

Senators present: Linda Cowan, Jeff Pfister, Anna Stephan-Robinson, Gayle Jesse, Vishakha Maskey, Aaron Huffman, Ryan Koenig, Steve Richards, Darrin Cox, Aaron Harper, Dominique Hoche, Corey Reigel, John Float, Robert Kreisberg, Chad Kuhns, Jon Serra, Mohamed Youssef

Absent members: all Senate members present

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

Senate was called to order by the Senate Chair, Darrin Cox at 3:31 p.m. in Campbell Hall, room 304.

Chair Cox made the following announcements:

- Space Utilization and Facilities Allocation ad-hoc committee has been formed. Members include David Hanna, Steve Criniti, Brian Nichols and Kimberly Underwood.
- Family Medical Leave ad-hoc committee has been formed. Members include Kimberly Underwood, Bill Childers, and Angela Rehbein.
- Parliamentarian – Gayle Jesse will be serving as the Parliamentarian for Senate.
- Standing Committee Changes – In order to bring Senate into alignment with newly created policies and procedures, Chair Cox consolidated former standing committees into 1 policy committee. This change was one reason for the revision to Policy 123 and Faculty Senate Bi-Laws.

Board of Governors; Chair, Pat Ford:

- Involvement – Chair Ford expressed his excitement and passion for serving on the BOG for West Liberty University. Mr. Ford is active on social media sharing and promoting activities that occur within the Board.
- *Questions from floor* – 1) BOG representative Jim Haizlett stated he appreciated Chair Ford leadership at the meetings. 2) University Goals – Chair Ford stated that his primary goal is stay engaged on campus and remain transparent with leadership. 3) Shared Governance – Chair Ford stated that this is a large topic that he is willing to discuss.

President Greiner:

- Blue Ribbon Commission – discussions are ongoing to determine regional funding formula. President Greiner stated that he has been advocating for an equal amount of funding per student. West Virginia University would receive \$9000.00 per in-state student whereas West Liberty would receive \$4000.00.

- Housing – An apartment complex will be built over the location of the former Huffman house. Opening in September 2019 the new facility will have 72 beds, 2-bedroom units with the parking lot in the back of the building. Long-term plans include demolition of additional University owned adjacent properties and additional units.
- Land Purchase – BOG approved the purchase of 6 acres of land within walking distance of campus. President Greiner inquired to Senate if the University is in need of faculty housing. President Greiner would welcome ideas of what construction would be appropriate for this space.
- *Questions from floor* - 1) WFF – Comments or concerns about the performance of WFF should be forwarded to President Greiner.

Provost Crawford:

- Provost Crawford was not available for a report.

Assistant Provost Jeremy Larance - Planning Task Force:

- Data Collection – Task Force groups have been active in collection of data. Dr. Larance demonstrated the webpage (wluplanning.org) used to display various surveys. Results of the data collection will not be available until spring.
- *Questions from floor* – No Questions

Sylvia Hawranick-Senften – ACF Representative:

- ACF Meeting – 1) formula funding, approved by LOCIA. 2) WV has highest default rate of student loans in the nation. Average national debt is \$29K, whereas the average debt of WLU student is \$18K. 3) State-wide library services (shared resources) will be discussed in November.
- *Questions from the floor* – No Questions.

Jim Haizlett – BOG Representative:

- Professor Haizlett expressed his appreciation for the leadership of BOG Chairman, Pat Ford and the health of the Board. Haizlett reported that there is an openness at the Board level to express feedback openly.
- *Questions from the floor* – No Questions.

Finance; Dominique Hoche

- Workload – committee recently met to review the workload evidence and Senate approved recommendations. They are currently working on a chart to reflect the recommendations and intend to draft a policy following.
- *Questions from the floor* – 1) Faculty Raises – Senator Kuhns reported that a constituent stated that it would have nice if the letter included the median salary ranges.

Policy Committee; Ryan Koenig

- Committee Focus – the committee met to discuss the tasks that they should direct their efforts toward. After review, the committee elected to direct efforts toward reviewing and possibly updating the textbook policy. Senator Koenig requested that anyone wishing to contribute information for the textbook policy should share ideas with the committee. Additionally the committee was considering if course management systems such as LiveText should be included in the policy.
- *Questions from the floor* – 1) Senator Maskey inquired about the clarification of policy

Action Items

- **Endorsement of ACF Goals** – Chair Cox inquired if Senate should consider a vote of “each” ACF or if the vote should be for the collective body.
- Motion – Jon Serra made a motion to vote on the collective body of goals, Seconded by Linda Cowan.
- Discussion – Dr. Senften reported that she felt the issues were very critical to faculty at our institution.
- Vote – Faculty voted: Motion Passes

- **Policy 123 revision** – Chair Cox explained that the creation and modifications this policy included an “election” position. This modification removed the election replaced the election with the Chair of the Policies Committee from Faculty Senate.
- Motion – Jon Serra made a motion to accept the policy revision.
- Discussion occurred.
- Motion Tabled – Jon Serra tabled his motion until voting on the revised Faculty Senate Bi-Laws.
- Vote – Faculty voted: Motion tabled
- Motion to remove Policy 123 from table - Faculty voted: Motion removed from table.
- Vote – Faculty voted: Motion to accept Policy 123 revision passes.

- **Faculty Senate Bi-Laws** – Chair Cox identified that Section 1, Article 6 referred to the faculty handbook. Provost Crawford recently reported that “policies” are essentially the handbook of the faculty.
- Motion – Corey Reigel made a motion to accept the changes, Seconded by Jon Serra
- Discussion occurred.
- Vote – Faculty voted: Motion Passes

Discussion

Graduate Council Minutes – Chair Cox reviewed discussion from the September Senate meeting, which questioned the need for representation of Graduate Council at Senate meetings or for Faculty Senate to send representation to the Graduate Council meetings. After discussion at the Executive Council meeting, it was determined that Graduate Council would share minutes via the campus list-serve. Chair Cox then conducted a straw poll to determine if the Senate endorsed the idea of Graduate Council.

Faculty Forum:

- Various topics were identified and discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Senate adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Pfister, Senate Secretary