

**Minutes from the WVSU Faculty Senate Meeting on Friday, October 4, 2019
Hamblin Hall Auditorium, 1:30 pm**

Attendance:

Senators: A&H – D. Johnson (secretary), J. Barnes-Pietruszynski (vice-chair); BSS – M. Seyedmonir, R. Francis, M. Workman; NSM – R. Ford (chair), M. Fultz, T. Ruhnke, M. Bhuiyan; PS –, L. Good, Leighann Davidson,; LC – D. Wells (historian), M. Casey; Exec. at-large – K. Harper; BOG –F. Vaughan; Parliamentarian – J. Magan

Visiting –Reidun Ovrebo, T. Kiddie M. Wilson R. Kord???, K. Steele, Justin Cherry (HR) Ryan McCoy (SGA)

Deans – P. Carney (PS), D. Williams (BSS)

1. M. Fultz moved and T Ruhnke seconded approval of the agenda with addition of Gus R. Douglass Institute. The motion carried by voice vote.
2. M. Fultz moved and T. Ruhnke seconded approval of the September 6 minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.
3. R. Ford applauded J. Barnes-Pietruszynski on the completion of the Senate Standing Committee list, including students. There are a few left over titles on committees that no longer exist (Director of Instructional Technology and Director of Institutional Research).
4. Comments from the Chair. R. Ford encouraged the faculty comments box to be used. A. Howard Smith has asked for comments about the self-report. He is adding them to his self-report and suggests we do the same. We are still working on clarity about indirect monies from grants. Provost Byers is looking into information about the Collaborative Program and confidential students. A. Howard Smith is also looking for comments from faculty for the Presidential Review, with absolute assurance of confidentiality. T. Ruhnke said that you can also print them and drop them off anonymously. S. Woodard was asking about the online faculty evaluation status. M. Seyedmonir asked of the status. R. Ford said it was with the faculty personnel committee and D. Johnson said their presented solutions each costed between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

5. Standing Committee Reports:

Honors Committee. 1 new student and 2 new applicants have applied since the report was prepared. T. Ruhnke brought students to a conference and 2 posters were presented. They tried recruiting with lunch meetings, but without much success. There were several honors students who presented at conferences (ex. chemistry). The student body seems resistant to expressing interest in the program. “What’s in it for me?” Those in the program think it is something you should want to do for the experience, so recruiting will be a challenge. If we got 2 dozen in the program in a year, that would be a good goal. Faculty with eyes on new students will help with recruitment. The hybrid approach is working by having them in regular sections, but enhanced by additional meetings and assignments. M. Fultz said that, with the BOG policy of tuition waiver reporting going unenforced, yet having this as an option for many students right now,

why can't we have some waiver money for the Honor's Program? T. Ruhnke restated that the kids wouldn't turn down money, and often have tuition and fees covered with Promise and other scholarships/grants, so tuition waivers wouldn't help in those cases, but some book money would do a lot. F. Vaughan mentioned using the early enrollment program as a recruiting option, and T. Ruhnke agreed that was a good idea. K. Harper said early enrollment is within academic affairs, so getting help there doesn't require admissions leading the way. M. Fultz moved and F. Vaughan seconded to accept the report. The motion carried by voice vote.

EPC: M. Fultz emailed all senators the report. M. Fultz was reelected chair. Math proposed the requirement to get C's in calculus to move along to the next calculus course. The nursing program proposed courses. English had 6 proposals, and were approved 3, with some corrections needed. Moving forward, if signatures aren't signed by the due date, they will be pushing them back one month. The subcommittee is going with the whole proposal being submitted electronically in one file. No more paper copies are needed to be turned in. One electronic file per action, and only the original proposals have to be turned into the chair. This is a trial this semester to see if paperless works. EPC has a request of the Senate. The nursing program goes up for approval this month and would benefit from a show of support from the Faculty. T. Ruhnke moved and M. Seyedmonir seconded the following statement. **The faculty endorse the proposed nursing program and curriculum.** The motion carried by voice vote.

