Minutes
The West Virginia University Faculty Senate
Monday, April 8, 2013

1. Michael Mays, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A&B, NRCCE.

Members Present:

Abraham, R.	Curtis, R.	Hostuttler, L.	Meckstroth, R.	Ruscello, D.
Ameri, S.	Davis, S.	Huffman, V.	Merrifield, J.	Sand-Jecklin, K.
Anderson, J.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Iskander, W.	Moritz, J.	Schreurs, B.
Anderson, K.	Dino, G.	Johnston, A.	Munasinghe, R.	Scott, H.
Atkins, C.	Elmore, S.	Kale, U.	Nutter, R.	Sherlock, L.
Baldwin, C.	Etzel, E.	Kershner, R.	Oberhauser, A.	Sperow, M.
Bastress, R.	Famouri, P.	Kirby, B.	Orlikoff, J.	Stolzenberg, A.
Bergner, G.	Finkel, M.	Kite, S.	Peace, G.	Turton, R.
Bilgesu, I.	Funk, A.	Kuhlman, J.	Perna, N.	Valenti, M.
Blake, L.	Graber, S.	Lieving, G.	Petronis, J.	Veselicky, K.
Boone, D.	Harner, J.	Livengood, R.	Polak, J.	Watson, J.
Brazaitis, M.	Harris, T.	Lofaso, A.	Prudhomme, J.	Weihman, L.
Campbell, L.	Hileman, S.	Mandich, M.	Reddy, R.	Woloshuk, J.
Cassels, A.	Holmes, M.	Matak, K.	Reymond, R.	Wood, A.
Cottrell, L.	Hornsby, G.	Mays, M.	Rose, T.	Yang, H.
Cronin, A.				

Members Excused:

Barretto, G.	Ferrara, L.	Kopriva, N.	Paternostro, M.	Sherwin, M.
Britten, R.	Fint-Clark, R.	Lastinger, V.	Perone, M.	Stack, S.
Brooks, R.	Graves, C.	Lorimer, D.	Petty, T.	Tuninetti, A.
Bryner, R.	Hartley, D.	Miltenberger, M.	Putman, H.	Vona-Davis, L.
Cohen, S.	Kleist, V.	Osborne, E.	Ryan, K.	Wenger, S

Members Absent:

Abate, M.	Connors, J.	Huber, J.	Nelson, C.	Tower, L.
Anfinson, J.	Fisher, M.	Knight, J.	Nichols, A.	Watson, D.
Bowen, E.	Fuller, E.	Kromar, R.	Rockett, I.	Whiteman, C.
Brock, R.	Griffith, R.	Miller, M.	Tallaksen, R.	Wilcox, G.
Carpenter, R.	Hashmi, M.			

Faculty Senate Officers Present:

Cottrell, L.	DiBartolomeo, L.	Lee, P.	Mays, M.

2. Chair Mays moved for approval of the minutes from the Monday, March 11, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

3. President Clements reported on the following issues:

   - We may still be looking at a $13.5 million budget reduction; we will know more later in the week as the legislative session comes to an end.

- An ENEWS announcement went out today about a cost-savings web site. Last year, we documented about $12.4 million in savings. Any input with respect to ideas for revenue generation or for ways to save money is appreciated.
- He recently met with the Strategic Planning Council. A number of great things are taking shape around the five strategic goals. He thanked Nigel Clark for his leadership.
- A publication out of WVU Tech titled "Bear Tracks" highlighted some recent developments in Montgomery: renovations to the new Student Success Center that will provide advising, tutoring, and other student services aimed at supporting student retention and success; completion of a renovation to Old Main; expansion of Wi-Fi; and repaved roads. Other efforts underway include a new Alumni Recruitment Network, exploration of new academic offerings, and work on a comprehensive student retention plan.
- At Potomac State, more than 40 presenters from industry, academia, and education groups offered hands-on activities to over 100 children and their families at the first Mineral County STEM Festival. The purpose was to inspire interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. The event was coordinated by the new Mineral County STEM Network.
- In terms of achieving our diversity goals, last month we announced that we joined the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) as a partner institution. HACU, established in 1986, represents more than 400 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America, Spain, and Portugal.
- Three WVU faculty members have been chosen to receive the James and Arthur Gabriel/Gabriel Brothers, Inc. Faculty Award. Those selected include two English Department faculty members, Brian Ballentine, associate professor and coordinator of the professional writing and editing program, and Mark Brazaitis, professor and coordinator of creative writing. The third recipient is Rebecca Chory, professor of communication studies. The award was created to promote and support faculty members in their projects associated with American culture and society.
- The WVU Sport and Exercise Psychology program in CPASS was recognized for Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in Exercise and Sport Psychology. The award was given by the American Psychological Association (APA). Every three years, the APA awards a sport psychologist or training program that over time has consistently provided significant contributions to education and training in exercise and sport psychology. This is the first time the APA has given the award to a group rather than a single individual. The Sport and Exercise Psychology program is also a WVU Board of Governors Program of Excellence based on its national reputation of distinction, strength in the area of curriculum and assessment, success of our graduates, and the quality of the faculty.
- The online master's program in Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC) in the Reed School of Journalism recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. The program launched in 2003 with 17 students. Today, the program has 426 students enrolled from 41 states and 5 foreign countries, as well as almost 500 graduates representing 46 states and countries on 5 of the 7 continents.

