsored Program’s website.

13. Professor Nutter, ACF representative, said the Legislature has adjourned for the season.
14. Chair Cottrell said the list of new senators is available on the Faculty Senate website.
15. New Business

Professor Kershner said some departments have assigned exams outside their class time, so they are asking students to come to their class in the evening. She recommended a policy be put in place that would avoid any overlap with night classes. Chair Cottrell said the current policy will be reviewed so the issue can be addressed about faculty not giving classes in the evening if they are teaching day classes.

16. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, May 14, 2012.

Barbara Dunn, Committee Secretary