

Senators present: Linda Cowan, Jeff Pfister (*secretary*) Gregory Chase, James Crumbacher, David Hanna, Hannah Harnar, Ryan Koenig, Darrin Cox, Aaron Harper, Dominique Hoche, Corey Reigel (*vice-chair*), Peter Staffel, Chad Kuhns, Fuhua Chen, Jon Serra (*chair*), Mohamed Youssef

Absent members: Michael Aulick, Brian Fencl, Aaron Huffman, Matthew Zdilla

Administrators, Representatives, and Honored Guests: Stephen Greiner (*President*) Brian Crawford, (*Provost*), Sylvia Hawranick-Senften (*ACF Representative*), James Haizlett, (*BOG Representative*)

Senate was called to order by the Senate Chair, Jon Serra at 3:32 p.m. in Campbell Hall, room 304.

Announcement

- Next Senate meeting will be held Tuesday, February 20th.
- Senate members were reminded to sign-in using the attendance sheet provided.

President Greiner:

- Enrollment – West Liberty is experiencing the 3rd continuous semester of positive enrollment. While pleased with the report, President Greiner cautions that projections show West Virginia to have a smaller population in the future; therefore it will be difficult for this trend to continue.
- Budget – President Greiner reported that the Governor has recommended a raise. However the State's portion of the allocated funds will only be 0.25% and the University would have to come up with the remaining funds. Currently it is not yet known how the University would make up the difference.
- Legislation - SB 111, Concealed Carry – Faculty Senate Chairs from universities across West Virginia are discussing the proposed language. President Greiner advised Chair Serra that it would be likely that he get a phone call from another institution to discuss policy.
- *Questions from floor* – No Questions.

Provost Crawford:

- Accreditation – The site visit for the MA Clinical Psychology concluded. Official results should become available during summer
- Higher Learning Commission – an accreditation team will arrive Monday, March 19th and Tuesday, March 20th. Faculty is reminded that they will have an open session with the team.
- Faculty Salary Policy – Faculty should expect the policy to be posted in late spring for comment.
- *Questions from the floor* – 1) heating issues in the Elbin library. Discussion followed.

Sylvia Hawranick-Senften – ACF Representative:

- SB 111, Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act – the purpose of this bill is to enact the exercise of First Amendment rights on public university campuses with regard to forms of assembly, protests, speech, and petitions.
- PEIA – GO365 continues to receive lots of public concerns. \$25 premium fee for those who don't earn the minimum number of points should be removed.
- *Questions from the floor* – 1) SB111, target harassment. Discussion followed.

Jim Haizlett – BOG Representative:

- Next BOG meetings – January 31st and April 4th
- Policy 34 – was officially rescinded by BOG. This former policy (34) will now become an “administrative procedure” rather than a Board Policy, similar to West Virginia University and Ohio State. Jim suggested since this no longer is a BOG policy, he will no longer serve to facilitate dialogue. He would like to see the new procedures available for advance review.

Chad Kuhns – General Studies:

- 2-year data reports – Faculty teaching a General Studies should have received an email from Sarah West. This email was only sent to the faculty members who teach a General Studies course and have used LiveText for assessment.
- Assessment of Program Level data – Program Level rubric will be selected for capstone or upper level -- committee is considering make proposal for policy which will possibly be posted later in the Spring
- *Questions from the floor* – 1) Concern of dissemination of assessment data released publically about a faculty individual data. 2) SOL norming, 3) Data trends. Discussion followed.

Aaron Harper – Academic Policies Report:

- Academic Dishonesty Procedure Proposal – the current policy and types of academic dishonesty are being reviewed. Graduate programs and special programs are recommended to have their own policy.
- *Questions from the floor* – Discussion Followed.

Darrin Cox – Finance Report:

- Faculty Salary – committee is looking at compression and reviewing suggestions for salary equity.
- Faculty Workload – Senator Cox reminded Senate that the current performance measurement tool of “Significant, Significant, Reasonable” was initiated when the teaching load was 12 credits.
Discussion continued following committee reports.

Dominique Hoche – Personnel Policies Report:

- Volunteers – an announcement will be sent to recruit committee members. Anyone interested should contact Dominique directly.
- *Questions from the floor* – no questions.

Ryan Koenig – HE 300, Nutrition and Physical Fitness proposal:

- Background – Add HE 300, Nutrition and Physical Fitness to Group 6 in the Perceptions and Cultures category of General Studies. This addition will provide students another option in Group 6 (HE 250 - Intro. to Health). HE 300 seeks to connect self and cultural awareness through knowledge of nutrition and physical fitness.
- Motion – Ryan Koenig made the motion to add HE300 to General Studies, Corey Reigel seconded motion. Discussion – 1) Prerequisites. 2) Numbering of a 300 has the perception of an upper level course.
- Motion Amended – Per floor discussion, the course numbering will be revised to receive a 200-level numbering.
- *Vote* – Faculty voted, Motion Amendment: 15 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 Abstention
- Discussion occurred.
- *Vote* – Faculty voted, Motion to add HE 300 to General Studies carries: 13 Yea, 2 Nay, 1 Abstention

David Hanna – MS, Athletic Training:

Background – The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) will no longer be offering accreditation of BS programs in Athletic Training. Institutions across the State offering BS degrees in Athletic Training will be required to shift to a master's or doctoral level program or will lose accreditation. This MS degree proposal offers West Liberty an early entry into the advance degree field by integrating a 4+1 program.

- Motion – David Hanna made a motion to add Master in Science in Athletic Training, Linda Cowan seconded.
- Discussion occurred.
- *Vote* – Faculty voted, Motion: 15 Yea, 0 Nay, 2 Abstention

Discussion:

Faculty Workload – Senate Chair Serra reported that the topic of workload has been something talked about in recent years. The purpose of this topic is not to state that we are working, but to examine how performance is measured. Should this topic be examined in greater detail with other Institutions? Is this something that Senate should be examining? Senators are asked to bring the topic to their constituents.

Faculty Forum:

- Various topics were identified and discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Senate adjourned at 5:35 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Pfister, Senate Secretary