**Minutes from the WVSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting**

**Friday, April 28, 2017 in Wallace Hall Room 118**

**Attendance:** Chair R. Ford, Vice-Chair R. Baker, Historian D. Wells, Secretary T. Alderman,

At-large J. Pietruszynski, At-large R. Harris, BOG Rep. T. Guetzloff, and ACF Rep. B. Ladner

**1**. The agenda for the meeting was amended to add the report from the Safety Committee to the General Faculty

meeting on May 11. Adjustments were made to correct the list of faculty to be elected at the May 5 Senate

meeting and May 11 General Faculty meeting. The list of department chairs elected recently was amended to

include the English Dept.

**2**. Approval of the minutes from the March 31, 2017, Senate Executive Meeting was moved by J. Pietruszynski,

and seconded by R. Harris, which motion carried.

**3**. A discussion took place regarding the tie in the April 20 chair election in the Behavioral & Social Sciences

Dept. It is the decision of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee that since the Dept.’s vote is a

recommendation to the Provost, the Provost should decide whether to have another vote among the faculty or

pick one of the candidates himself.

**4**. The May 5 Faculty Senate meeting agenda was discussed, with the Standing Committee reports and other

usual reports being set. The Senate in Executive Session will then hear reports from the Promotion &

Tenure and Retention Committees. The Chair of the Honors Committee is also slated to report, and there is

a proposed amendment from Dr. Ruhnke regarding the Constitution/By-Laws description of the Committee

and its membership. Dr. Ladner moved, with Dr. Harris’ second, to amend the proposed amendment by

changing the membership rules, to state one *elected* faculty per college (*vs*. one per College appointed by the

Faculty Senate Exec. Committee). Dr. Ladner also moved, with Dr. Guetzloff’s second, to change

Dr.Ruhnke’s proposed terms to *three* years for the “at-large” members (*vs*. two years). These motions

carried. [It is assumed that these elections would be held during the August general faculty meetings.]

**5**. Dr. Ford wants the Safety Committee to report to the General Faculty meeting on May 11.

**6**. We have had no word on progress regarding the policy of administratively dropping of non-attending

students, which task force/committee Dr. Ruhnke is leading.

**7**. Dr. Pietruszynski is following up on the Senate’s plan to have WVSU implement a tuition reduction policy

for faculty and staff offspring, by contacting officials for their input.

**8**. In response to Dr. Seyedmonir’s questions at an earlier Senate meeting regarding the Attendance

Accommodation Procedure from the Disability Services Office, a printed version of the procedure was

reviewed and will be presented to the Senate. Accommodations for test time, however, may need to be

tweaked for some courses. An Advisory Committee has been formed to review cases.

**9**. Dr. Guetzloff reported on Board of Governors meetings. One program in Health & Human Performance was

dropped. The BOG is enforcing its rules on the viability of programs, the number of majors enrolled (40

seems to be the tipping point), and number of graduates per year. The incoming President of the HEPC

seems to want a “cost effectiveness” criterion for programs, Dr. Ladner reported. A five percent tuition

increase is certain next fall, depending on how much the Legislature cuts higher eduction’s budget, with a

limit of ten percent possible. The BOG’s forcing the Communications Dept. to add a course in Sports

Broadcasting (to stream basketball games) with neither the Department’s nor EPC’s approval or notification

was addressed. Dr. Fultz should make a note of this in his regular report from EPC on May 5.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Alderman, Secretary of the Faculty Senate