Exec committee 10/24/24

Present: Paige Carney, LeighAnn Davidson, Tom Kiddie, Barbara :Ladner, Kellie Toledo

Agenda approved by consensus.

**BOG** Jeff Pietruszynski will give a report at the Senate meeting but was at the BOG meeting during the Executive Committee meeting (which was rescheduled to accommodate Davidson’s need to be at the Criminal Justice Fair on Friday). Pietruszynski will email the Executive Committee if there is anything that is a priority and report otherwise at Senate.

**ACF** Ladner reported that she had sent out a preliminary list of ACF issues that will be discussed at the ACF Retreat, Nov. 8-9, 2024, for feedback from the faculty. They were: AI, DEI legislation, Campus Carry implementation, library services, the Level Up initiative (dual enrollment), OER, microcredentialing, and virtual or blended courses. Kiddie sent some feedback about AI, and Mark Wilson emailed about concerns about dual enrollment, but Ladner had not yet received a detailed response. I will give the list at Senate and see if anybody says anything and then take those to the retreat.

**EPC** If there is a report, it will be presented at Senate.

Davidson reported that some of the things that the administration is working on include classroom technology, more deferred maintenance money, and technology. The technology committee went through and has developed a new IT list for classrooms. She also reported that carpets have been installed in some classrooms and some have been painted. She thinks that they’re doing the work in waves and they’re doing some of the classrooms that aren’t used as heavily this semester. Some buildings/rooms have had some issues with getting tiles up or getting older carpet off tiles.

Vonda Matthews is working on a relocation directory and has gotten information for almost everybody, including trying to get R&D staff. Davidson thinks that she will send that out as soon as she gets that finalized. It will be in an Excel spreadsheet, so it will be easy to search.

They’re looking at physical facilities and how cost-effective it would be to just hire in house again. There are also issues with where people can call if there’s an urgent issue on weekends or overnight. UPD answers 24 hours, but there are issues if two calls come in at the same time, because there’s no way to leave a message if the line is busy. We probably need to figure out what the protocol is on that for safety issues after hours. There is a task force to look at components of campus safety in emergencies that not just about evacuation.

Ther was a faculty lecture by Mike Fultz on October 22 with about 14 faculty and a couple of students there. There will be others on November 14 and 21.

There have been updates reported on a website made of deferred maintenance projects and is being updated as projects are completed. Davidson thinks they will build something like this for Future State progress. put that on the website. Stuff will be put up for comment, and Davidson will make sure such items are shared with the faculty.

The project to update the website still has to deal with many things that don’t work or are hidden or cannot be found easily. These things need to be fixed and updated before HLC starts looking at WVSU webpages, a few months before the actual visit. Toledo noted that more detailed training session on Wordpress (for updating the website) would be helpful.

Davidson noted that the Senate agenda will include an item on electronic portfolios, since there’s a deadline coming up. Annual reports will also be due and could be needed for accreditation, especially as sources of evidence for the report and as evidence of assessment/evauation of faculty performance.

The Future State consultants Ruth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Ken \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ met virtually with 160 people in the faculty, staff, and student forums, and there were 48 responses to the Qualtrix survey. The consultants are collecting the data and like putting it into a form, categorizing it to make it easier to analyze by the Future State Committee. The FS committee will prepare report and identify issues that we can address like immediately, such as improving procedures, as well as that will need further discussion. There also will be a pathway or schedule to discuss different areas and issues at the University. Ruth hasa all the notes and will compile a report on the feedback for the FS committee. There was some discussion of the adequacy of the Qualtrix survey.

Jason MacAllister will go over the funding formula at the Senate meeting next week. The consultants definitely want to include the funding formula in their analysis, because they want changes to fit in with how we will be graded in the future. There is also a need to have him address transparency in WVSU’s budget process. The other thing that was addressed at the last FS meeting was the facilities and the shape they’re in. Ruth and Ken were completely shocked at some of the facilities. We do have a list of things that it might need to be prioritized based on health issues and ADA compliance issues and there were several things that they brought to light that they’re going to make note of in this report. There are some issues, like pipes from the 1930s that are only going to get worse. These are major recruiting and retention issues. In the ABET accreditation visit for our engineering program, one of the main “dings” related to safety equipment, such as chemical showers. The visitor said we did that we do more than a lot of schools on general education and assessment than many of the schools he has visited.

We will discuss at Senate amending the language about the Appeals Committee. Ladner will look up whether it will need an amendment to the Constitution (needing a full faculty vote) or just the By-Laws (needing only Senate vote, with two readings). Issues with the Faculty Senate website, including archives, to which older documents could be moved. It’s not clear who has editing permission for the Senate webpages.

Kiddie needs faculty and staff to draft portions of the accreditation report, rather than interviewing people to get the information and write it. For one thing, he can’t write the whole report, and people in the areas know what questions to ask/answer better than anyone outside the area can.

On the issue of AI, the ad hoc AI committee met and it’s not clear why Kiddie wasn’t on it.

On Faculty Evaluation, the main area that needs revision is research, but also the points assigned and how they are totaled up for ‘exemplary,’ ‘satisfactory,’ and ‘marginal’ needs to be revised.