**Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Minutes for November 22, 20234**

The meeting was called to order 12:01.

Present: LeighAnn Davidson (LD), Jeffrey Pietruszynski (JP), Jessica Barnes-Pietruszynski (JBP), Barbara Ladner (BL), Tom Kiddie (TK)

JB moved & BL seconded approval of the agenda. Passed.

The minutes from the October meeting were approve, but I failed to write down who moved and seconded the motion.

General/Announcements: LD noted that the Faculty Senate website isn’t working. There’s not even a link to upload anything. She has been giving things to Jack Bailey to upload. Stuff from before the redesign needs to be put on the new website. No one on campus has tried to fix it. WVNET has been told that there’s a problem, but they haven’t fixed it yet. LD has a lot of the stuff, in case they’ve lost it, as they did with the assessment page. We also need a ‘place’ in the library for a digital archive. LD knows how to update, if they give her editing permission again.

The President will be at Senate to answer questions.

We need to get grades turned in on time (by 5 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 17), because letters about suspensions have to go out by Dec. 21.

JP has a 90% complete document for a handbook for junior faculty. Kerri Steele said that some junior faculty members have questions about what to put in their self-reports and portfolios for retention, third-year review, and promotion/tenure.

The holiday party will be on the day after finals, the Friday before graduation. The President is paying for meat with potluck for other things. There was discussion of ways that this plan does not improve faculty morale and may make it worse.

BOG: JP said that the BOG meeting was mostly informational, plus the groundbreaking on the new agriculture building, which went well and included Baby Dog. There was nothing major. The BOG is still working out program review. Mike Anderson has sent a new template for the reports. JP clarified that the yearly reviews departments now do is not program review. It’s an annual report that’s different from before. The BOG wants them short, but if we are going to peer review them, we need information to evaluate. Program review has been most of the BOG’s work. Other things the BOG has discussed or worked on are not public (yet?). Jay Hayes (JH; IT director) is saying that we (Faculty Senate and/or the Executive Committee) should start looking at (and present to board) a better cybersecurity policy. JP says that faculty members will probably want to get involved. We are not compliant with government regulations as far as our cybersecurity policy. Adobe now requires that anything you do in their cloud belongs to them partially, at least for training their AI. JH is willing to work with us on it. JP will bring up at Senate. TK says that the Wylie suit settled on Sunday, so he doesn’t have to testify, but he doesn’t know the terms. JP hasn’t heard anything he can discuss about the DOW suit. TK thinks the case has gone to the jury. The President plans to be at the senate meeting, so we can ask him.

AI: WVSU renewed the Turnitin license Nov. 1, but the University isn’t paying for the extra license for the better AI checker, which TK says is about $5,000. JP will ask Justin McAllister about it at the next BOG meeting. Fees and online tuition have been raised.
The official budget they give the COL/TK doesn’t even cover licensing for Moodle, in spite of the fact that ~$2 million was taken in.

Classroom technology: Mahmoud Eyas will report the classroom tech data at Senate.

Future State (FS): The FS Committee got feedback from the NCUBO consultants, Ruth and Ken. The Committee put together information from that to send out. The President has yet to approve that material. One big issue they identified was the poor state of the University’s infrastructure. A report on what the Committee has done so far may go out today. There were many comments that it is disrespectful to make faculty work in these conditions. JP asked how it will go to the BOG – how it will be filtered. LD said that the President won’t change what the Committee says, but he may add his own comments (at least, that is what he has done so far). Provost Debbie Williams has a copy of what the FS Committee sent up the line, so they can compare that to what goes out. One area that the FS Committee will be looking at is fees. NCUBO is still involved. The consultants looked at athletics and foundation first, because of time issues with athletes and the capital campaign. Other stuff will come later.

Capital Campaign: University Development will give a report on the capital campaign at Senate at a meeting in the spring. They are likely to ask several department chairs to go to meetings with potential donors when it’s about their specific programs.

Online observation form: TK asked about the online observation form. If it’s finalized, it should be presented to the Senate. Walter Stroupe is chair of the OnLine Advisory Committee (OLAC). TK was chair. It turns out that the Faculty Grievance committee is listed in the Constitution. LD said that we can try to do both the OLAC committee report and deleting the Faculty Grievance Committee (FGC) vote at Senate. The vote on the FGC then goes to the full faculty for a vote.