

Minutes  
The West Virginia University Faculty Senate  
Monday, December 10, 2012

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

Members Present:

Abate, M.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Huffman, V.	Munasinghe, R.	Sand-Jecklin, K.
Abraham, R.	Dino, G.	Iskander, W.	Nelson, C.	Scott, H.
Ameri, S.	Elmore, S.	Johnston, A.	Nutter, R.	Sherwin, M.
Anderson, J.	Famouri, P.	Kershner, R.	Orlikoff, J.	Sperow, M.
Anderson, K.	Ferrara, L.	Kirby, B.	Osborne, E.	Stack, S.
Atkins, C.	Finkel, M.	Kite, S.	Peace, G.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bastress, R.	Fuller, E.	Kleist, V.	Perna, N.	Tallaksen, R.
Bergner, G.	Funk, A.	Knight, J.	Perone, M.	Tuninetti, A.
Bilgesu, I.	Graber, S.	Kopriva, N.	Petty, T.	Turton, R.
Blake, L.	Graves, C.	Kuhlman, J.	Polak, J.	Valenti, M.
Brock, R.	Griffith, R.	Lofaso, A.	Prudhomme, J.	Veselicky, K.
Brooks, R.	Harner, J.	Mandich, M.	Reddy, R.	Vona-Davis, L.
Bryner, R.	Harris, T.	Matak, K.	Reymond, R.	Watson, J.
Cassels, A.	Hartley, D.	Mays, M.	Rockett, I.	Wenger, S.
Cottrell, L.	Holmes, M.	Meckstroth, R.	Rose, T.	Wilcox, G.
Cronin, A.	Hornsby, G.	Miller, M.	Ruscello, D.	Woloshuk, J.
Curtis, R.	Hostuttler, G.	Miltenberger, M.	Ryan, K.	Wood, A.

Members Excused:

Barretto, G.	Cohen, S.	Huber, J.	Paternostro, M.	Sherlock, L.
Boone, D.	Etzel, E.	Kale, U.	Petronis, J.	Weihman, L.
Brazaitis, M.	Fint-Clark, B.	Lastinger, V.	Putman, H.	
Britten, R.	Hileman, S.	Oberhauser, A.	Schreurs, B.	

Members Absent:

Anfinson, J.	Carpenter, R.	Hashmi, M.	Lorimer, D.	Tower, L.
Baldwin, C.	Connors, J.	Kromar, R.	Merrifield, J.	Watson, D.
Bowen, E.	Davis, S.	Lieving, G.	Moritz, J.	Whiteman, C.
Campbell, L.	Fisher, M.	Livengood, R.	Nichols, A.	Yang, H.

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

Cottrell, L.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Lee, P.	Mays, M.
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2. Chair Mays moved for approval of the [minutes](#) from the Monday, November 10, 2012 meeting. Motion carried following a minor revision.
3. President Clements reported on the following issues:
- The Board of Governors was impressed by the presentations given by Mike Mays, Lesley Cottrell, and Bob Griffith. Members are pleased to have two faculty representatives on the board. Very few boards have a faculty representative, a staff representative, and a student

representative as voting members. The president is unaware of any other boards that have two faculty members.

- Elizabeth Dooley also gave a presentation to the Board last month on the University College initiative.
- More than 1500 students graduated on Sunday, with approximately 750 participating in convocation ceremonies. Dr. Alison Wilson, director of the Jon Michael Moore Trauma Center at Ruby Memorial Hospital, gave an excellent keynote address stressing the importance of teamwork.
- Final enrollment figures show a significant increase in international and minority student enrollment, which fits in well with the strategic plan. There was also a 1.6% increase in graduate student enrollment.
- We are about three-quarters of the way to our capital campaign goal of \$750 million.
- Morgantown has been ranked as the ninth best college town in the United States by the American Institute for Economic Research. We were ranked in the top 10 in the country in all 12 categories used in the rankings.
- All indications are that there will be a 7.5 to 9% cut in the state budget.
- The Higher Education Policy Commission is discussing a funding model that is part of a legislative committee initiative. We will report more as we learn what that model may look like.
- In the last month or so, we broke ground on the new College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences and Student Health and Wellness facilities. The facilities are expected to be completed in spring 2014 and open by fall 2014.
- We continue to do well with competitive grants. The Job Accommodation Network has received a \$2.5 million grant from the US Department of Labor to continue managing and operating the Job Accommodation Network. Dr. Carrie Rishel in the School of Social Work received a grant of just under \$500,000 to improve access to mental health services in West Virginia for children, members of the military, and veterans.
- University Relations won seven top awards in the international MarCom Awards program, which recognizes outstanding creative achievement in the marketing and communications fields. Chris Martin has accepted a position with the prestigious Poynter Institute; we are looking at the structure of her division and will launch a national search in the spring.
- We hope to wrap up the CIO search this week.
- Last month we had a Fulbright reunion and celebration on campus. Last year, we had a record 5 Fulbright student scholars, bringing the total to 32. Since 2006, WVU has had 17 Fulbright designations on the faculty side, for a total of 69 Fulbright professors.
- The WVU community raised \$330,050 for United Way this year; a record number 1345 employees contributed. Over the past 5 years, the WVU community has contributed \$1.5 million.

