

Faculty Senate Minutes  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Attendance: John McLaughlin (Soc. Sci.), Anthony Yost (Tech), Jennifer Yerdon LeJeune (SoFA), Dan Eichenbaum (SoFA), Donna Long (L&L), Fran Young (Nursing), Veronica Gallo (Nursing), Jim Weekley (BCG), Kaitlynn Davis (SGA), Bob Mild (Academic Affairs), Joe Kremer (Business), Amanda Mecalf (SoE/HHP), Julie Reneau (SoE/HHP), Chris Kast (Beh. Sci.), Charles Shields (Senate President), Harry Baxter (ACF), Deb Hoag (Nursing), Budd Sapp (BOG), Matt Hokom (L&L)

Guests: Maria Rose, Chris Lavorata, Jack Kirby, Tim Ozley, Alicia Kalka, Bradley Cox

\* In the absence of Faculty Senate Secretary Robin Payne, minutes were taken by Alicia Kalka.

- I. The meeting was called to order.
- II. The minutes from the January Faculty Senate meeting were approved without further revision.
- III. Announcements/Information/Discussion
  - A. Dr. Maria Rose
    - a. Dr. Rose reported on top of the 4% budget cut already sustained by the university, Chancellor Hill had notified university presidents to prepare an additional 6.5% cut. The state legislature is very reluctant to impose any new taxes in the state and little action has been taken to address the 363 million dollar budget deficit. Governor Tomblin wants to see what our proposed budget reductions will be before taking action. As a result, there will be some restrictions on hiring and travel as the university looks to ways to increase revenue in the university, such as application and transcript fees. Protecting jobs remains the main goal.
    - b. OASIS will still be implemented. The university is waiting on the legislature on the approval of the bi-weekly pays, which remains on hold. Rick Porto, who retired from FSU in January, has been employed by OASIS and HEPC since his retirement.
    - c. HEPC had to undergo a legislative audit. There is an 85 page document indicating what the council is/isn't doing. Delegate Caputto took charge of the committee and explained some of the erroneous information in that report.
    - d. Dr. Kremer will speak at next BOG.
    - e. The Physical Plant worked hard to work throughout the weekend that we had the major snow storm, with some of them even staying on campus and sleeping on cots. They did an excellent job plowing and clearing the roadways and sidewalks.

- f. Cindy Curry is scheduled to come back on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The MRSR scale will go from 25-12 scales. She will be working on modifying that scale. We don't know the financial impact of this change There are some inconsistencies in the new modification scale.
- g. Commencement speaker will be Skip Tarsuck, former BOG member.

B. Dr. Tim Oxley – Assessment

- a. The Criticla Friends group met last week. They looked at 55 programs focusing on summary evaluations.
- b. Further information on assessment for the academic cycle was given.
- c. The HLC site visit is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Next Tuesday, the initial implementation will be sent to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students from NESE. 2337 people are invited to participate, with participation being encouraged with \$10 Amazon gift cards.
- e. Two modules through NESE, focusing on academic advising and learning and technology, have been added.
- f. The faculty survey on student engagement will go out on March 29<sup>th</sup> with the goal of at least 50% participation from faculty.

C. Harry Baxter – ACF

- a. Baxter met with a number of legislators, where both the house and senate have a republican majority. His discussions focused on:
  - i. WVU is trying to have the HEPC done away with in order to gain control of the regional institutions. Baxter met with several legislators regarding this, some of which had heard about this and some of which had not. Republicans delegates, who believe in free market and competition, spoke against this situation with WVU. Their reactions ranged from promises to help FSU however possible to admonitions that the institution has bigger problems to worry about.
  - ii. Baxter also spoke with legislators about PEIA. They will not be fixing PEIA. That \$120 million hole will be left largely unfilled, though it may be reduced by \$30-\$40 million.
  - iii. Baxter also met with Senate President Bill Cole. Cole was very apologetic about the budget situation. He is running for Governor and hopes that more businesses will come into WV.
- b. During Baxter's report, President Rose addressed the rumor regarding WVU. She also added that Glenville and Bluefield are in great trouble financially.

D. Budd Sapp – BOG

- a. There will be an executive committee meeting with all BOG members attending.

E. Student Government Representatives

- a. SGA is trying to build a veteran's memorial plaza as part of the senior campaign. They have sent their proposal through the facilities committee.
- b. They are also sponsoring an on-going mural contest and are encouraging student participation. The murals are at the tunnel by the library.
- c. Faculty and staff nominations for SGA recognition are still being accepted.

#### IV. Unfinished Business

##### A. Priority Registration for RAs

- a. The proposal for priority registration for Resident Assistants was up for its second reading. It passed without further discussion.

##### B. Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

- a. Further input is needed regarding this matter. It will be discussed at the March meeting.

#### V. New Business

##### A. Minor Business

- a. Affirmation of Committee on Committees
  - i. The proposed committee – Chris Kast (chair), Julie Reneau, Charley Hively, Dan Eichenbaum, and Robin Payne – was approved by the Senate.

##### B. Major Business

- a. Curriculum Proposals 15-16-06, 15-16-07, and 15-16-08 were grouped together for discussion for first reading.
- b. Senators had questions regarding proposed History courses (15-16-07) and whether pre-requisites would be waived for courses taken by Women's Studies minor working towards degree completion.
- c. Minor revisions were also requested for the Psychology proposal.
- d. All three proposals were approved for first reading.
- e. Dr. Kirby indicated that the minor revisions should be made by March meeting, when the proposals will be up for second reading.

#### VI. Open Forum

A. Suzanne Heagy will read from her new novel at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday at the Folklife Center.

B. Senators expressed concern regarding the availability of courses, with students complaining that there are not enough courses being offered to facilitate students towards degree completion. There is a need for more information regarding which courses are most needed on campus.

- a. This sparked further discussion regarding waitlist procedures. It was expressed that the waitlist procedure should help us to determine what we

need to offer more regularly – not as a tool to provide students with wiggle room.

- C. The Committee on Committees met last Friday. They discussed the challenge of minimal response rates from faculty. Dr. Lavorata will take this issue to the Dean's Council on the February 17. The Committee on Committees also found that the bylaws for the Faculty Harassment Complaint Committee needs to be revised.

- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.