

## Faculty Senate Minutes

Monday, August 28, 2023, 3:10 p.m., Face to Face/Blue Grey Room

### Senate Roster for 2023-2024:

Austin Showen (MUSC), Haley Albright (CHEM), Robert Anthony (SCCJ), James Broomall (HIST), Courtney Campany (BIOL), Larry Daily (PSYC), Rhonda Donaldson (LIB), Tuncer Gocmen (ECON), Karen Green (SOWK), Max Guirguis (PSCI), Osman Guzide (CME), Melissa Hall (RSES), Brenda Johnston (NURS), Heidi Hanrahan (ENGL/LANG), Belinda Mitchell (EDUC), David Modler (ART), Sytil Murphy (DEPS), Robert Richardson (BADM), Cindy Vance (ACCT), Kevin Williams (COMM), Max Guirguis (ACF).

**Officers:** Heidi Hanrahan (President), Belinda Mitchell (Secretary), Larry Daily (Parliamentarian)

**Meeting Schedule (2023-2024):** 8/28/23, 9/18/23, 10/2/23, 10/16/23, 11/6/23, 12/4/23, 2/5/24, 2/19/24, 3/4/24, 3/18/23, 4/1/24, 4/15/24

Called to order 3:10pm

Austin Showen	MUSC	Present
Haley Albright	CHEM	Present
Robert Anthony	SCCJ	Absent
James Broomall	HIST	Present
Courtney Campany	BIOL	Present
Larry Daily	PSYC	Absent
Rhonda Donaldson	LIB	Present
Tuncer Gocmen	ECON	Absent
Karen Green	SOWK	Present
Max Guirguis	PSCI	Present
Osman Guzide	CME	Present
Melissa Hall	RSES	Present
Brenda Johnston	NURS	Present
Heidi Hanrahan	ENGL/LANG	Present
Belinda Mitchell	EDUC	Present
David Modler	ART	Present
Sytil Murphy	DEPS	Present
Robert Richardson	BADM	Absent
Cindy Vance	ACCT	Present
Kevin Williams	COMM	Present

### I. Approval of August 7, 2023 Minutes /Approved M/S/U

### II. Welcome New Senators: Nursing and Music

### III. Committee Reports

#### Assembly Committees and Representatives

- A. Admissions & Credits (Senator Green) **See Appendix**
  - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Senator Daily) **NR**
  - C. Core Curriculum (Tim Nixon) **See Appendix**
  - D. Advisory Council of Faculty (Senator Guirguis) **See Appendix**
- #### Faculty Senate Committees and Representatives
- E. Library Liaison (Senator Donaldson) **See Appendix**

F. Professional Development, Faculty Salary, and Welfare (Senator Anthony) **NR**

G. Scholarship & Awards (Senators Vance and Murphy) **NR**

H. Senate Bylaws (Senators Anthony, Guirguis, and Mitchell) **NR**

I. Washington Gateway (Senator Modler) **NR**

**External Committee Representatives**

J. Calendar Committee (Senator Gocmen) **NR**

K. Diversity & Equity Committee (Senator Hall) **NR**

L. Enrollment Management Committee (Senator Broomall) **NR**

M. Graduate Council (Senator Williams) **NR**

N. Student Success Committee (Senator Company) **NR**

O. Technology Oversight Committee (Senator Guzide) **See Appendix**

**Other Committees**

P. Budget Advisory Council (Senator Company, Senator Williams, Senator Modler) **NR**

Q. Internationalization Advisory Council (Senator Modler) **NR**

R. Threat Assessment Task Force (Senator Albright and Senator Murphy) **NR**

**IV. Elections**

- C&I Chair :Larry Daily was elected M/S/U
- A&C Chair: Brenda Johnston was elected M/S/U
- Budget Advisory Council: Courtney Company was elected M/S/U
- Scholarship and Awards Committee: Sytil Murphy was elected M/S/U

**V. Possible Revisions to Honor Code, etc. re: AI/Technology (Senators Murphy and Williams)**

After discussion, it was decided that current language in the Honor Code would be sufficient to include AI/Technology issues that may arise.

