WVSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
August 31, 2018

In Attendance: Rich Ford (chair); Jessica Barnes-Petruszynski (vice-chair), Deborah Wells (historian), Dirk Johnson (secretary), Frank Vaughan (BOG rep.)

1. J. Barnes-Petruszynski moved and D. Johnson 2nd to approve the agenda. The motion carried by voice vote.

2. J. Barnes-Petruszynski moved and F. Vaughan seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. J. Barnes-Petruszynski stated that at-large members of the Exec. Committee cannot serve on a standing committee, but other senators can serve on one. This one-committee option was extended to senate members several years ago, but didn't follow suit with at-large members. It was decided to let the issue go for now to avoid grinding motion to a halt in the senate meeting.

4. D. Wells asked about the chair election procedure for committees, and J. Barnes-Petruszynski explained this.

5. J. Barnes-Petruszynski passed out the list of student reps who should be appointed to standing committees. J. Barnes-Petruszynski will email the Ed. dept. chair to hold an election among their students. R. Ford said he was going to suggest to the SGA pres. to appoint for two years for continuity. J. Barnes-Petruszynski said that an annual appointment was in the constitution, but Rich said they could choose to appoint the same person for two years.

6. There are still updates in the works in the Const. and Bylaws. F. Vaughan says there is some disconnect between the chair of the committee and its members.

7. Zach Fitchner was reelected chair of the Cultural Activities Committee this year. He sent questions of to clarify who the committee is now under. He emailed Trina Sweeney, Dr. Underdue-Murph, and another person and hasn't gotten answers, probably because they don't know. R. Ford recommended asking Dr. Underdue-Murph to come to the senate meeting and invite Zach, as well.

8. The Exec. Committee is responsible for appointing someone to EPC. J. Barnes-Petruszynski read off current committee members. F. Vaughan suggested a new faculty to get their feet wet. Kerri Steele (committee member) emailed a list of 4 who (we think) she asked if they had interest. J. Barnes-Petruszynski suggested listing them in order 1-3 and ask in that order to serve. The committee agreed to this solution.

9. J. Barnes-Petruszynski passed out J. Petruszynski's draft calendar submitted on behalf of the Faculty Personnel Committee. The committee is not acting, and they don't have a chair, so Jeff is moving with this. D. Wells suggested, and it was agreed, that we post this as a draft and have the faculty senate approve it in the opening meeting.

10. F. Vaughan asked if there is a specific evaluation tool for post-tenure review? It was presumed that the tenure/promotion tool will be used. R. Ford will talk this over with K. Jayasuriya.

11. Music dept. elections for chair are scheduled for Sept. 10 at 12:30 p.m. DJ explained the issue of term faculty not being able to vote, and them being ½ the faculty at most points. J. Barnes-Petruszynski offered to run the election.

12. R&D issues continue. R. Ford shared how the May board meeting was all positivity, assuring their next trip would be all business. They said they would post their minutes, but didn't think a motion needed to be made when M. Fultz brought the faculty senate's wishes to their attention. The minutes are still not posted. R. Ford was very clear with Pres. Jenkins that his credibility with the faculty is directly impacted with his approach to this issue.

13. Replacement of computers is still an issue.

14. Faculty Handbook. K. Jayasuriya agreed to work with a task force to revamp it.

15. Controlled substance policy status. The person pushing for this has left due to the slow progress of meeting her research needs. It may become a mute point, but R. Ford suggested we move forward so we're ready for the next time it is needed.

16. K. Jayasuriya has asked us to reconsider GED 100. J. Barnes-Petruszynski said that we do this every two years. F. Vaughan said that he was assigned to teach this last minute this semester and doesn't have a clear curriculum in that position. R. Ford suggests we discuss this later.

17. Annual contracts. Pres. Jenkins was asked why we don't have them. He doesn't know and will look into it.

18. R. Ford said that a list of faculty was provided by the Provost. We haven't had this in quite a few years, and it's a useful tool.

19. It was agreed that recycling can be regretfully taken off the list of items to address.

20. Safety. There were holes in the WARN system, with some people not getting the message when we had an incident the week before. Active Shooter drills have never been done. D. Wells says that the university phones should be tied into WARN, especially for staff on duty in buildings. R. Ford says anyone can sign up for this themselves.