

Senators present: Linda Cowan, Jeff Pfister, Anna Stephan-Robinson, Gayle Jessie, David Wolfe, Aaron Huffman, Ryan Koenig, Steve Richards, Darrin Cox, Aaron Harper, Corey Reigel, Kim Underwood, Robert Kreisberg, Jon Serra, Mohamed Youssef

Absent members: Vishakha Maskey, John Float, Chad Kuhns

Administrators, Representatives, and Honored Guests: Stephen Greiner (*President*), Sylvia Senften (*ACF Representative*), Robert Gall (*BOG Representative*)

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

Minutes – Senate approved the minutes from the April 16, 2019 meeting.

Announcements:

- Salary Increase – Chair Cox reported that faculty should expect a salary raise in October 2019. Calculations will be determined using the same formula as suggested by the Faculty Salary Review Committee.

President Greiner:

- Enrollment – is approximately 2500 students, which is slightly down but as expected due to the declining demographics within WV, OH, and PA. The current budget was set for this expected decline.
- Construction – student apartments should be finished by October 1st. 51 students were displaced due to the completion delay.
- Library elevator – Elevator updates have been completed across campus with the exception of the library. Due to unforeseen issues, the repair of the library elevator has been much more extensive. This project should be complete in November.
- Demolition of housing on Rt. 88. – The house closest to Methodist Church will become a Crime Scene Lab for the Criminology Program. The others will be demolished once the asbestos report has been cleared.
- Master Plan – We now have an agreed upon design plan with an architect for the completion of the 4th floor of Campbell Hall. This area will house 2 clinics, 1 for Clinical Psychology and 1 for Speech Pathology. The project is expected to begin sometime this year. Funding for the project is already in place.
- *Questions from floor* – Chair Cox inquired about the furnishing for the new apartments and the furniture from Krise Hall storage. Senator Serra asked about the status of the air conditioning repair in Main Hall. Chair Cox inquired about the status of BOG Chair, Pat Ford. Senator Cowan asked if nominations for a new BOG Chair could be accepted.

Sylvia Senften – ACF Representative:

- Summer Retreat – West Virginia University will no longer be supporting the West Virginia Consortium for Faculty and Course Development in International Studies. (FACDIS). HEPC is reviewing to determine options for continuing the program.
- Library Consortium – a partial implementation with several different schools has been tested with community colleges and the West Virginia Library System with hope to move forward with a combined library system.
- Open Education Resources – an upcoming workshop will be held in Morgantown.
- Legislative Session – funding formulas are continuing to be discussed.
- ACF Priorities – a list of the ACF Priorities was distributed with the agenda.
- *Questions from the floor* – Chair Cox asked about rumors of West Virginia University possibly managing PEIA to become the health care provider for West Virginia. Senator Stephan-Robinson asked about how the library consortium might operate.

Robert Gall – BOG Representative:

BOG Representative Gall reported attending both the August BOG meeting and the Finance Committee meeting and stated that he would provide comments on items that had not yet been discussed.

- OVMC – closing of the OVMC resulted in the loss of placement for 86 students.
- International Enrollment – despite national trends of lower applications by International students attending U.S. schools, Scott Cook reportedly stated that WLU has been doing well with international applications.
- Foundation – while 90% of revenue received by the Foundation comes from major donors, the Foundation has seen an increase of 45% in new smaller donations.
- Audit - Roberta Linger, VP of Finance and Administration had stated during the Convocation meeting that WLU was undergoing an audit. This is likely due to a former athletic coach offering non-existent scholarships.
- BOG Evaluation of President – BOG Chair, Pat Ford stated that the Executive Committee would be addressing the evaluation of the President.
- Next BOG meeting will be held on October 16th.
- President Greiner added that he had recently met with the Weirton Medical Center CEO about taking additional nursing students.
- *Questions from the floor* – Senator Cowan proposed that Executive Senate consider moving the next Senate meeting until after the next BOG meeting. Chair Cox agreed to debate this in Executive Committee.

