

Faculty Executive Committee Minutes

January 17, 2020

The Faculty Executive Committee meeting of January 17, 2020, was called to order by Chair Ballard at 3:00 pm in the Science Hall Conference Room.

Members Present

Ballard, D.
Douthitt, P. (for Ochoa, G.)
Frazier, V.

Hudgins, C.
Pritts, C.
Samuels, H.

Sydow, T.
Wilcox, G

Members Absent

Chisholm, S., Ochoa, G., Orlikoff, J., Vogtman, J.

Chair Ballard announced having no changes to the minutes they will be approved as distributed.

Dean Ochoa reported by Associate Dean Douthitt the following:

- Faculty search priority date has passed and the next steps for committees is to start narrowing down the pool and schedule phone interviews.
- Returning spring students this year was at 90% compared to 88% for last year.
- Interviews for the LTA II position to replace Nick Gardner have been completed and an offer will be made next Tuesday.
- Canada Study Abroad trip has been approved and will be advertised soon.
- Natalia Garcia Martinez is leading a Columbia Study Abroad trip this summer.

President Orlikoff reported the following:

- President Orlikoff not present and no supplemental report provided.

Chair Ballard reported the following:

- Committees are in full run.
- Faculty Welfare would like everyone to make sure that junior faculty who might need help feel comfortable and confident coming to tenured professors with concerns or issues, and that those items will be kept confidential.

Division Reports:

- Applied Sciences:
 - Would like information on evaluation of the Dean. Particularly, how is the Dean evaluated and why do faculty not participate in the evaluation?
 - Request an update of online policy development. Concern about the pay for online course development which was cut in half for online courses developed from existing face to face courses.
- Liberal Arts:
 - Need clarification that Spanish placement tests may only be taken once and must be proctored.
 - Pre-requisites will be added for Spanish at the section level for Fall 2020.
- STEM:
 - Faculty have expressed concerns over technology updates without faculty notification. Science Hall 220 had a substituted Viewmaster camera installed and faculty were unable to use their PowerPoint presentations.
 - Discussion of BOG rules concerning relationships between faculty/staff and students.

Faculty Representative Reports:

- WVU Faculty Senate meeting:
 - Dr. Hudgins reported from Provost Reed that there will be a new program aimed at improving student success, particularly offering a one-time mini grant to seniors who are about to graduate.

- Contemplating restructuring IT and identify strategic priorities for improvement.
- Budget overview from Rob Alsop included increases for WVU for the prior 2 years despite reductions in state appropriations.
- 5-year plan to include 2.5% increase in tuition each year and a 0.5 to 2.0% increase in salary per year. Dr. Hudgins unsure if this includes Potomac State faculty.
- Highly unlikely there will be a Campus Carry bill in the legislature because there are not enough votes to pass.
- WVU is supporting the legislation protecting against LGBTQ discrimination.
- Emily Murphy stated there will be a report coming from a consulting group concerning strategies about recruitment and retention.
- Report from the faculties representatives to state government reported that overall there is a significant decrease in enrollment numbers in the state for 4 year institutions while 2 year institutions show a significant increase.

→ For the full minutes of the January 13, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting please click [here](#).

- WVU Senate Executive Committee:

- Chair Ballard reported on request for support for the day long activities that will be streamed live on January 27 to celebrate the liberation of Auschwitz. Morgantown will have ongoing activities and the Mary Shipper Library will be involved as well.
- The above activity is the first of several events upcoming to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II.

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- ACF Report (Sydow, T.)

- Campus Carry and allowing the Board of Governor's to eliminate tenor are items on the legislative docket as carry over bills.
- Several bills address issues with PEIA and funding for PEIA which we continue to lobby for. Bills were received just prior to January Faculty Executive meeting so further clarification will be provided at the January Faculty Assembly meeting.
- Time to recruit for the Great Teachers Seminar. There are 2 positions funded for the seminar.

Faculty Welfare:

- Dr. Ballard presented proposed changes to Faculty Development Grant documents (*Annex 2*).
- Dr. Samuels moved to forward proposed changes to Faculty Development Grant documents to Faculty Assembly. **Motion Carried.**

Instructional Programs:

- PSC_C_IN_SY: PSC- Computer Information Systems
- PSC_GEN_TECH: PSC-General Technical Studies
- Dr. Samuels moved to forward Instructional Program changes to Faculty Assembly. **Motion Carried.**

Faculty Assembly Proposed Agenda Items:

- Dr. Samuels moved to approve the Faculty Assembly Proposed Agenda as it was submitted adding in a BOG Rules in a minute. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

- None.

Announcements:

- Chair Ballard asked that faculty please consider a proposal for a booth at the STEM festival which will be held on our campus. Deadline to submit a proposal is February 1.

Adjournment:

- Dr. Samuels moved for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:05 pm. **Motion Carried.**

