

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 19, 2019 meeting

Members in Attendance:

Mark Flood (Vice President – acting President), Amy Godfrey (Secretary), Jacki Sherman (Webmaster), Tom Cuchta (Ex. Committee Member at Large), Matt Hokom (Ex. Committee Member at Large), Tim Oxley (Academic Affairs), Steve Roof (Academic Affairs), Harry Baxter (ACF), Michael Ransom (Behavioral Sciences), Budd Sapp (BOG), Joe Kremer (Business), Jason Noland (Education), Dan Eichenbaum (Fine Arts), Paul Reneau (Health & Human Performance), Donna Long (Language & Lit), Theresa Jones (Nursing), Elizabeth Chaney (Student Government), Denice Kirchoff (Nursing), James Weekley (Natural Sciences), Tom McLaughlin (SciTech), Mark Wolf (Tech)

Guests:

Richard Harvey (Provost), Stacey Jones (IE & SO), Kim Derico (Nursing/Curriculum Committee), Susan Ross (Provost office), Amy Sidwell (Harassment and Complaint Committee)

Meeting to order at 3:00pm in 303 ED.

- I. February 12, 2019 minutes read and approved Announcements
 - Add President Martin to guest list
 - Typo in Harry Baxter section – change to ACF

Opening Announcements

- I. Faculty Senate Presidential Succession
 - 2/21/2019 Statement from John O'Connor
 - i. "I respectfully request that you accept my resignation from the position of Fairmont State University Faculty Senate President effective immediately. I have been increasingly frustrated with my failure to motivate the faculty to question the administration and I have concluded that I am not up to the challenge. While I have been considering this since the end of the fall term, two events have precipitated my decision. The most recent being my failure to arrive at the Board of Governors meeting this morning before it was gavelled into session, thus depriving myself of the opportunity to address the BoG during the public comments."
 - Refer to succession process from May 2016 ByLaws changes
 - i. This Faculty Senate Bylaws amendment was passed at the May 2016 meeting
 - a) ARTICLE III Officers: Section 3. If the President of the shall resign or for any reason be removed from the office during an academic year the Vice-President of the Senate shall upon such resignation or removal immediately assume the role of President of the Senate and shall assume all duties, rights and responsibilities of the the President. In such a circumstance the Vice President shall serve in the capacity of President until the May meeting of the Senate in the academic year in which the President either resigns or is removed from office. At the

April meeting the President shall include in the nominations to be presented to the Senate at the May meeting the unexpired term of President and at the May meeting the Senate shall choose a President to fulfill the unexpired term of the former President.

II. President Martin

- Unable to attend; in Charleston meeting with the chancellors with Pierpont
- Question: Any implication of Caroline Long leaving HEPC? Is she making a decision with us and then leaving?
 - i. A mediator is involved

III. Provost Richard Harvey

- Legislative Update
 - i. SB 1: passed with 4 year schools with associates included; unknown impact on us
 - a) Pierpont has proposed an associate's degree in nursing that Fairmont State University is protesting with HEPC
- FERPA Training and Confidentiality Agreements need to be completed and hard copy sent to HR
- TV 19 – Public Access Channel
 - i. In talks to bring that to Fairmont State University
- Academic Restructuring
 - i. As approved by the BOG
 - ii. HLC is not reviewing because it is too granular
 - iii. HEPC wants to be kept informed
 - iv. Question: The approval is with the stipulation of changes to names, correct?
 - a) Still looking at names and cost
 - v. Question: What is the structure for input for this?
 - a) My office; Tim Oxley's group had final meeting with 50 plus items; we will start implementing those as soon as possible
 - vi. Question: With the restructuring approved, will it start in the fall?
 - a) We will start moving next year (i.e. selecting chairs and administration) but the earliest it will implemented is Fall 2020
 - vii. Question: What about students who will start under our current system but graduate under the new?
 - a) They will still be getting the same degree but we are working on the details of all of that
- Question: What is the status of the Faculty Handbook Committee?
 - i. The committee is chaired by HR and General Council. It is not under the Provost's office.

