

Fairmont State Faculty Senate

Minutes

January 17, 2023

3:00-5:00 p.m.

303 ED

Called to order: 3:03 PM

Members Present:

Members Present **Charles Shields** (Exec Committee: President, Criminal Justice), **Donna Long** (Humanities), **Todd Clark** (Social Sciences), **Jennifer Satterfield** (Exec Committee: Secretary, Nursing) **Bob Niichel** (Exec Committee: Vice President, Computer Science & Math), **Jim Davis** (Exec Committee: Member-at-Large, Business), **Tom Cuchta** (Executive Committee Webmaster, Computer Science & Math), **Ashley Dover** (Library), **Julie Reneau** (Education), **Tyler Singer** (Exec Committee: Member at Large, Exercise Science), **Janet Floyd** (School of Business & Aviation), **Gina Fantasia** (Faculty Rep to BOG), **Rachel Cook** (Natural Sciences), **Nathan Myers** (Humanities), **Denice Kirchoff** (Nursing), **Galen Hansen** (Dept. of Natural Sciences), **James Vassil** (Engineering Technology), **Tabitha Lafferre** (Engineering Tech) **Barbara MacLennan** (Exec Committee: Member at Large, Social Sciences) **Rick Harvey** (Academic affairs), **Mackenzie Hollaway** (SGA) **Chris Kast** (Academic Affairs)

Reading & Approval of the minutes from the November 8, 2022, meeting (Motion to approve, motion passed.)

I. Interim President Phillips

- a. Date for the “State of the University” address is 9 February 12:30-1:30 and 3:00-4:00. Will not be streamed, but it will be recorded.
- b. Articulation agreement with Pierpont from last semester in healthcare management. Possibly more to come.
- c. General counsel position posting is now closed. There are several candidates.
- d. Human Resource position haven’t filled yet.
- e. Employee handbook is in draft stage. The committee writing it consists of Ashley Maxey, Spencer Flanagan, Robert Baker, Joseph Han, and a new hire in grants office.
- f. “Conversations with the President” from last semester were completed. VP’s have the notes from these meetings which will be released after the state of the university address mentioned above
- g. Health and Wellness Center now reports to Ken Fettig
- h. Student resiliency taskforce will soon be formed as a committee under the President’s office
- i. The deficit from last year of about 3.5 million was addressed working with VPs who together created a “stabilization plan” that was reported to BOG in

December. See those minutes for more details.

j. Robin Payne and Kirk Morphey are on sabbaticals (first ones we've offered in a long long time, if you recall)

II. Interim Provost Oxley-

- a. 17 new faculty hired since July, 15 of them are tenure track
- b. Of the 26 faculty on term contracts that were addressed last semester, 16 of them were converted to tenure track, some others were granted time on the tenure clock, and some others remain term
- c. Looking into benefits and cost of a "center for teaching and learning"
- d. Moved academic advisors back to deans instead of being centralized
- e. Several VP meetings looking into a big Title III grant
- f. Program review process has some changes. HEPC revised part of Series 10. HEPC program review conference will be held at Stonewall in February. Susan Ross said she would provide an "orientation" to programs for program review and asked people to email her with any questions.
- g. Taskstream will be updated by the vendor (not our choice) soon. AMS and LAT will get new names.
- h. Abelina Suarez Professorship will be granted this year. Process to receive it will be done through Faculty Success (formerly digital measures). You can nominate folks for it directly to the provost. The committee evaluating nominees will be formed by the President and consist of four faculty and four students.
- i. HEPC "Round 5" learning grants exist
- j. Print shop is still being sorted out.

III. Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

- i. BoG Representative, Gina Fantasia BOG meetings in feb; Committees start in a few weeks
- ii. ACF Representative, Dr. Raymond Alvarez PEIA was a topic.
- iii. Presidential Search, Chuck Shields profile is up on our webpage and been out since early January: <https://www.fairmontstate.edu/presidentialsearch>

II. Student Government Report

- a. Christmas with a Falcon was a success
- b. Special elections to fill vacancies are forthcoming

III. Unfinished Business

Major Items

- a. **PHYS 1001 - Application for Course Acceptance as a Core Curriculum Course Required for Bachelor's Degree in core curriculum – passed for 2nd reading**
- b. **Proposed change in outcome #1: passed for 2nd reading**
- c. **Proposed Change in language for Outcome #1. First Year Seminar. (Passed for second reading)**

Proposed: Students will apply foundational academic success tools, demonstrate knowledge and understanding of campus academic and student services resources, and develop a sense of belonging through active participation in individual and group activities in order to successfully transition into and through the first year of college.

Current version: Students will apply academic tools, utilize campus resources, and actively participate in order to successfully transition into and through the first year of college.

Curriculum Proposal 22-23-01 Elementary Education-- passed second reading

Curriculum Proposal 22-23-02 Education New Course Proposal-- passed second reading

Curriculum Proposal 22-23-03 Curriculum Change Secondary Education—passed second reading

Minor Items

IV. New Business

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- a. Curriculum Proposal 22-23-12 Physical Education Curriculum Proposal
- b. 22-23-13 Honors (passed first reading)
- c. Revision of Personnel Committee Charge to include review of Emeritus Faculty Review. Tabled.

Minor Items

- i. 22/23 Presidential Perception Survey—reconsideration, distribution of results.
 1. Long discussion about whether we should or should not move forward with administering it. Many people stating reasons to keep it and to not keep it.
 2. Motion passed to undo the motion from 9 November meeting, i.e. the Senate now directs the PPSC to not conduct the survey
 3. The vote was contentious with 12 ayes and 8 nays
- ii. AS/ ASN Core Curriculum (tabled at November meeting)

1. Students seeking an associates degree are overburdened by the core curriculum which is really designed with a bachelors degree in mind. This will fix that. Students that then enter the bachelors program are not given special benefits if they came from ASN – they will be held to the same core curriculum as everyone else.

2. Motion passed to accept the modified rules for the ASN program regarding core curriculum

iii. Committee to study the use of a uniform user platform—Executive Committee recommends tasking chair of Technology Committee

Motion passed to ask the Technology Committee to appoint a faculty member to this committee

IX. Announcements/Information/Discussion

- i. Climate Survey Committee (Shields, Reneau, faculty member to be named, Spencer Flanagan, two staff members to be named, Ashley Maxey)

X. Open Forum

**Next Meeting: February 14, 2023, 3-5pm*
303 Education Building**

*** Please send agenda items to the Faculty Senate President (Charles.Shields@fairmontstate.edu) by Tuesday morning February 7, 2023, for consideration by the Executive Committee.**