

WVSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting  
September 27, 2019

Present: T. Kiddie, R. Ford, J. Barnes-Pietruszynski, D. Johnson, D. Wells, F. Vaughan, J. Magan, B. Ladner

1. Jessica Barnes-Pietruszynski moved and Jack Magan seconded approval of August 30 minutes with clarification of the Executive Committee priorities for 2019-2020 and Tom Kiddie's name spelling correction. The motion carried by voice vote.

2. Jessica Barnes-Pietruszynski moved and F. Vaughan seconded approval of minutes

3. R. Ford asked for progress of standing senate committees. Jessica Barnes-Pietruszynski said she has received feedback from Deans and SGA and will be publishing the updates on the following Monday.

4. New Provost Search. There are still a few issues with the search, but progress toward campus visits is being made.

5. Enrollment. Dr. Underdue-Murph said she can not make it to faculty senate due to a homecoming meeting with alumni during the same time. There is still a concern about communication/transparency. R. Ford emphasized our need to be seen as leaders in being willing to help. J. Magan sees the taking away of the writing lab to administration as an example of not involving faculty. Student services is now in charge, receiving training on how to be tutors, but saying there is not money to train them in writing tutoring. J. Magan says they offered a ½ hour course in general tutoring, and J. Barnes-Pietruszynski said she had to retrain them. R. Ford pointed out that there was no location listed on the flier sent out. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski pointed out a wrong-date issue, so there is a pattern of challenges in the administration of the program. We will have enrollment data by November's meeting from HEPC.

6. Cultural Activities. Provost Byers says the committee is in place, and Pres. Jenkins says they can move forward, but he doesn't know how much money is available. Dr. Byers is looking into this. B. Ladner provided an update from the meeting. T. Sweeney said there is around \$30,000. They are charged with a solid Black History Month roster of events, with a convocation speaker. Women's history, Hispanic heritage, Environmental, etc. are also ideas as yearly cornerstone events. F. Vaughan suggested Appalachian history/culture as well. She said an international event would include the Hispanic category. Appalachian could be folded into Environmental, Black History, or other meetings. R. Ford asked where the 29,000 came from and if it is under the committee's control. It came out of student cultural activity fees and, yes, it is under the committee's control. Trina will take on some of Dick Wolfe's responsibilities, but those proposing the activities will have to do more leg work than in the past. We discussed that the governance issue is then settled, though at a much reduced level of funding. The committee will be working on the student attendance piece, and the 4 students on the committee will be a good source of feedback. The Exec. Committee is optimistic and pleased with this resolution.

7. Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Jessica Barnes-Pietruszynski is looking for marching orders. D. Wells suggests an update of 2<sup>nd</sup> readings. Jessica is starting to look through the document and pushing to have a meeting to make progress. A list of senate actions researched and compiled by R. Ford was discussed to confirm if what was listed was final language. This was the case for the Honors Program Committee, Instructional and Academic Tech., Cult. Activities, and At-Large senate Exec. Committee members serving on one Senate Committee. Considerable discussion was devoted to GRDI, which included a look at R. Ford's proposed By-laws changes to have them taken off of senate committee work given their fairly recent status as faculty. A new Article IX language to help the R&B process was examined for Senate presentation. The Committee has agreed to follow the suggestions, with a future formal proposal to follow.

8. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski suggested we look at the reporting of committees dates to better align with the work they do during the year. This would help them avoid them reporting on the previous year's activities, but rather report on the current year. The committee agreed to let Jessica touch base with committees to see preferred reporting dates.

9. R. Ford referenced an email asking for support for gun control on campus from concerned citizens. The Committee decided to communicate that they support the President's position on guns on campus, a position which aligns with the general aims of the concerned citizen's group.

10. Suggestion box: Two suggestions were discussed. One suggested reorganizing the colleges to put social sciences with arts and humanities.

11. Rich learned at the Food Committee meeting that the University is in debt to the food services company by over a million dollars, and the contract extends to 2025.

12. B. Ladner asked if she should approach the President about being put on the BOG schedule to provide an ACF report as required by their by-laws. R. Ford said yes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.