IV. VP for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Operations: Stacey Jones

- Starting with Friday's Unit Assessment Carnival we will be working on assessment of units, which is different than majors and concentrations.
- We are advancing quite well through this assessment process
- Next stage is the review of the programs

V. BOG representative Dr. Sapp

- Next BOG meeting is April 18th and I will be sending out the agenda
- I was approached by several individuals relating to the vote on annual/accrued leave – we need to stand united in numbers

VI. ACF representative, Dr. Baxter

- ACF was very involved in this Legislative session
 - i. Campus Carry bill that was defeated would have made WV the only state that would have allowed individuals 18 and older to carry (most states it is 21)
 - ii. Interim Chancellor of HEPC wants to go back as President of WVU Tech
 - iii. Special Session for public education will be held sometime in May. They are currently doing 6 forums on the topic and the outcomes of those forums will be reported to the Legislature and the governor. The closest forum for us is at Robert C Byrd High School in Clarksburg on April 1st with doors opening at 5:30pm

VII. Student Government

- No updates as we focused on the campus carry bill prior to Spring Break

Unfinished Business

- I. General Studies recommendation on the Core Curriculum (see attachment from Jim Matthews)
 - a. Question: As it relates to the SOAR courses, who is working on it? Finding it a home and a budget?
 - i. The Provost's office is working on a plan with Jim for next year. After that we will have the meta majors.
 - b. Question: As it relates to the SOAR courses, one of the issues is that those course are voluntary will that continue?
 - i. We are working on the details

Old Business

- I. Curriculum Proposal #18-19-03 REV #1, Curriculum Proposal #18-19-05 REV #1, and Curriculum Proposal #18-19-07 REV #1
 - a. Motion: bring all three curriculum proposals forward as a package
 - i. Approved
 - b. Motion: Accept all three curriculum proposals for second reading
 - i. Approved

New Business

- I. Vice President of Faculty Senate to take effect till May elections
 - a. Dr. Joe Kremer – moved and approved
- II. Motion: consider curriculum proposals #18-19-08, #18-19-09, #18-19-10, and #18-19-12 as a package
 - a. Approved
 - b. Motion: to approve the 4 curriculum proposals for first reading
 - i. Approved
- III. Nominating committee for officers
 - a. We are convening the committee for officers

- i. Currently the committee includes: Amy Godfrey, Steve Roof (volunteered), and Matt Hokom
 - ii. Please let Faculty Senate President know if you would like to volunteer
- IV. Committee on Committees
 - a. We are convening the committee on committees
 - i. Committee includes: Tom Cuchta, Robin Payne, and Paul Reneau (volunteered)
 - ii. Please let Faculty Senate President know if you would like to volunteer
- V. Presidential Survey Committee
 - a. Need to move forward with a survey
 - b. Issue: Structure of university has changed since the committee was developed
 - i. Does not have representation from each academic unit
 - 1. Need units represented in the committee to reflect the units represented in Faculty Senate
 - 2. Motion: The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will determine who is missing representation in the committee and ask those units to fill by deadline of April 9th
 - a. Approved
- VI. Campus Climate Survey Ad Hoc Committee
 - a. Looking for volunteers – need a representative from each unit
 - b. Charge: to survey at minimum the faculty regarding the good, bad, and otherwise on campus

Open Forum

- I. Amy Sidwell: Harassment and Complaint Committee
 - a. We met today – we cannot move forward until the Faculty Handbook is completed
 - b. Motion: Send the following to HR and General Council: “We, the Faculty Senate, strongly urge that the Chair of the Faculty Handbook committee (i.e. Director of Human Resources) convene the committee and officially report to the Faculty Senate at the April 9, 2019 meeting with a progress report and timeline for completion of the Faculty Handbook.”
 - i. Approved
- II. MATH 1400 will no longer be offered (email coming out soon)
 - a. MATH 1407 or 1430 instead (with no prereqs)
- III. April 7th is National Library Week with Trivia Night on April 12th

Adjourned at 4:11pm