



The Faculty Executive Committee

Minutes

Friday, February 17, 2017

1. Chair Chisholm called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Science Hall conference room.

Members Present:

Badenhoop, J.	Goff, N.	Orlikoff, J.	Vandenberg, M.
Ballard, D.	Ochoa, G.	Pritts, C.	Vogtman, J.
Chisholm, S.	Merrifield, J.	Sydow, T.	Wilcox, G.

2. Professor Vogtman moved for approval of the minutes from the Faculty Executive Committee meeting held January 13, 2017. (*Annex I*) Motion Carried.
3. Campus President Orlikoff reported the following:
 - Results from a survey conducted by WVU Morgantown last October have been analyzed to identify and redefine WVU's culture system-wide and will be shared at the next FA. In an effort to realize PSC's culture as well as vision, aspirations, etc., the Staff Council has sent a memo to generate discussion, receive feedback, and therefrom establish a unified response as to what PSC stands for cohesively. A cross-sectional workgroup will likely be created to aid this endeavor. Those interested in participating in the workgroup and/or providing feedback, please contact her accordingly.
 - Dr. Gee will visit PSC March 30.
 - Mineral County Day at the Legislature, held February 8, was interesting, informative and insightful.
 - Woody Thrasher, the WV Secretary of Commerce, shared a despairing outlook as to WV's future economy.
 - Tom Smith, the WV Secretary of Transportation, explained various projects.
 - Kent Leonhardt, the WV Commissioner of Agriculture; Senator Dave Sypolt, chair of the WV Agriculture and Rural Development Committee; Senator Patricia Rucker, vice chair for the WV Agriculture and Rural Development Committee; and Joe Hatton, deputy commissioner for the WV Department of Agriculture, met with Campus President Orlikoff, Debi Cruse, Carole Mongold, a Mineral county resident; and Thomas Butcher, a senior customer service specialist with Potomac Edison/First Energy for well over an hour to discuss agricultural matters, relative to the state and the College.
 - Pilot program underway to fund PSC faculty, administration, and staff occasionally dining and thereby integrating with students. Forward requests for free meal tickets along with the date and names of students participating to her attention.
 - Travis Stimeling with Bluegrass Band and Old-Time Band will perform February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Church-McKee Arts Center.

- The Lavender Graduation Celebration, honoring LGBTQ and ally students, to be held April 30 at 3:00 p.m. in the Erickson Alumni Center.
 - Provided a livestock update: 38 kids recently born as well as a foal, named Lecretia, three weeks ago; 16-20 piglets due March 1.
4. Academic Dean Ochoa reported the following:
- The Health Program Taskforce is making good progress in determining alternatives for students not admitted as nursing students.
 - He, Associate Academic Dean Douthitt, and Enrollment Services Director Beth Little are currently visiting counties in which PSC has Early Start Programs to reiterate the College's academic commitment to and address any concerns at these respective high schools.
 - The website for the Criminal Justice department is undergoing changes in an effort to link coursework with majors offered (including the online degree), which should not only improve web navigation but also positively affect enrollment and recruitment, relative to these degrees.
5. Chair Chisholm reported the following:
- Nominations for this year's Outstanding Professor Award are due by 4:00 p.m. February 24. Reception is tentatively scheduled for April 27 at the Candlewyck Inn.
 - Graphics for PSC shirts have been finalized. Order has been placed, but a delivery date has not yet been provided.
 - A focus group is currently working on the content of workshops to be held the first day students return to campus for the Fall 2017 semester. Workshop titles will be similar to those held last year and include: Academic Culture, Learning Strategies, and Goal Setting and Time Management. Volunteers will be requested and finalized in the near future, so they may have time during the summer to individually and collectively prepare, as needed.
 - The Senate Committee at WVU Morgantown is seeking volunteers. Strongly encouraged faculty members to become involved and make the most of the opportunity to represent PSC.
 - Nominations for FA officer vacancies will be called for during the FA meeting in March.
 - The Faculty Welfare Committee shared the rubric to accompany the Promotion and Tenure document with administration for the sake of comment. Same will be done at the upcoming FA meeting next Friday. Will proceed with the final version, once approved, expecting some changes along the way. (*Annex 6*)
6. Division Reports:
- Applied Sciences division: no report.
 - Liberal Arts division: Professor Vandenberg reported the division's requests for (1) an update about salary decompression to which Chair Chisholm responded that FWC has created and will soon forward said document to administration; (2) a follow-up relative to

the elimination of a one semester review, which Chair Chisholm confirmed is on the to-do list for FWC to address; and (3) an explanation for the excessive heat in many classrooms in Academy Hall. Dr. Orlikoff requested a detailed list of the facility issues be forwarded to her. The following faculty members will investigate and forward specific issues: Professor Sydow – Church-McKee Arts Center; Professor Vandenberg – Academy Hall; and Professor Vogtman – Science Hall.

- STEM division: no report.

