

9/10 Meeting

Attending: Bob Nichel (pres/Sci&Tech), Donna Long(Hum., VP), Lisa Eades(nursing), J.Tomlin (socsci), Raymond Alvarez (COBA), Jenna Fischer(SGA), Dexter Simon(sga), Todd Clark(ACF), Gina Fantasia(BOG), Jason Frazer(coba), Jason Bolyard(Eng Tech), Tabitha Lafferre(ET), April Townsend (proxy for Kelley Flaherty, NS), Chris Moss (socsci), Jamie Toland (BSNCON), Barb MacLennan(BeSci), James Long (CSM), Stephanie Jones (CSM), Kristi Kiefer(COEHHP), Candice Moench (COEHHP), Brian Selmeski (Office of President), Deb Hemler (guest), Bill Harrison (guest).

Bring Sign in For Senate Next time

Meeting called to order at 3:02

Call for additions or objections to approving agenda
Agenda approved

Minutes from May meeting, call for corrections
No corrections or objections raised
Minutes from May meeting approved

Address from President (Chief of Staff filling in)

Quick update on VP of Student Affairs(on campus and in office)
VP of enrollment management will be on campus next week (Wolfe)

Three searches currently underway:

- 1) General Counsel. Part time remote currently, new position will be full time/on campus.
- 2)Permanent VP of Finance and Admin: Interim is currently in place. New VP and CFO will be hired to provide overlap between Josh Nesbit (interim) and permanent hire.
- 3) After conducting internal analysis, search for full-time CFO for Information Tech. (Part of initiative announced to subject the HR and IT directly under Presidential leadership announced by Pres. Davis via email)

Thank you for efforts to form honorary degree committee. Current policy/plan is written to make it challenging to submit and approve these nominees in the same semester. This will have to be done by Oct for BOG vote. Effort to do this transparently but also quickly.

Apply for Fairmont State license plate (reminder from President's office)

President is launching a speaker series (2-3 speakers per semester) First one will be Sept.25th
Chris Phillips on Civic dialogue(fall's theme) and democracy
Another in October (maybe 28-29th). Spring theme will be Appalachian arts.

Campus Calendar (LibCal system) has had a makeover. Being used as a stepping stone toward an even more improved system (1-2 year rollout period). Hope is to streamline events and avoid overlap/double-scheduling. Tips, Send an invitation to get President's attendance, and send this early.

Finally, President established a fund to use with Aladdin to provide 5k(as discussed in executive committee meeting) from this fund for faculty senate to have events with refreshments and food.

Questions From Barb. Expert on Gerrymandering coming to campus. Could this be part of the speaker series? Yes, although the invitations for this fall already sent though.

Old Business

Response from Donna on Committee Assignments report. Animal use and care committee, Appeals committee, Curriculum committee, HHP, and Accounting committees have corrections. Appeals committee has a number of vacancies. Senate Pres. will convene this meeting himself.

Motion to approve these corrections by Donna, seconded by Tomlin. Committee assignments with corrections approved by voice vote.

New Business

1) Campus carry committee volunteers to be announced later.

2) Treasurer Ad Hoc Committee potential language distributed. To be under direction of current Senate Treasurer (Jason). Gina moves that the Senate create the committee as worded. Seconded by Barb. Committee members to be named subsequently. No discussion. Voice vote in favor carries.

Call for volunteers to serve on the committee. Tomlin volunteers to serve, alongside Ray Alvarez, Chris Moss, and Lisa Eades. Motion to close nominations, no objections. Vote on that committee membership. No discussion. Voice vote approved.

Provosts Office

No representative present

Todd Clark report on advisory council

ACF meeting over break had discussions about tenure, multi year hiring, AI, and campus carry issues. Representative (Todd) also raised library funding. 30 July meeting discussed agenda for the year, elected officers (Todd is Legislative coordinator). Effort to be more aggressive in monitoring and interjecting on legislation before university and the board. Moving away from HEPC database. Old process is too slow and unresponsive. New method will use the system the state uses to post legislation as public record (15-30 days notice). Campus carry, for example, had almost no notice before issue was before the Assembly. Next meeting of Council is November. Todd suggests sending information from Council for next senate agenda.

Gina on BOG

Board met on Aug 28. President Davis summarized his initiatives over the last and next years.