BOG: F. Vaughan said Oct. 24 is the next meeting and encouraged attendance. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski asked about sign-up sheets and if there were breaks between business to sneak in and out. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski moved and M. Fultz seconded the acceptance of the report. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. Enrollment. A variety of figures was presented from the past two years showing enrollment by class. The overall on-campus undergrad enrollment is down 9% between 2018 and 2019. Freshman down 22%, sophomores down 10%, juniors up 6%, seniors down 5%, grad students down 8%. Total special students (early enrollment) is up 33%. Total students is 4,124 total, up 12%. 3,692

2019	2018	
412	527	Freshman
352	393	Sophomores
377	354	Juniors
484	507	Seniors
1625	1781	Total undergrads
111	121	Graduate students
2388	1790	Special student category
4,124	3,692	Total enrollment

What about online students? L. Davis said she isn't getting her numbers of online students with other students, but the question still remains where they are in the totals. M. Bhuiyan asked about the collaborative Chinese students. Dean Zaman said they are not counted. Are the 1625 full-

time? No, this is a headcount. T. Ruhnke said, given the numbers, once they are here we are doing a good job keeping them here. R. Francis moved and J. Barnes-Pietruszynski seconded that line 4 page three of the Sept. 6 minutes be changed from who would to who would not. The motion carried by voice vote. It was said that, given the tuition freeze and soccer team addition, the numbers are even worse than they look financially (also paying the new coach). An alum said that we need to integrate athletics into our enrollment management strategy. WV Wesleyan had an all sports day with an auditorium full of students. T. Ruhnke said that we request numbers from computer services. R. Ford said that would be the next step, with someone presenting at the next meeting. That might be a more proactive, helpful approach, then present our suggestions following the presentation. M. Bhuiyanfr asked if we could get a detailed analysis of each category then discuss before inviting Dr. Underdue Murph. M. Fultz suggested we ask for the HEPC snapshot. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski said Rich has asked for specific numbers already. N. Zaman said this might be what HEPC gets, but M. Fultz said it is much more specific. R. Ford always follows up with "And what can we do to help." M. Fultz said that one of our feeder schools had a poster of colleges coming to visit. We were not on it.

7. Cultural Activities. M. Fultz moved and F. Vaughan seconded to accept the description from the September 6 meeting as a second reading of the Cultural Activities Committee. The motion carried by voice vote.

four (4) faculty, one elected from each college; six (6) faculty elected at large; the Director of Campus Life; two (2) student members appointed by the Director of Student Life; four (4) student members, one appointed by each college dean; ex officio (non-voting) members are the General Education Coordinator, a representative from the Office of the Provost, and a representative from the Office of University Relations.

M. Workman asked if the senate historian could be included on the committee to facilitate communication. J. Magan said that the committee does preliminary work, with the passage of changes happening in the senate and general faculty meetings, which the historian attends, so the historian wouldn't need to be on the committee. He also had the concern of multiple versions, narrowing it to one, then only having the historian be in charge of it. D. Wells said the last version was up Spring 2018. M. Workman said there have been a few changes. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski suggested we use the posted version (May 2018) as our official version, with all changes made to that document. J. Magan said D. Wells is the one to make the changes, so let's do what's already specified. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski has created a template to track changes, which will include the wording. R. Ford said that the historian would be the one to track the changes. Article IX of the bylaws is what we are looking at, right? M. Workman said Article VII of the constitution specifies the historian's roles.

R. Ford said that the Cultural Activities Committee appears to be on tract. Congratulations to the faculty.

8. M. Fultz moved and M. Seyedmonir seconded to approve the second reading of a change to the Senate By-Laws to add the Director of the Center for On-Line Learning to the membership of the Faculty Personnel Committee as an ex-officio non-voting member. The Motion carried by voice vote.

9. M. Fultz said that the Senate approved the creation of an ad hoc committee to create a plan to award Faculty Awards each year. He has emailed and invited previous award winners. The ad hoc committee met and would like to have a draft of the awards program. He has a draft of how to move forward, but is waiting to meet with the committee. J. Magan thinks the awards, which ignore subjectivity and invite competition, should not be offered. M. Fultz said that, as long as the self-report includes these requirements, then it has a place on campus due to its role in the evaluation process. M. Seyedmonir expressed concern that it would be part of the faculty senate work, but should be independent from our work. The Senate will wait until the committee meets and makes a recommendation before taking any action. M. Workman suggested the Faculty Personnel Committee could do this work. M. Fultz said we can wait until the next presentation to decide these matters.

10. R. Ford pointed out the continued presence of the Gus R. Douglass Institute in the By-Laws. M. Fultz moved and J. Barnes-Pietruszynski seconded to remove Gus R. Douglass Institute from the Senate By-Laws, Article I.C. and Article II.A. The motion carried by voice vote as a first reading.

11. R. Ford reported that Tosha Pellfrey with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America WV Chapter sent the Faculty a letter on Sept. 17, 2019 inviting the Senate and SGA to join them in a collaboration to keep guns off campus. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski said that the President had prepared a clear statement of the University's position that we as the Senate can fully support, so an additional coalition would not be needed. No action was taken to join the coalition.

M. Fultz moved and J. Barnes-Pietruszynski seconded to adjourn. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 3:12.