

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
2011-3-15

Senators present: Craig Crow, Al Wudarski, Jim Crumbacher, Gail Smith, Aaron Huffman, Lance Tarr, Richard Brown, Linda Cowan, Jasmine Garcia, Robert Gall, Shannon Halicki, Darrin Cox, Tammy McClain, Corey Reigel, Tracy Hutchison, Hollie Buchanan, Travis Miller & Erik Root. Senators Absent: Earl Nicodemus, Michael Aulick, Brian Fencl, Carolyn Kinney, Shirley Misselwitz, Matthew Zdilla,

Ex-Officio: John McCullough, present; Robin Capehart, absent

Guests: Donna Lukich, Robert Kreisberg, Bill Baronak, Brian Crawford.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Gall at 2:58p.m.

The minutes of February 15, 2011 were approved.

Dr. McCullough's Report:

- Spring Open House is Saturday, March 19, 2011. It may be a record-setting event. About 250-260 students are registered and a total of about 700+ are expected.
- Tuition and fees are under review. Expect modest 6-7% increases in rates for 2011-2012 from this past year.
- Some searches are in their final stages. These include: accounting, CIS, business management, math, English, and nursing. Others are continuing including: nursing, art therapy, PE, and others
- Dean searches will probably hold interviews in April.
- Program accreditations are moving along: Teacher Education is later in March, the Physicians Assistant program is set for June.
- The second cohort of the BLA program began in March; the third cohort is scheduled to begin in August.
- Programs being developed include the B.A. in Communications Science and the proposed MBA.
- The Presidential Colloquim is scheduled for Tuesday with Dr. Wally Hastings as the speaker.

A question was posed to Dr. McCullough concerning payment of faculty development reimbursements. He will follow up on that.

BOG Report – Mike Turrentine

He sent his apologies but was at a funeral. Chairman Gall noted that his term as our BOG representative is expiring and that we will need to elect another at the April general faculty meeting.

Advisory Council – Erik Root

SB 300 passed. This was last year's SB 480. Possible objections to this include:

- if Presidents implement this as classified staff first; faculty 2nd, there could be a negative impact on the amount of raises faculty receive.

- the bill may impose constraints on the university
- constraints on who receives help for those students encountering academic difficulty. The state has set up a clear and concise plan for this and it may limit who can receive the help.
- BOG autonomy may be constricted due to more centralization and state control.
- HR may become centralized in HEPC because HR would report to HEPC.

Provost McCullough noted that this last point may change.

Also noted was that our faculty enhancements we received this year may become part of our permanent salaries.

Committee Reports

Academic Policies and Procedures - Hollie Buchanan:

Hollie noted that his committee is working on a survey regarding class scheduling.

Finance Committee - Darrin Cox

Darrin gave a presentation regarding the Green Fund and Library Fund. He noted the rationale for the Green Fund includes; 1) WLU's philosophy to create good citizens, 2) WLU's goals include promoting global awareness, 3) student activities, and 4) general student development goal VII concerning the impact of lifestyle choices on the environment is not being met. Goals of the Green Fund include: 1) to develop sustainable green initiatives on campus and to develop an environmental savings account. It is not limited to recycling. A secondary goal is to enhance environmental education. This could include; 1) a yearly Green Day (Arbor Day) carnival, 2) educational outreach to local elementary schools, 3) an academic conference on campus, 4) components built into Col 101. Darrin noted that 79% of a recent *Trumpet* poll showed that students used recycling. A campus survey revealed that 90% of the campus felt that WLU needed guidelines and a policy and that 78% were willing to participate and support such efforts. Darrin added that containers, as per the fire marshal are not permitted in corridors. J.D. Miller Trucking in Belmont Co., takes paper, cardboard, tin, aluminum, plastic, and glass. Ohio Co. recycles all of the same items except plastic. Costs would include about \$4,520 per semester of which \$3,360 is for labor. Labor could be reduced if Col 101 students were utilized. There would also be \$12,253 that would be needed as a one-time cost for containers. After the first year, costs would drop, but may fluctuate due to gasoline costs. There are grant opportunities with the WV Dept. of Environmental Protection for grants up to \$100,000 and also with other groups. Discussion ensued.

The Library Fund update included the following: the library received \$189,827 in 1997-98 but only receives \$109,000 this year. Some databases cost at least \$5000. None of the \$109,000 is for upgrading computers. Only \$600/yr. is allotted for printing. The staff was cut by 40% to 3 professional librarians and is now supplemented with student workers. Concerns include that the library can not meet demands for databases and print materials, that the technology is aging, and that there is no library presence at the Highlands. Discussion again ensued. Continuing both endeavors was supported by faculty straw votes.

Personnel – Linda Cowan – No report

Social Committee - Shirley Misselwitz; Chairman Gall noted that an end of the year event is being planned.

Student Advising – Tammy McClain – No Report

Announcement:

1. Thanks to those who participated in the Provost searches. Senators attended breakfasts and forums. The executive board recommended Koyzus and Bijou to the screening committee.
2. Rather than assign an ad hoc committee to look at scheduling, it was decided to wait for the Academic Policy and Practices committee survey.

Forum

It was noted that Bob Villamagna had emergency surgery and would be out the rest of the week and to keep him in our prayers.

A motion to adjourn was made at 4:00 and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Smith,
Recording Secretary