Foundation had excellent day of giving (far exceeded previous years' donations). Gina expressed support for Dr. Davis's initiatives to grow/develop relationships between University and Alumni. Enrollment, student life committee gave updates on fall numbers. Undergrad enrollment (2631 for the fall. 2.85% decline from last year). Grad enrollment for fall (211, decline of 18.2% from last year). Finance committee approved reports. FSU in "good financial shape".

Admin is discussing with finance committee how best to strategically use financial Reserves. (35-40 million in cash Reserves not counting those funds restricted in their usage in some way). There could and should be discussions within academic units how best to use those resources as well. Athletic affairs have also added significant staff, but Gina didn't have numbers for this.

BOG approved updated policy on alcohol/drug usage on campus (before the senate in April '24). Admin is working on how best to update BOG policies. Gina advises faculty and senate members to pay close attention to BOG discussions as these policies are amended/updated. Executive committee didn't offer report. Only action taken by BOG Chair created ad hoc committee to put together process for annual review of President. This will be

complementary to the Presidential perception survey. Academic affairs reported (Dr. Phillips) a committee to advise on academic restructuring process.

Chief of Staff, added details for Day of Giving (just over 500k for this year, goal is over 700k next year). On enrollment management numbers, COS cautions that we have not had the ability to compile the data as to where the enrollment numbers are shifting, or the cause of those changes. This is being worked on as part of the strategic overhaul. Gina raises the issue of retention as the most cost effective method of growing enrollment. COS explains this is where the new VP on enrollment will be applying their efforts. Gina reiterates that these policies and data should be provided to faculty and academic units in advance so they can be a part of that decision making.

Donna has follow up question about grad enrollment decline. Gina does not know more details about this large decline or why. Possibly tied to specific programs, and lack of marketing for grad programs is suspected as being a contributing factor. A larger discussion is called for. Deb adds that neighboring institutions are competing and sometimes copying our offerings to take those potential students (WVU copied and aggressively marketed our Masters engineering program, for instance). Also no support for working parents in teaching program.

SGA Reports

Jenna Fisher and Dexter Simon.

SGA has met twice this semester. Voted on funding for four clubs on campus. Many clubs are still reporting in. SGA Committee are being formed now, bylaws and constitution are being worked on now. Campus engagement initiatives include planning for homecoming. Emails have been sent to student body to vote on theme for homecoming. Aloha Hello event coming up. Tabling and office hours are in place now for student outreach (falcon center). Falcon fanatics for athletics has been launched to grow student section at athletic events. Public service calendar is also in the works. Clarifying questions on procedure for SGA reps to senate.

Miscellaneous

Campus carry committee moved off table. Voice vote in favor. Campus carry committee is: Chuck Shields, Chris Moss, Lindsey Cutwright, Rebecca Cepek, and Jamie Toland. Gina moved to approve. Tomlin seconds. Slate closed. Vote on current slate. Motion to pass from Todd, seconded by Barb. Question from Donna about what colleges are not represented. COBA and COHEP. Vote to approve slate. Carried.

Website overview tabled for today due to tech issues. Oct meeting to bring it up next. Motion to table carried.

General Counsel Search. President of Senate is chairing search committee. Call for comments on this position and the search by Bob. Donna asks what will happen to interim Council that will be replaced with permanent General Counsel. Gina points out the GC will be a different position than that occupied by the Interim (legal council) with different responsibilities and authority. Extensive discussion of what the difference is. Legal vocabulary salad for a few minutes ensues. Interim will stay on to assist in narrower focus than her replacement (the new Gen. Counsel permanent). Todd reminds folks as to why senior faculty have a larger issue about this (reference to the "dark times"). Chief of Staff says No supervisory relationship between this new position and HR, etc. Other Members of this committee (Burner, Floyd, Kalka, Franks, Niichel). Question about whether process will be as normal searches and campus interviews. COS answers that public sessions will happen this fall for that hire. Lisa asks why we've had difficulty finding someone for this position? COS doesn't know as this problem predates his and the president's arrival.

Open Forum

Kestrel will have events this fall. Schedule to be announced. Humane society has dinner on Sept 28th. Tickets for sale through Donna. Barb announces the AAOG membership for FSU and advises to contact her for more info on what resources are available through this initiative to shape geography awareness worldwide. Question about "mapathon" this year. It will happen in the spring sometime (TBD). Please use this resource. Took a lot to acquire it.

Motion to adjourn at 4:15. Adjourned at 4:15

Signed by Secretary_ J L Tomlin