

WVSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
October 26, 2018

In Attendance: Rich Ford (chair); Jessica Barnes-Petruszynski (vice-chair), Deborah Wells (historian), Dirk Johnson (secretary), Kathy Harper (at-large), Jack Magan, Barbara Ladner (ACF)

1. K. Harper moved, Jessica Barnes-Petruszynski 2nd approval of the agenda. The motion carried by voice vote.

2. K. Harper moved and B. Ladner 2nd approval of the minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. **Cultural Activities:** J. Barnes-Petruszynski expressed concern about the dissolving of committees. B. Ladner said they can't dissolve it, but can take away the funding. Jessica Barnes-Petruszynski said this is the same basic thing. What is the recourse? Having Dr. Underdue Murph report to the senate is a good step.

4. **Standing committees:**

HEPC

The non-Gee proposal was accepted by the legislative leader. Gee suggested that they wouldn't need the oversight if HEPC was disbanded. K. Harper asked if accreditation agencies would look poorly on not having HEPC B. Ladner says it wouldn't have to be HEPC, but someone. WVU providing this oversight wouldn't be neutral.

HEPC is putting forth an SAT-based guide to math and English placements. Many counties are paying for students to take the SAT and if they score below a 470 on English and below 520 they will get 12th grade remediation. HEPC is taking this into account.

HEPC also looking at journal consortium. Monica Brooks made the presentation. D. Wells asked if this was the proposal modelled after the community colleges. They need to keep the librarians in the loop. B. Ladner said the idea is that we don't have to subscribe to all journals, but negotiating as big entity is a good thing. They are also trying to approve the public libraries. B. Ladner asked about digitizing and sharing, and that would be the next step.

We have the highest loan default rate in the country. K. Harper said we've done better. B. Ladner says we're average on debt they carry, but default rate is higher.

There is concern about a math teacher shortage. Only 3 students in the entire state said they were interested in being math teachers. WVU has 12-14 total math ed. majors, we have 5 or 6. R. Ford suggested that loan forgiveness would be a strong incentive.

BOG

The Gazette reported our lowered enrollment and lack of an agenda in advance. This is a chief of staff problem. R. Ford will email to encourage the faculty to contribute to the Presidential evaluation process, due next Tuesday.

Constitution and Bylaws

Jessica Barnes-Petruszynski reminded the committee of the idea T. Guetzloff had of having a task force to do a general update. There are small things throughout that need revising. R. Ford asked if we could ask M. Workman to chair it. J. Magan said they don't meet. He's an ex-officio member. D. Johnson said this is work the committee is charged with, so an extra group could be seen as redundant to M. Workman. The task of updating the document with what has been passed is something we need to do at this point. D. Wells suggested we use the general faculty meeting to take a look at it. J. Magan suggested we stick to narrower issues. B. Ladner said that if it were only copy editing, that might work. Jessica Barnes-Petruszynski said that a big bureaucratic production is standing in our way.

Cultural Activities

Discussed above

Program Review

The K. Harper issue of her eligibility to serve was solved in the senate last meeting, with a second hearing coming in the next meeting.

FPC

J. Petruszynski says he is trying to get the committee to meet. They are still working on the online evaluations. R. Ford suggests Jeff keep plowing through.

Student committee members

Jessica Barnes-Petruszynski sent the request 4 weeks ago with no response. R. Ford says it is off is agenda, in that case.

5. Enrollment at WVSU: F. Vaughan was asked his response to what we as faculty can do to help with recruitment, and he said we can do our jobs (teaching) better every day. D. Wells says that student services, technology breakdowns, etc. are pinpricks to student retention. Jessica Barnes-Petruszynski understands our working toward student retention, but not to recruit. R. Ford pointed out that M. Fultz has 23 schools coming with premium students, and was scolded for contacting the wrong person in trying to work through some recruitment possibilities. R. Ford said we should be good about advising. Jessica Barnes-Petruszynski says that catalogue changes they got approved last year now don't appear in the catalog or in Banner, so now students can't get in to classes they need. D. Hunter also transferred kids to the new GE program without them

signing off. D. Johnson suggested that we ask Dr. Underdue Murph to come up with specific ideas/tasks for faculty to do and we could meet that need.

6. **Evaluation of administrators:** R. Ford emphasized the importance of providing feedback invited by BOG.

7. **Indirect policy:** Pres. Jenkins requested we bring this issue up more. R. Ford said the last discussion he had with President Jenkins ended with Pres. Jenkins committing to bring this up with Dr. McMeans, so he is surprised the President is waiting on us to move the issue forward. He will bring it back up to the faculty senate, but it will go back to the President for progress to be made.

8. **Interdisciplinary minors:** R. Ford thinks a “designer minor” would be an engaging idea. There was pushback because it couldn’t be put on their diplomas. Why not? We’ll bring this up at Faculty Senate.

9. **Social Events:** The faculty would benefit from some off-ours, off campus (or on) social gatherings. They encourage collaborative discussion and can boost morale.

10. **Senate meeting agenda:** The request for Dr. Underdue Murph to come answer a number of questions was added to the agenda.