

**Minutes from the WVSU Faculty Senate Meeting on Friday, March 2, 2018**  
**Hamblin Hall Auditorium, 1:30 pm**

**Attendance:**

Senators: A&H – J. Barnes-Pietruszynski (vice-chair), D. Johnson (secretary); BSS- M. Seyedmonir; LC – M. Casey, D. Wells (historian); NSM – R. Baker, M. Fultz; PS – O. Banks; ACF – B. Ladner; BOG – F. Vaughan

Executive At-Large: T. Guetzloff

Visiting Faculty: Kathy Harper

Library: W. Stinson

Academic Appeals Committee: M. Kane

Safety: B. Porterfield

Constitution and Bylaws: M. Workman

Deans/Interim Deans: R. Wallace (A&H), D. Williams (BSS), N. Zaman (NSM), P. Carney (PS)

Meeting called to order at 1:37 pm

1. M. Fultz moved, F. Vaughan seconded approval of the agenda. The motion carried by voice vote.
2. Announcements: J. Barnes-Pietruszynski reminded the senate that standing committee chairs should upload minutes of standing committees to Google Drive. Chair elections for chemistry and math & computer sciences upcoming; social work and criminal justice are done.
3. ACF – M. Fultz asked for clarification on the Tennessee figure of 800 million Per student. It was a typo meant to be deleted. This might be the last year for the Great Teacher Seminar due to cut to appropriations to HEPC. Questions were asked regarding raises this year as a result of the legislature's pay raise for state employees. B. Ladner was unsure about the details specific to WVSU.
4. BOG – F. Vaughan reported that the 30 day review period of the Post-Tenure Review of Faculty is open now until March 22. Meetings are March 27 and April 6. T. Guetzloff asked if F. Vaughan knew where the funding was coming for the water tower monument, concerned about it coming from Academic Affairs.
5. EPC – M. Fultz reported that the minutes have been sent. The committee had nearly 70 proposals. The majority of proposals were to phase out the recreation and tourism degree and changing English prerequisites from "and" to "or." Fifteen music proposals were rejected due to syllabi issues. R. Baker moved and F. Vaughan seconded to accept the report. The motion carried by voice vote.
6. The Research and Faculty Development Committee report is available, with the chair leaving campus worried about incoming weather to the east. R. Baker moved and M. Fultz seconded to approve the report. The motion carried by voice vote.
7. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski confirmed with N. Zaman that the deans would be running faculty evaluations this spring. She asked for an update about the online evaluations. N. Zaman stated that the Executive Committee had until the fall to figure this out. B. Ladner asked if we have the Banner Student module. T. Guetzloff stated that Eugene would know this. R. Baker said he knew there are 5 banner modules, and he said that we had all five.
8. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski asked about our response to Conceal and Carry legislation. B. Ladner clarified that this legislation forbids anyone from asking if a person has a weapon in a locked case in their vehicle. F. Vaughan suggested the NRA's mode is expansion. B. Ladner said this is a beach head, leading to the next step. The NRA feels like this will make the campus more safe. B. Ladner said that research says it doesn't make it safer, but also doesn't make it more dangerous. She feels that our public safety people should be able to weigh in on what they can manage. Some feel it is harder to police with more firearms on campus. B. Porterfield said that he is opposed because students make decisions they would like to take back, but you can't take back a firearm choice. The

Executive Committee expressed worries about escalating confrontations and mental illness that shows signs in college age. B. Ladner suggested we get politically active and communicate with legislators. According to B. Porterfield, the original bill allowed for over 21 concealed and carried, but that is not in the bill now. Officers at WVSU can carry on and off duty. B. Ladner stated that we are fifth from the bottom in higher ed. funding per student. Given average income, that puts us up to (just below) national levels. M. Seyedmonir asked if you can ask if someone has a permit to carry. You must carry your license always if across state lines, but in WV you can carry anywhere except where policy or law prohibits it. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski would like a statement of our support for students who protest. M. Fultz said that, given our acceptance standards, this would not be essential.

9. Faculty response to the teacher strike. J. Barnes-Pietruszynski asked if we need to make a statement to faculty offering advice for dealing with children in class during the strike. M. Fultz said children can't be in labs for safety reasons. F. Vaughan said that consistency between faculty can help. P. Carney quoted the handbook policy. J Barnes-Pietruszynski will email out the policy as a reminder of faculty options. She asked if there is a response warranted from us as educators? B. Ladner said that ACF asked about faculty leaving classes in solidarity, and there wasn't interest. F. Vaughan suggested that individuals should act. D. Williams pointed out there is flexibility in the policy (p. 54), requiring prior approval from the professor.

10. Academic Appeals Committee report – M. Kane reported that the committee met twice this year. The first meeting was to address an incomplete that wasn't completed on time and went to an F. The committee ruled in favor of the faculty. In the second, they ruled in favor of the student with a complaint of a Gen. Ed. course. R. Wallace pointed out that it shouldn't have gotten to the committee if the policy had been followed. He asked for this to happen in the future. M. Kane reviewed the basics of the policy. N. Zaman asked what the consequence is if an instructor doesn't do their part. R. Wallace stated this is why he would like to hear a motion that we follow our policy. B. Ladner asked that if we don't meet our deadlines, do we give in to their request automatically? No, but we need to do better following our policy. M. Kane provided a few hypothetical examples of situations that he hears. D. Williams asked if there is any resource where students can find help filling out appeals. M. Fultz and R. Baker seconded to accept the report. The motion carried by voice vote.

11. Constitutional Convention – J. Barnes-Pietruszynski asked if the senate thought it a good idea to have a meeting where we get the committee, senate representation, and college representation together to hammer everything out. M. Workman said he doesn't think we should circumvent the rules of the Constitution and Bylaws to revise them. He also sees more work needing to be done with the handbook than those two documents. M. Fultz said that we need to figure out who owns what part of the handbook. Some parts' origins are a mystery (ex. IRB – T. Guetzloff said that this section was written by lawyers under Pres. Carter). EPC and R&D are our two areas needing help. The other issues are handbook issues. K. Harper asked how she should be going about evaluating faculty whose primary job isn't teaching. R. Wallace asked why the cultural activities description is still the old one. M. Workman said that there are different versions of the Constitution and Bylaws floating around. R. Baker said the official version it is the Academic Affairs Office, who would need to update the online version based on this office copy. D. Wells suggested that every 30-50 years we look at the entire thing to adapt to the changing institution. N. Zaman said that retention and promotion and tenure committee chairs are involved in B. Liedl's work. R. Wallace said that should take precedence. M. Ray stressed the importance of the issue and suggested that other areas need to be considered as B. Liedl does her work. M. Workman suggested those parties from standing committees who need updates attend the C&B committee to hammer it out. R. Baker said we need to fix the archival process of which goes where, with the third category of committee procedures, etc., being less secure. A big picture of how the documents live and how they change will make life easier.

12. F. Vaughan stated that the furlow policy is tabled. T. Guetzloff said he recalled it was discussed as only working if the state government shut down.

13. B. Ladner moved and M. Ray seconded to approve the minutes from February 2. The motion carried by voice vote.

14. J Barnes-Pietruszynski moved and M. Fultz seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.