

Fairmont State University
Faculty Senate Minutes

February 11, 2014
303 Education Building
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Attendance: C. Shields (President), J. Bolyard, H. Costello, C. Edwards, R. Hammonds, D. Hemler, M. Hokom, G. Jones, S. Kelley, G. Kirby, D. Kirchoff, J. Kremer, D. Long, B. Michael, R. Mild, R. Moore, A. Patterson, R. Payne, S. Roof, M. Ryan, C. White, J. Yerdon LeJeune, and S. Yost

Visitors: M. Rose, J. Kirby, and C. Lavorata

- I. **Reading and approval of minutes of December 2013 and January 2014 meetings** – It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from Dec. 10, 2013 and Jan. 14, 2014 with suggested amendments. Motion carried.

- II. **Announcements/Information/Discussion**
 - **President Rose Updates**
 - HEPC meeting scheduled for Feb. 20, 2014.
 - New goals for upcoming strategic plan.
 - Combined audit with other institutions.
 - Those planning to attend Higher Education Day at the Legislature on Friday, Feb. 21: FSU Director of Admissions, FSU Director of Communication, Legislative Advocacy Committee members, Dr. Rose and other administrators.
 - Current session of State Legislature ends on March 8.
 - Now proposing a mid-year budget cut of 3.75%.
 - Oasis system – fee of \$200.00 per FTE for use of Oasis.
 - Proposed across the board increase of \$504.00 for state employees. FSU received \$127,000.00 from legislature, but cost will be \$212,000.00.
 - Faculty encouraged to contact members of legislature to protest any additional funding cuts to higher ed.
 - Outcome based funding not recommended by committee at this time
 - FSU received \$100,000.00 in matching funds for “Bucks for Brains”. A greater amount of funding received by Marshall and WVU
 - Tough winter - Classes cancelled on main campus Jan. 30 due to power failure. When power resumed, it was necessary to bring one building up at a time due to length of time without power. FSU closed on Feb. 3 due to the large amount of snowfall and hazardous road conditions.

- **BOG Representative – Robert Mild**
 - Meeting scheduled for Thursday.
 - Sat in on conference call with several college presidents and representatives discussing budget issues. Faculty encouraged to contact local delegates re: SB 409 issues. List of names of representatives available from B. Mild.

- **ACF representative – Sue Kelley**
 - HEPC members will with legislature in afternoon and then again on Friday.
 - SB 409 – plan is to make sure all credits from general studies classes will transfer from 2-year institutions to 4-year institutions. This brings up issues related to accreditation as faculty are unable to ensure that all courses are same when a class is from another institution.
 - Teach for America – discussion about alternate certifications and education for profit.
 - Currently a bill in legislature that would take away the right of colleges and universities to prohibit guns on campus. This bill would allow students that have a “concealed carry” permit to bring their guns to campus.
 - WV legislature page has information for those wishing to call and voice opinions about this bill or any other bill.
 - There is continued uncertainty about the budget. The more calls the legislators receive objecting to “free fall” cuts for higher education, the more likely they will feel the pressure.
 - Outcomes-based dispersion of money to the state institutions is still being considered.

- **Student Government – Mitch Moore and Stephanie Yost**
 - Has a meeting planned with A. Raisovich to discuss interactive scheduling: When registering for classes, students would be able to look at a course description and a syllabus to help them make choices. This is currently being done at Marshall. The committee members voiced their opinions regarding the initiation of interactive scheduling:
 - Will need to provide syllabus information far in advance, which may be difficult, especially as changes may need to be made just before the class actually begins.
 - May be difficult for some faculty to prepare ahead of time while still involved in ongoing semester.
 - The idea sounds good but it would help to know how it works at Marshall. Is it being used or is it an idea that hasn’t been tried yet?
 - Stated that he will call his contact at Marshall to gather additional information, which he will then present to Faculty Senate.
 - A survey will also be developed to ascertain student interest.

- Student government activities planned:
 - In 3 weeks students will be electing new student government officers for the 2014-2015 school term.
 - Students will be participating in “random acts of kindness” week.
 - Involved in assisting with the campus blood drive.
 - Will be planning a spirit week to be held sometime after spring break. There will be a variety of activities available.

- **Report of Ad-Hoc Committee on Adjunct Hiring Practices – Anne Patterson**

- The purpose of the committee is to gather data and provide information/analysis to Dr. Rose.
- Members of committee: A. Patterson, D. Long, C. Kast, M. Ransome, S. Roof, C. Edwards, and C. White met and discussed numerous issues related to the Affordable Care Act and how institutions utilizing adjuncts will be affected.
- Information was acquired from Neil Tennant regarding % of classes currently being taught by adjuncts. Part-time is defined as working 30 hours or less per week.
- Cindy Curry offered to meet with the committee to discuss/answer questions related to the new guidelines.
- A survey is to be developed to collect additional information about adjuncts.
- The committee welcomes any ideas/suggestions from faculty.
- S. Kelley stated that currently ACF doesn’t view the problems with adjuncts as an issue for the group to address.

III. Unfinished Business - There was no unfinished business from last meeting to discuss.

IV. New Business

- **Major Business**

- **Curriculum Proposal 13-14-06 REV #1 BA English BA English Ed (first reading)**

It was moved by G. Jones and seconded by D. Long to approve curriculum proposal 13-14-026 for first reading. The proposal was approved by senate after discussion.

- **Minor Business**

- **Appointment and affirmation of Committee on Committees members –**

C. Shields presented a list of members to serve on the Committee on Committees. The members: C. White, D. Hemler, R. Hammonds, M. Ryan, and J. LeJeune have all agreed to serve. D. Long, as ex-officio, will convene the committee and a chair will be chosen.

G. Jones moved to approve the list as presented by C. Shields. It was seconded by B. Sapp to accept the list of members and without further discussion, the list of members was approved.

VI. Open Forum

A survey will be drafted to gather information regarding how FSU faculty bring international diversity into the classroom. A variety of questions related to this topic will be on the survey, which will be appearing in the next month or so.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting* March 4 2014
Rm. 303 ED
3:00-5:00 p.m.

*If you have items for the agenda please send your request to Chuck Shields (Charles.Shields@fairmontstate.edu) by Tuesday morning February 25, 2014 for consideration by the Executive Committee.