

Minutes from the WVSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting  
Friday, August 25, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in Hamblin Hall 002

**Attendance:** Chair, Rich Ford; Vice-Chair, Jessica Barnes-Pietruszynski; Secretary, Dirk Johnson; AL Rep., Jeff Pietruszynski; Historian, Deborah Wells; BOG Rep., Frank Vaughn, ACF Rep., Barbara Ladner; Guest, Kathy Harper; Guest, Naveed Zaman

Meeting called to order 12:05 p.m.

1. R. Ford mentioned that Pres. Jenkins came at 11:15 and they visited for 45 minutes.
2. J Pietruszynski moved to approve minutes, Jessica Barnes- Pietruszynski seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Meeting times will be noon on last Friday of month.
4. N. Zaman suggested improvements to the policy for indirect monies from grants to encourage faculty to pursue more opportunities. Hiring more adjuncts to free faculty for research, faculty recognition in grant awards and research, and transparent reporting regarding grant monies would all help. B. Ladner moved and J. Pietruszynski seconded that we refer this to the research committee to examine the policy to make recommendations for improved transparency and a fiscal policy that incentivizes faculty. The motion carried unanimously.
5. N. Zaman recommended a chain of custody for faculty recommendations so that they are secure, and therefore reliable. FPC is in charge of this process and needs to take action. Mehdi worked on improving the instrument with a research group of students.
6. R. Ford raised the question of what appropriate role Deans, as full-time faculty members, should play in certain aspects of faculty governance. Faculty senate can determine who, within our jurisdiction, can serve on committees, vote in elections, etc. Discussion will continue later.
7. K. Harper and F. Vaughan described a number of challenges academic departments are facing with with the WVSU Early Enrollment Program. Courses have been approved without department approval, and oversight of curriculum and instructors is a challenge for time-strapped department chairs, given the number of sections and location of classes throughout the valley, which causes accreditation challenges and can lead to brand degradation. As chair of the General Education Committee, B. Ladner said she would email the department chairs to get information and consensus on ways to improve the program.
8. B. Ladner would like a local legislature meeting similar to what was organized by Fairmont State's ACF rep. The invited legislators would visit with several small groups formed for the evening, including students, faculty, and administrators.
9. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski reports that the 2017–2018 Standing Committees List is as updated as much as possible. Some committee chairs were not selected due to the meeting time being scheduled before college elections. Administrative titles have changed, making it hard to place

the right folks. The College of Professional Studies needs to select a replacement for Brenda Wilson. Jessica will email the PSS faculty senators to select a short-term replacement until they can have an election. J. Pietruszynski recommends a repository of minutes to help with accountability for committee work.

10. The question came up wondering if there should be a graduate rep to faculty senate. With the Graduate Council, the consensus is that this provides them this opportunity, so they do not need to be a part of faculty senate.