7. Faculty Representative Reports

- Faculty Senate:
 - Senator Goff reported the following:
 - The new legislative session began on February 8. In his state of the state address, Governor Justice outlined the issues facing West Virginia, which depicted a dismal economic outlook. The state is facing a \$500 million deficit this year and a projected \$700 million one next year. The governor proposed a balanced budget, which consisted of about \$26 million in cuts, including a \$5.9 million cut to WVU.
 - Open forum was held on January 30 relating to the White House travel ban. WVU Morgantown's Office of Global Affairs is engaged in ongoing conversations with students and faculty about this matter.
 - Joyce McConnell hosted a legislators forum on education January 26-27. Twenty-four legislators attended. The session was extremely valuable, and requests for WVU to hold additional forums and lead the way in addressing these issues.
 - Year Three Healthy Tomorrows forms are due by May 15. PEIA policyholders are required to comply with the initiative to avoid a \$500 increase in their medical deductible.
 - The Faculty Senate Volunteer Survey will be distributed this week, requesting volunteers for committees and certain Faculty Senate officer positions.
 - Handouts distributed about House Bill 2335, which was introduced February 10 and remains in committee. The bill purports to protect academic freedom in higher education. Was suggested at Faculty Senate that attention be paid to its progress in the legislature. Duly noted in FEC that the bill lacks any enforcement mechanism. (*Annex 7*)
 - Senator Merrifield reported the following:
 - New courses approved included eight SAGE courses.
 - Course changes approved included CHEM 111 (prerequisite and course description); COMM 306 (course title and course description); STAT 211 (prerequisite); and STAT 215 (addition of PSC as a campus).
 - Course deactivations approved included BTECH 105, SAGE 120, and SAGE 131.
 - Harmonization changes approved included EE 221 (course description) and EE 223 (prerequisite and course description).

- Harmonization FYI's approved included EE 222, EE 224, MATH 121, MATH 126B, MATH 128, MATH 129, MATH 150, MATH 155, and MATH 156.
 - Fairmont State College recently announced that all extras have already been cut in an effort to balance its budget. For example, all services to the community as well as all extracurricular trips have been eliminated. All that remains in their budget are courses, and any further cuts will result in layoffs.
- Senator Wilcox reported the following:
 - Nigel Clark, Campus Provost, provided an update on WVU Tech's transition to the Beckley campus. Currently have 1,300 students, and lots of costs have been incurred to support the transition.
 - Regarding Governor Justice's address on February 8, noted a balanced budget in subsequent years will eventually require increased taxes and fees, given budget cuts alone cannot sustain the deficit. Governor was hopeful, though, with regard to the creation of road jobs and future employment of laid-off miners. Goals to have no state tax and a 2% public school raise were also mentioned; both difficult, though, in light of current economic climate.

Full minutes of the 13 February meeting can be found at <http://facultysenate.wvu.edu/files/d/ea33d3a7-30b1-405e-abfd-b3216c34143/feb2017senateminutes.pdf>

- AFC:
 - ACF Representative Sydow reported the following:
 - Reiterated Governor's Justice call for revenue being generated from new taxes and fees; ACF hopes a steady allocation of funds for higher education can be allotted from revenues received.
 - ACF to meet with Governor Justice March 15.
 - Informed the ACF Report (*Annex 2*) concerns three meetings involving higher education: the WV Higher Education Policy Commission meeting, the *Charleston Gazette* Reports Forum on the Future of Higher Education, and the Advisory Council of Faculty Meeting at the HEPC building. Topics, such as consolidation and layoffs, are mentioned in the report. Welcomed later comments and questions about the report.
 - Lobbying to focus on the economic value of education in WV.

8. Instructional Programs Committee Report

- IPC Chair Vogtman reported the following:
 - Program changes made to align Pre-Occupational Therapy major with the Pre-Physical Therapy and Pre-Pharmacy one. (*Annex 3*)
 - Letter of support was received from the Davis College at WVU Morgantown, so the approval of the BAS SAGE major is no longer conditional.

9. Proposed Changes to the Constitution and Governance Charter (*Annexes 4 and 5*, respectively)
Secretary Vogtman inquired about overall preference to have ballots pertaining to the above-mentioned documents either combined on one page or separated on two pages for voting purposes. The latter was decided to be printed on color papers. A list of changes being voted on for each document will be projected on a screen for review, so voting members will not need copies of the documents to do so. (*Annex 8*)
10. Professor Vogtman moved to approve the Proposed Faculty Assembly Agenda. (*Annex 9*)
Motion Carried.
11. New Business
None.
12. Announcements”
 - Dr. Chisholm reminded a free, live webcast about “Truth and Consequences Fake News, Filter Bubbles, and Democracy” will be hosted by TLC February 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Academy Hall, room 204. Dr. Julian will moderate a discussion afterwards. Also may live stream to view webcast on own computer.
 - The Power of Empowered Women panel discussion of which Campus President Orlikoff is a panelist is to be held February 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the library
 - “A Taste of Black History” sponsored by BSA is scheduled for February 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the Davis Conference Center, which will include 50/50 and gift basket raffles for which tickets may be purchased from respective officers or advisors
 - Candidates for the position of Coordinator of Institutional Effectiveness will be on campus March 3 and 6. Also thanked those involved with the Open House on Monday.
 - Criminal Justice is hosting an event, speaking about “Feminine Justice,” February 22 at 3:00 p.m. in Academy Hall, room 207. Noted per Campus President Orlikoff that other events for Women’s Empowerment Week are listed in today’s PSC E-News.
 - Regional High School Science Fair and the Regional Math Field Day are scheduled for March 7 and 8, respectively.
 - Campus President Orlikoff announced WVU Morgantown expressed appreciation as to the transportation and participation of twelve PSC students at the WVU Career and Internship Fair held yesterday.
 - A Career Information Fair will be held March 23 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Davis Conference Center.
 - Interview training will be available March 7 for those able to attend during spring break.
13. The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m. to reconvene on Friday, March 17, 2017.

