

Minutes

Faculty Senate Meeting

Nov. 2nd 2012

Ferrell Hall 308

1:30 p.m.

- a. **Call to Order:** The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order by Senate chair, Dr. Tim Ruhnke at 1:30 p.m.
- b. **Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the last meeting were approved
- c. **Reading and Approval of Agenda:** The meeting Agenda was approved

d. **Reports:**

PRESIDENT – Due to a scheduling conflict, Dr. Hemphill was unable to attend the Faculty Senate meeting

PROVOST / VP of ACADEMIC AFFAIRS. Dr. Byers submitted a written report (available on-line). In his oral report, he updated the senate on the work of different committees / groups. The committees working on academic programs with the area CTC's, Dr. Byers noted that there has been a lot of progress with several programs moving to the BOG and HEPC for approvals. These committees are working on 2+2 certificates and making transfer transitions easier and more transparent. The Program Coordinators have met twice to review and discuss HEPC policies. The DegreeWorks committee is making good headway and will hopefully be implementing the program by late spring.

Dr. Byers also discussed the schools inclement weather policy, stating that all WVSU campus community members need to use their best judgment in terms of safety when weather is bad. There are procedures in place if you need to cancel classes due to weather.

When finished, Dr. Byers was posed the following questions:

- In 2+2 classes (particularly in the sciences), how will lab-work be completed? *Will be discussed via committee*
- What decisions have been made on December commencement? The number of faculty that can be seated has not been decided. Each student will receive 8 invites and extra tickets will be put into a "pool" for those who need more
- Is graduation, unlike past years, "in the red"? *No, the fees will pay for all of graduation*

Educational Policies Committee (EPC). Dr. Anderson presented a summary of the EPC report for September (Online). He remarked that departments are beginning to get better at meeting all EPC guidelines and some departments (like the English Department) generally have no problems in the forms. Report was accepted by the senate.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG). Dr. Guetzloff presented the his report as the BOG representative. He informed the faculty that the BOG addressed all aspects the HEPC noted in the compact and the compact was accepted. The BOG Finance and Institutional Advancement provided statistics on giving (see online report)

The BOG financial committee addressed issues on faculty housing brought up in the latest audit. The board confirmed that the BOG policies will be enforced and all residents will have 1 year leases. He announced that AA budget was reduced in the latest round of cuts (total of 1.1M) and that only 2 of 12 areas have overspent their budgets. In all, the BOG feels that the University is "looking pretty good right now" in terms of finances.

Flemming hall is on-target for meeting goals for construction, and the BOG / President worked a new bonding deal for current dorms and new construction. One difference between this RFP and the past was that the current one is more specific and addresses "issues" with the old RFP.

The Senate discussed the makeup of the new dorm construction and Dr. Harris proposed the following:

The Faculty Senate moves that in consideration of the new dorm construction, the new dorms include a mix of suite and apartment efficiency style housing that will accommodate traditional and non-traditional aged graduate and undergraduate students.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Fultz. ACTION TAKEN: passed unanimously

Dr. Guetzloff reported that there have been SEVERAL personnel changes, all of which the BOG is pleased with as Dr. Hemphill has brought in very needed positions.

ACF - No Report

Honors Committee - Dr. Sklute presented the committee with a report on the current state of the Honors Program (available on-line)

e. Old Business:

Change in C&B language for Cultural Activities Committee

The faculty reviewed the language as submitted. Motion was made and seconded to accept the language. ACTION TAKEN: Approved without objection

Office Hours policy

The faculty senate was presented with language by the Executive Committee on rules and reductions of Office hours. Motion was made and seconded to accept the language. ACTION TAKEN: Approved without objection

Status of 2012-13 University Catalog

The faculty senate again asked about the state of the 2012-2013 catalog. It was reported that the proof of the text was in progress and would be available on-line by the next week. Dr. Ruhnke asked about what could be done to 1. Make the catalog fully digital / searchable, and 2. Make it available to be published in March. Dr. Byers stated that the catalog will more than likely be moving to the Registrar's Office with a goal of moving deadlines earlier so that it would be published in the year preceding the one in which it is used.

f. New Business:

Status of student exit interviews

Exit interviews are working well and will continue. Those involved are refining the process to make them even more effective.

Implementation of Degree Works

As discussed in the VPAA / Provost report, things are on-going.

- g. ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business or announcements, a motion to adjourn the general faculty meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Pietruszynski, Secretary
Faculty Senate