

# Fairmont State University Faculty Senate

## Minutes

January 17, 2012

303 Education Building

3:00-5:00 p.m.

**APPROVED FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

**Attendance:** J. Webb-Dempsey (President), M. Abbott, E. Gailey, G. Hansen, R. Harvey, D. Hemler, M. Hokom, T. Hutchins, J. Ingman, G. Jones, S. Kelley, M. Khalil, G. Kirby, D. Kirchoff, D. Long, B. Mild, K. Millen-Penn, J. O'Connor, P. Reneau, S. Roof, M. Ryan, G. Sapp, C. Shields, P. Snively, C. White

**Visitors:** M. Rose, C. Lavorata

- I. Reading and approval of minutes of December 2011 meeting – O'Connor moved to accept and Khalil seconded. Motion carried.
- II. Announcements/Information/Discussion
  - BOG representative – Mild reported:
    - BOG Meeting
      - A number of capital projects were approved
      - The annual audit was accepted – FSU is in good shape financially
      - \$300,000 authorized in addition to the \$500,000 previously authorized for Strategic Planning Grants
      - Approved RFP (request for proposal) for Athletic Master Plan
      - Four Master Plans: Housing is the one BOG is deepest into right now (Note: The four Master Plans are; Falcon Center, Housing, Athletics, and Parking)
    - Presidential Search Update
      - BOG made a proposal to HEPC and after a couple of modifications being exchanged between the BOG and HEPC a process and timeline were agreed upon
      - Applications will be accepted through February 19
      - Mild will pick up a sealed envelope containing the applications and take it to the BOG who will meet in executive session for a review of the qualifications of the applicants
      - 3 or 4 candidates will be invited to campus
        - During the campus visits there will be a series of open forum meetings over one or two days for groups to hear the candidates speak and talk with the candidate
        - At the end of each open forum meeting, there will be a feedback form for people to fill out and provide feedback for the BOG – Mild will attend each meeting, collect the forms, place in a sealed envelope, and take to the next BOG meeting

- A representative from each of 6 constituency groups (faculty, staff, students, Pierpont, alumni, chamber of commerce (representing the community))
    - Charged with the task to solicit feedback from their members
  - Mild invited the Faculty Senate to designate a representative to represent the faculty
  - Expect to have candidates on campus visits by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March
  - Each constituency representative will have one hour to speak on behalf of the constituency groups with the BOG (in executive sessions)
  - After the BOG has met with the representatives, the BOG will meet in executive session to make a determination as to who will be made an offer
  - The BOG's decision will be forwarded to HEPC
  - Hopefully by April 1 agreement will be reached between the BOG, HEPC and the candidate, and the announcement can be made
  - The BOG is serving as the search committee with the Chancellor serving as ex Officio
  - BOG proposed a longer timeline, but HEPC objected
  - Once the Senate selects its representative and informs Bob Mild, he will keep the representative informed of specific dates as they develop
- Student Government – Nothing to report.
- ACF representative – Kelley reported:
  - ACF's meeting last Friday was cancelled due to weather
  - Josh Sword, a member of the PEIA Finance Board, will be invited to the next Faculty Senate meeting - In response to ACF questions about withdrawing from PEIA, Kelley reported that, according to Mr. Sword, the benefits of participating in PEIA continue to outweigh the costs
  - Legislative agenda for Higher Ed will be discuss later this week
  - Interim Chancellor, Paul Hill, is expected to be at this Friday's ACF meeting

### III. Unfinished Business

- Curriculum proposal 11-12-04 – Change from MUSI 2230 to MUSI 3330 (School of Fine Arts – Department of Music)
- Passed second reading.

### IV. New Business

- Affirmation of Committee on Committees
  - Senate President Webb-Dempsey asked 5 Senators to be the committee and they accepted; Hemler, Ingman, Khalil, Long, and Ryan
  - Senate President Webb-Dempsey asked Sharon Smith to serve as advisor ex officio to the committee - Charlie Hively will work with Smith and the committee
  - Reneau moved to affirm the committee and Jones seconded. Motion carried.

- Presidential Search – Senate/Faculty Representation
  - Selection of the faculty representative
    - It was proposed that the Senate President should represent faculty at the one hour meeting with the BOG and there did not seem to be any disagreement among the Senators
    - Major part of the discussion centered on how to solicit input from the faculty on the important topics for the representative to discuss in the meeting with the BOG
    - Suggestions included:
      - Establishing a committee of one faculty member from each academic unit – A concern is that this may take too long – Senators already represent the academic unit
      - If Senators discuss with their faculty what topics are important to be discuss with the BOG, will faculty feel too distant from the process
      - Creating a consistent set of questions for forums through synthesizing unit questions and issues
      - Talking points prepared for faculty representative
      - There was discussion of moving the Presidential Perception process up; the Presidential Perception Committee is charged with developing process further, including timelines, who should be evaluated and when (i.e. should we survey a first-year president or interim president or not?)
    - Timing issues – When will the BOG feedback form for use with all constituency groups be available, so that faculty can see what topics their feedback form will cover?

V. Open Forum

- No topics brought before the Senate.

Next Meeting 14 February 2012\*  
Rm. 303 ED  
3:00-5:00 p.m.

\*If you have items for the agenda please send your request to the President of the Senate by Tuesday morning, one week prior to the next Senate meeting, for consideration at the Executive Committee Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Ed Gailey, Faculty Senate Secretary

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