

Faculty Executive Committee Minutes

October 9, 2020

The Faculty Executive Committee meeting of October 9, 2020, was called to order by Chair Wilcox at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Members Present

Ballard, D.
Chisholm, S.
Frazier, V.
Hudgins, C.
Moore, M.

Ochoa, G.
Orlikoff, J.
Pritts, C.
Samuels, H.
Sydow, T.

Vogtman, J.
Wilcox, G

Members Absent

Martini, M.

Professor Sydow moved to amend the minutes ([Annex 1](#)) from 18 September 2020 to reflect the current Faculty Assembly Chair. **Motion Carried.**

President Orlikoff reported the following:

- Pleased with the support from the campus community following the unexpected death of the student this week. Urged any faculty or students needing additional resources to cope with this difficult situation to reach out.
- New Covid testing protocols will begin next week, with ~110 faculty, staff and students participating in the saliva test per the Governor's mandate. Results should be returned in 48 to 72 hours. Please bring a smart phone to the test, as participants will complete the registration process themselves.
- Tuesday, 13 October at 3 pm is the Campus Forum for Faculty and Staff.
- Virgin has chosen WV to construct their Hyperloop. Great economic boost throughout the entire Potomac Highlands.

Dean Ochoa reported the following:

- Email was sent on Monday about new opportunity for Faculty and Students with the Lingo Program.
- Proceeding with midterm grade alerts as usual.
 - Jayne Gilbert will be meeting via Zoom with any student at risk for earning < 2.0 for the semester to discuss the new policy for suspension. There will be some required Academic Workshops for those students to attend.
- Faculty Forum for October has been combined into the campus forum, but in November it will be separate.
- Be cautious about phishing emails that are going around from Dr. Ochoa.

Chair Wilcox reported the following:

- Please keep Dr. Martini in your thoughts as her family is going through a trying time.
- Thank you to Joan for stepping in as Acting Faculty Secretary.

Division Reports:

- Applied Sciences:
 - Division requests that the institution consider raising teaching evaluations to 60 or 70%, while allowing Faculty to opt in or out of this new rating, to recognize the additional efforts that faculty made in teaching this year.
 - This will be moved to the appropriate committee, either Academic Standards or Faculty Welfare.
- Liberal Arts:
 - No report.
- STEM:
 - During previous Covid Testing, faculty were not getting their results back in a timely manner. This should be resolved with the new testing methods.

- Recycling Bin has been removed from the copy room in Science Hall. (Dr. Orlikoff will look into this).
- Science Building is still not being cleaned properly. There are concerns about trash removal in classrooms and cleanliness in the bathroom on the 3rd Floor. The faculty would request that a second person be assigned to the building.
 - Dr Orlikoff requested that faculty use the number on the cards on the instructor's benches to report problems. If they are still not addressed, bring the issues to her.

Faculty Representative Reports:

- WVU Faculty Senate meeting:
 - No report. Meeting on Monday 12 October

- WVU Senate Executive Committee:
 - Met on 28 September.
 - President Gee
 - appreciates the measures everyone is taking to keep the campus community safe.
 - Have achieved \$200 million in external research funding to secure RI status.
 - Provost Reed
 - If a second pivot to online is required, will likely stay online for the rest of the semester.
 - Registration for Spring 2021 has been delayed a few weeks and registration for the Summer sessions will occur later in the spring with the Fall 2021 registration.
 - Schedule will be live on 20 October with most students beginning to register the first week in November.
 - Chair Signh-Corcoran
 - Ad Hoc Committee for Covid Planning has been created. There is representation from all schools within the WVU system.
 - Resolution on ADA expectations has passed and will be moved to the full senate meeting.
 - For the full minutes of the September 28, 2020 Senate Executive meeting please click [here](#).

- ACF Report
 - Meeting was 8 October
 - Survey of incoming freshman 30% indicated interest in Health Science Majors, the only field to have double digits.
 - With the introduction of the coreq classes for Math and English, pass rates are up 39% statewide.

Faculty Assembly Proposed Agenda Items:

- Dr. Samuels moved to approve the amended Faculty Assembly Agenda. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

- Discussion about a potential Culture Survey on our campus.
 - WVU did one in 2018 and was planning for one this year, but may not do it. General feeling was this would be a good idea. Dr. Orlikoff will get the questions to Chair Wilcox from the previous survey.

Announcements:

- TLC launching a Snack and Chat roundtable discussion.
 - 1st will be on 16 October focusing on Student Engagement.
 - 2nd will be on eSEIs and open-ended questions.
 - 3rd 13 November focusing on Working from Home.
 - Look for emails coming soon. Will have a prize drawing for faculty who participate.
- Dr. Samuels requested PG&D focusing on innovative teaching and pedagogy for the faculty.
 - Dr Ochoa will have the Provost Office address proper documentation for VitaFar Files during the November Faculty Forum.
 - Perhaps an action-oriented work group where faculty could bring their issues to the workshop.

- Dr. Meadows will be leading campus specific issues for this with TLC.
- Dr Chisholm shared the link <https://tlcommons.wvu.edu/consultations> for faculty to learn how TLC can help them with their innovative teaching and their documentation of those efforts.
- President Gee will deliver the State of the University on Monday 12 October at 3 pm
- Tuesday 13 October at 3 pm is the Campus Forum
- Wednesday 14 October are the WVU Appreciation Webinars
- Tuesday 13 October at 4 pm is the International Panel on the Quad sponsored by the Social Justice Council.

Adjournment:

- Professor Vogtman moved for the meeting to be adjourned at 3:41 pm. **Motion Carried.**

/ Joan Vogtman
Acting Faculty Assembly Secretary

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