

Fairmont State University Faculty Senate Minutes

December 10, 2103

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, D. Nestor for 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, and J. Yerdon LeJeune

Visitors: M. Rose, J. Kirby, and V. Dempsey

- I. **Reading and approval of November 12, 2013 minutes** – It was moved by D. Long and seconded by C. Edwards to accept the minutes from Nov. 12 with suggested corrections. Motion carried.

II. **Announcements/Information/Discussion**

- **President Rose updates**

- Clarification re: budget cuts discussed in HEPC meeting
 - 7.5% cut will most likely stand
 - While not definite at this time, a mid-year cut in house budget, which may be permanent, is possible
 - Possible government hiring freeze mid-year
 - Suggested oil and gas severance tax which may provide some relief for higher ed, Other possibilities include using a “rainy day” fund, additional new tax on tobacco or alcohol
 - Exempting financial aid and scholarship programs from budget cuts will also help
 - While 10.8% of entire state budget goes to higher education, 44% of cuts were sustained by higher ed.
 - Masters in architecture approved by HLC - 4 to 5 students initially
- Bucks for Brains – \$100,000 matching grant from legislature for FSU’s national security and intelligence program
- Auditors from state on campus for last several months due to D. Tamm incident. They will have a list of recommendations
- FSU has filed claim with insurance company for losses due to the incident with D. Tamm

- **BOG representative - Bob Mild**
 - No BOG meeting this past month
 - Auditors report after review of financial statements. Encouraging report. No compliance violations or material weakness
 - Financial statements available for review in B. Mild's office
 - Talked with various members of legislature who, while sympathetic to higher ed's budget cuts, noted that there was a 14.9 million dollar budget shortfall in Nov.
 - 3% probable

- **ACF representative – D. Nestor for Sue Kelley**
 - Still meeting re: SB 330
 - Smaller institutions in favor of hiring freeze rather than 2nd budget cut, but WVU is against a freeze
 - Everyone encouraged to attend lobbying efforts

- **Student Government representatives - Randy Moore**
 - Talking with Andy Raisovich re: ideas discussed in last month's meeting
 - Student government meetings postponed for next several weeks
 - Committee reviewing student survey results and more information will be forthcoming

- **C. Shields** announced the results of faculty vote regarding amendments of constitution and by-laws emailed to everyone yesterday. Will ask for approval of minutes from general faculty meeting.

III. Unfinished business

- **Curriculum proposal 13-14-05 School of Fine Arts (second reading)**
 - It was moved by A. Patterson and seconded by D. Long to approve curriculum proposal 13-14-05 for second reading. After no further discussion, the proposal was approved

- **Leadership Council – Van Dempsey**
 - It was decided that the Senate president will represent Faculty Senate on the Leadership Council
 - V. Dempsey stated that this group is not a “formal body” but should represent perspectives from staff, faculty, administrators, and students
 - Further discussion will be held in January regarding roles of members as well as process for adding members to the Leadership Council

IV. **New Business**

- **Curriculum proposal 13-14-02 Rev #2 School of Fine Arts (first reading)**
 - It was moved by D. Long and seconded by A. Patterson to approve curriculum proposal 13-14-02 for first reading -passed after discussion.

- **General Faculty Meeting Minutes from Dec. 9, 2013**
 - It was moved by D. Long and seconded by B. Michael to accept the minutes from the Dec. 9 General Faculty Meeting as read. Motion carried.

V. **Open Forum**

- S. Roof will post links from HEPC

- **A. Patterson** – everyone should consider creative thinking regarding hiring of faculty adjuncts, who play a very important role. Further discussion will ensue.

*Items for the agenda should be sent to the President of the Senate by Tuesday morning, one week prior to the next Senate meeting, for consideration by the Executive Committee

Next Meeting: January 14, 2014
Rm. 303 ED 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Gale Kirby, Faculty Senate Secretary

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