- Terry Gullion, professor of Chemistry, has been named an American Physical Society Fellow. Chris Colenda, Chancellor for Health Sciences, was selected to a one year term as the chair of the Liaison Committee for Medical Education. Professor Jack Watson was recently named president of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology. Janet Snyder, head of the Art History program, won the Award for Excellence in Scholarly Research from the Southeastern College Art Conference this year. Mark Brazaitis, professor of English, won the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Gival Press Novel Award for his novel “Julia & Rodrigo.” Ken Blemings, professor of Biochemistry, received one of six regional Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agricultural Sciences Awards sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. The College of Business and Economics is the newest member of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute University Recognition Program. WVU is one of only 20 currently recognized universities in the CFA Americas program, and one of only 33 in the world. The National Academy of Engineering has named the Statler College as one of 29 programs in the nation that effectively incorporate real-world experiences into engineering education. Dr. Rachel Lagos was featured on NBC Nightly News for her groundbreaking research on chemo brain. Faculty from the Davis College, Eberly College, and Extension are part of a \$10 million grant from the US Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture focused on logistics and development of feedstock perennials for creating fuel. The Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center recently earned a \$2.1 million grant from NIH to study pulmonary diseases which are precursors to lung cancer. The LIINC (Linking Innovation, Industry and Commercialization) program won the Award of Excellence in the Innovation and Entrepreneurship category at the University Economic Development Association 2012 Annual Summit in Tennessee.
- A team made up of graduate students from WVU and the University of South Alabama competed against more than 1,000 teams from around the world to win first place in their division in the 2012 Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center Digital Forensics Challenge. Dr. Roy Nutter is the team advisor.
- Student athletes had a combined graduation success rate of 83%. This is up 3 points from last year, and up 13 points from 3 years ago.

4. Chair Mays reported on the following issues:

- Talks are on-going with Potomac State over the possibility of the Morgantown campus providing some GTAs to meet instructional needs.
- He attended the PEIA public session. This year there are no big increases in premiums because they will use reserves to cover expenses. Some painful adjustments may be required next year.
- He has a meeting scheduled with Senate committee chairs at 1:30 tomorrow in the Evansdale Library. This will be an opportunity for committees to report on initiatives they have undertaken.
- A proposed statement concerning excused absences for students with military obligations has been referred to the Student Instruction Committee. They expect to have a report and recommendation at the next Senate meeting.

- WVU Foundation President Wayne King will give a report at the next Senate meeting concerning progress on the capital campaign.
  - Regarding GEC courses and major program requirements, Elizabeth Dooley shared a document with the Curriculum Committee and the General Education Committee that Katherine Karraker created last year. The document will provide a starting point for the Senate to formulate a recommendation on how to address that issue. There will not be a change proposed until after the first of the year at the earliest, and all departments providing GEC courses will have a chance to present concerns and solutions before a proposal goes forward.
  - Linda Cunningham is retiring this month. He expressed deep appreciation for her years of careful and conscientious service to the Faculty Senate.
5. Dennis Ruscello, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:
- [Annex I](#), New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
  - [Annex II](#), Curriculum Revision for Wildlife and Fisheries. Motion carried.
  - [Annex III](#), Monthly Alterations Report, was submitted for information.
6. Ilkin Bilgesu, Chair, General Education Committee, moved for approval of the following report:
- [Annex IV](#), GEC Actions. Motion carried.
  - [Annex V](#), GEC Audits, was submitted for information.
7. Roy Nutter, ACF representative, reported that:
- During November's presentation to LOCEA, they received questions regarding faculty pay relative to tuition increases.
  - The HEPC met last week. Discussions are continuing concerning a health care buy-in for higher education students and families. A resolution was passed to support exempting higher education from 7.5% budget cuts.
  - PEIA premiums will decrease due to \$35 million being used from reserves. The governor will also include assistance of \$4 million in his budget.
  - The outcomes based funding model is moving along at the request of the legislature.
  - The Higher Education master plan for 2013-2018 is underway by HEPC staff.
  - The state of the system address will be given to the legislature on March 21.
8. Robert Griffith, BOG representative, reported that:
- The Board of Governors met November 15 and 16, beginning with a tour of the College of Human Resources and Education. The Board will meet again Thursday via telephone conference, and one of the agenda items involves renaming the College of Human Resources and Education as the College of Education and Human Services.

- As part of his financial report to the Board, he compared WVU to national public doctoral institutions using data obtained from the Chronicle of Higher Education's annual almanac. He also compared WVU Tech to institutions within the state system.
- He commented to the Board that our benefits are hurting recruitment, particularly in terms of the sliding scale of PEIA premiums. Our inability to provide benefits to same-sex partners has also impacted recruiting.
- In 2013, 36% of tenured faculty are eligible to retire. In 2016, that number rises to 46%.
- The Board approved a multi-million dollar renovation to the Evansdale Library.
- The Tech Revitalization Committee has been submitted, and indicates that enrollment has stabilized. A request will be submitted to LOCEA for \$7 million in renovations to the Tech campus.

9. New Business:

- Terry Rose asked that the Senate consider recommending to administration that we extend the time for reporting final grades to 4-5 calendar days after the last exam. Chair Mays will refer this to the Student Instruction Committee.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 4:18 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, January 14, 2013.

Mary Strife  
Faculty Secretary