Chad Kuhns – General Studies Assessment Committee:

- Senator Kuhns was not able to attend the meeting but sent a report. Chair Cox displayed the full report on the projection screen, it read as follows:
- In the course of revamping the general studies program at WLU, the question arose naturally as to how the work and/or mission of GSAC should/could change. In response, we decided the following:

1. While we rework it, no general studies assessment will be required during the Fall 2019 semester.
2. During the Fall 2019 semester, GSAC will meet with faculty teaching courses under the Written (ENG 101/2/3) and Oral (COM 101) Communication groupings.
3. In these meetings, GSAC will direct faculty to A) as a group, construct rubric criteria on which their courses will be assessed and B) by course, select assignments to be assessed on these criteria.
4. In the spring 2020 semester, all sections of these (Communications SLO) courses will administer their assessments.
5. This will essentially serve as a "pilot" of the new GS assessment system; analogues of this process will be carried out in the Analysis and Self/Cultural Awareness SLOs; courses in groupings under these SLOs will begin administering assessments Spring 2021.

GSAC appreciates the patience of faculty as we undergo this major improvement to GS assessment. Please direct any questions/comments/concerns/ideas/etc. to Chad Kuhns.

- *Questions from the floor* – Senator Cowan requested that the full report be sent electronically to all Senators.

Committee Reports:

Policies: Chair, Ryan Koenig

- Volunteers – the recent call for volunteers was successful. The committee now has 5 members.
- Last year – the committee focused on 2 priorities, 1) Textbook Policy which was tabled, and 2) Policy 123 – the Committee submitted a suggested edit which was tabled. Senator Koenig discussed the proposed changes to Policy 123 to reflect a 30-day comment period to include policies and procedures. Senator Koenig expressed concern that Faculty Senate did not have the opportunity to discuss and vote on these issues as a body.
- *Questions from the floor* – Senator Cowan expressed concern about how our policies don't match from different locations. Senator Kreisberg noted how the history of the printed handbook existed and the issues and faults of not updating the handbook. Chair Cox identified concerns of committees creating policy which are now not under the structure of Faculty Senate. Discussion continued with input from various Senate members about the role of Senate.

Finance: Chair, Kim Underwood

- Volunteers – a request for volunteers was posted but received no response. If anyone would like to serve on this committee they should contact Dr. Underwood.
- Adjunct Course Loads – making revisions from comments in Policy 210.
- Teaching Abroad – the committee will be considering protocol for how faculty will be paid for study abroad trips.
- *Questions from the floor* – No Questions.

Space Utilization; Chair, Kim Underwood

- Meeting – the committee will be attempting to setup a 3rd meeting with IT Director, Joe Rodella to create a website in order to display information about classrooms.
- *Questions from the floor* – Senator Kreisberg inquired if the committee would be addressing the “prioritization” of teaching spaces. Senator Harper asked about the placement of classes to rooms.

Faculty Medical Leave; Kim Underwood

- Modified Duties for Nine-Month Faculty document – Chair Cox presented the draft produced by the committee last spring.
- *Questions from the floor* – Senator Wolfe – asked how the current draft would not cover members in his College.

Action Items:

Approval of ACF Priorities – Dr. Sylvia Senften

- Chair Cox presented the ACF priorities distributed with the agenda.
- *Motion* – Dr. Senften made a motion to accept the ACF priorities, Seconded by Senator Cowan.
- Vote – Faculty Voted, Motion to accept ACF Priorities passed.

Family Medical Leave Draft – Dr. Kim Underwood

- Draft – Chair Cox presented the draft produced by the committee.
- *Motion* – Senator Underwood made a motion to accept the policy draft, Seconded by Senator Kreisberg.
- *Motion* - Senator Cowan made a motion to table the policy until edits could be completed, Seconded by Senator Reigel.
- Vote – Faculty Voted, Motion to table passes.

Faculty Forum:

- Various topics were identified and discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Senate adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Pfister, Senate Secretary