- The West Virginia Campus Compact, a coalition of 28 college and universities that encourages and supports community engagement in higher education, honored a number of people from WVU at its annual statewide conference. Kristi Wood-Turner and Gina Baugh were honored with Engaged Educator Awards, which honor individuals who promote service learning on their campuses. WVU student Allyson Parris won the Photos of Engagement contest with her photo entry "Soldiers of the Coalfield." Jenny Boulware was honored with the LINK Promising Newcomer Award for her work with community members in Ritchie County.
- Ken Fones-Wolf received a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies. The fellowship program is dedicated to furthering research in all disciplines of the humanities and related social sciences.
- Nigel Clark has been named to a National Academies study panel, an ad-hoc committee formed to continue the work done in 2010 by the National Research Council for the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- Larry Rhodes has been selected as a National Rural Health Association's Rural Health Practitioner of the Year.
- Chris Schimmel received the 2012 School Counselor Educator of the Year award at the annual spring conference of the West Virginia School Counselor Association.
- Katherine Bomkamp, a political science junior who invented a prosthetic device aimed at eliminating phantom pain in amputees, was selected from Glamour magazine's 2013 Top 10 College Women to receive the L'Oreal Paris Giving Award.
- Two WVU students, Stephanie Khoo and Jared Leggett, have received the prestigious Critical Language Scholarship.
- Our 4-H student organization earned the national club of the year at the 2013 National Collegiate 4-H Conference.

4. Provost Michele Wheatly reported on the following issues:
   - Several events will take place during the Week of Honors, April 8 through April 12, to recognize outstanding students, faculty, and staff. The Celebration of Student Honors will recognize Order of Augusta scholars, Outstanding Seniors, and students who have received national awards; the student honorary societies will also welcome inductees. An event for the newest Bucklew Scholars will take place on April 9 and faculty will be honored at an event on April 11.
   - The HLC reaccreditation site visit will take place in one year. Elizabeth Dooley, Sue Day-Perroots, and several others are currently attending the HLC Annual Conference in Chicago. The Educational Responsibility Roundtable is beginning to wrap up its work and will be preparing recommendations for the Strategic Planning Council.

5. Chair Mays reported on the following issues:
   - He thanked Cindy Hart for coordinating a presentation from Extended Learning prior to today's meeting.

- The Faculty Welfare Committee is working especially hard this year on issues involving PEIA, and will provide a presentation at the May Faculty Senate meeting.
- He read a statement from Michael Szul, Associate Athletic Director for Business Operations. Oliver Luck is scheduled to address the Senate in May.
- There will be a sustainability town hall meeting on April 18 from 2:30-5:00 in the Shenandoah Room of the Mountainlair. The Sustainability Committee will be presenting the strategic plan they have been compiling. Contact Senator Jim Anderson for more information.
- A meeting of recent Faculty Senate chairs was held last week to consider the Faculty Senate's role in the planning process and the HLC review. The Educational Responsibility Roundtable has substantial Senate representation.
- A trip is being planned to WVU Tech on May 1 to include representatives of the Faculty Senate, Staff Council, and the new student body administration.

6. The two candidates for Faculty Senate Chair-elect, Jennifer Orlikoff and Joseph Prudhomme, presented statements. Election ballots were mailed today from the Faculty Senate Office. Results of the election will be presented at the May meeting.

7. 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.
   Annex III, Proposal for Biomedical Engineering Degree Program. Motion carried.

8. Ilkin Bilgesu, Chair, Chair, General Education Committee, moved for approval of the following:

   Annex IV, GEC Actions. Motion carried.
   Annex V, GEC Audits, was submitted for information.

9. Lisa DiBartolomeo, on behalf of the General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee and Senate Curriculum Committee, introduced guidelines regarding prescribed GEC courses. The report is a clarification of existing policy and was requested by the Senate during its November 12, 2012 meeting. A Faculty/Advisor Version and a Student Catalog Version were presented.

10. Associate Vice President Nigel Clark provided a progress report on implementing WVU's 2020 Strategic Plan for the Future.

11. Nigel Clark presented Annex VI, Academic Calendar for 2014-2015, for approval. Steve Kite commented that we have long semesters compared to some of our peer institutions, making field work and other scholarly pursuits difficult; he asked that we consider alternative schedules. Dr. Clark will take those comments to administration and report back. Motion carried.

12. Robert Bastress moved for approval of the following resolution: the WVU Faculty Senate hereby resolves that it supports enactment by the West Virginia Legislature of now pending H.B. 2856 and any subsequent attempts to amend the West Virginia Human Rights Act to prohibit

discrimination in employment and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Roy Nutter, ACF representative, reported that:
    - The current legislative session is ending, and bills will be resolved within the next few days.
    - ACF will be on campus April 26, 2013.

14. Lesley Cottrell, BOG representative, reported that the Board of Governors will meet on April 11-12, 2013. Their meeting will begin on Thursday with a tour of Eberly College of Arts and Sciences.

15. Chair Mays presented Annex VII, 2013 Faculty Senate Election Results.

16. Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, May 13, 2013.

Judy Hamilton
Office Administrator