

# Fairmont State University

## Faculty Senate Minutes

January 14, 2014  
303 Education Building  
3:00-5:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** C. Shields (President), H. Costello, C. Crislip-Tacy, C. Edwards, H. Baxter for D. Hemler, M. Hokom, S. Kelley, G. Kirby, D. Kirchoff, J. Kremer, D. Long, B. Michael, R. Mild, A. Patterson, R. Payne, S. Roof, M. Ryan, G. Sapp, C. White, and S. Spears for J. Yerdon LeJeune

**Visitors:** M. Rose, C. Lavorata, J. Kirby, C. Kast, T. Oxley, and M. Ransom

**I. Reading and approval of minutes of December 2013 meeting** – reading and approval of Dec. 10 minutes will be deferred until Feb. meeting.

### **II. Announcements/Information/Discussion**

#### **• President Rose Updates**

- Before Christmas received letter from Chancellor Hill stating that there would be a freeze on hiring and no budget cuts. After FSU returned from break received letter from with the governor’s executive order mandating mid-year cutbacks. \$177,552 in addition to the 7.5% cut already in effect.
- Budget committee prepared budget based on 7.5% cut.
- Governor may be mandating a pay raise, but unsure of all details and where money will come from.
- Fall enrollment decline 3.7% (138 students) on undergraduate level and 15% (44 students) on graduate level.
- Still unsure about budget cuts until legislature meets and determines actual budget.
- 8.94% cut from last year when financial aid funding cut was incorporated into initial 7.5% cut. This could easily happen again.
- Revenue projections still 81.5 million dollars below estimate

- **BOG Representative – Bob Mild**
  - At December meeting eliminated the Bachelor of Arts Degree in French and French Education. The final students will complete their course work in 2017.
  - More information after legislature meets and determines budget.
  
- **ACF representative – Sue Kelley**
  - Report sent to faculty regarding legislature’s interest in alternative certification programs for education.
  - Capital projects will be outcomes based, but unsure how this will be put into effect.
  - Articulation agreements between 2- and 4-year institutions discussed. Transferring students should not have to repeat courses they have previously taken if these courses are recognized as equivalent.
  - Currently more funding going to 2-year institutions than 4-year institutions
  - SB 330 – fix definition of relative equity
  - Still interest in outcomes based funding in academics, which could be very detrimental to quality of education
  - Senator Plymale stated that WVU, Marshall, and Blue Ridge have best statistics and should receive highest amount of funding
  
- **Student Government**
  - No representatives present.
  
- **Adjunct Hiring Practices**
  - A. Patterson addressed concern about ability to hire adjuncts due to new regulations which have been put into place. Information emailed to faculty.
  - Numerous departments depend greatly on adjuncts with appropriate qualifications.
  - Will FSU lose students if have fewer qualified people to teach.
  - Important to gather information to support continuing need for adjuncts.
  - Some adjuncts already covered by insurance, therefore is it possible to share between several institutions.

- Oasis system mandated by state and will go into effect January, 2015. All state employees under same employment number.
- D. Long suggested formation of ad hoc committee to investigate and compile information.
- Important to make the public aware.
- S. Kelley moved to form ad hoc committee proposed by D. Long. This was seconded by D. Long and approved after no further discussion.
- A. Patterson, D Long, R. Payne, C. Kast, M. Ransome, S. Roof, C. Edwards, and C. White volunteered to serve on this committee. Committee to be chaired by A. Patterson and will report back to the Senate in February.

### III. **Unfinished Business**

- **Curriculum Proposal 13-14-02 Rev #2 School of Fine Arts (second reading)**
  - It was moved by D. Long and seconded by G. Sapp to approve curriculum proposal 13-14-02 for second reading. Approved after discussion.

### V. **New Business**

- **Major Business vs Minor Business** – C. Shields indicated that items considered as minor can be approved in one meeting. Major Business requires discussion and consideration in two meetings prior to approval (requires 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)
- **Minor Business - appointment and affirmation of Committee on Committees members** – G. Sapp suggested that this item be tabled until next meeting.

### VI. **Open Forum**

- C. Shields asked Dr. Rose if FSU will be receiving any restitution as D. Tamm has entered a guilty plea. He is required to pay not less than \$940,000 or not more than \$2,000,000. He owes \$200,000 to \$250,000 to the IRS. His sentencing will be in March or April.

Next Meeting\* February 11 2014  
Rm. 303 ED  
3:00-5:00 p.m.

\*If you have items for the agenda please send your request to Chuck Shields by Tuesday morning February 4, 2014 for consideration by the Executive Committee.