**VI. Update from Revenue and Cost Savings Committee (Senator Hanrahan)**

The Senate reviewed and discussed a list of positions “swept, delayed, or canceled” since May 1. Senators were given a copy of that list and were asked to share/explain with their departments/schools.

The Senate also reviewed a list of cost-saving and revenue-generating initiatives shared by Dr. Jenny Flora on behalf of the Revenue and Cost-Saving Committee. Senators were asked to share with departments/schools and encourage those with new ideas to bring them to that committee.

The Senate also spent some time discussing Beacon. Discussion was centered on the points that every faculty member should use it and carefully review the email, links, and attachments sent out by Hannah Williams-McNamee, Assistant Director of the Student Success Center, last week.

**VII. Possible Summer Calendar Revision Request (Senator Murphy)**

Senator Murphy brought to the senate the concern that the summer calendar has lost one instructional day for the past two summers because of the Juneteenth holiday. There was no objection to the holiday itself, just a concern of losing an instructional day. It was asked of the Senate if we could request an additional instructional day be added to the summer calendar. The following motion was made:

Resolution/Request: Since Juneteenth is a federal holiday and often observed as a state holiday, the Senate asks that it be added regularly to the Summer calendar and that an additional instructional day is added to make up for lost instructional time. M/S/U

**VIII. Remote Proctoring (Senator Broomall)**

Senator Broomall brought a concern from his department regarding the loss of remote proctoring. After a lengthy discussion by the Senate, it was decided that Senator Broomall would seek input from Rich Lanham and Yildiz Nuredinoski about the possibility of adding remote proctoring to Brightspace.

**IX. Committees in the Aftermath of Restructuring (Senator Hanrahan)**

The Senate began our discussion of representation on committees under the new structure. Until the Academic Prioritization recommendations come from the Office of the Provost, the senate decided they cannot truly respond, but the senate *can* review committees' structures as they already exist. Senators have been charged with reviewing current committees' structures with their schools and departments.

#### **X. Restructuring and Online Presence (websites, social media, etc.) of Programs/Departments (Senator Hanrahan)**

The Senate had a discussion about the timelines and plans for the updated website, particularly the Academic Affairs side—particularly what will happen to the web presences of departments that have been combined. The senate came we came up with a list of questions/topics that the senate president will bring to Heidi Schlag for discussion, including timelines, structure, access, and what will happen to existing content.

#### **XI. Announcements**

##### **A. Board of Governors Meetings Schedule (4:15 p.m., Storer Ballroom of Student Center)**

- 9/14/23
- 11/9/23
- 12/14/23
- 2/15/24
- 4/18/24
- 6/6/24

##### **B. Assembly: 9/11/23, 4:10 in EOB (Reception at 3:45)**

##### **C. President's Lecture Series Schedule (6:30 p.m., Byrd CHE)**

- 9/12/23: Dr. Linton Wells II, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration and Department of Defense Chief Information Officer, "Public Service, Shepherd International, Disruptive Technology—A Challenging and Fascinating Future Awaits"
- 10/23/23: Stephen Hall, Certified mentor – International Business, "China's access to U.S. technology: Who is winning?"
- 11/27/23: Christian Jorgensen, Legal Counsel at the American Red Cross-National Headquarters, "The Crucible of Law and War: International Humanitarian Law and the Preservation of Humanity during Armed Conflict"

**Adjourned at 4:17pm**

## Appendix 1: Committee Reports

### Admissions and Credits:

Outgoing committee chair Karen Green shared the following:

The committee meet over the summer with an active agenda. The committee has decided to continue meeting virtually; it seems easier due to the amount of paperwork that needs to be looked at by everyone.

### Core Curriculum:

Report submitted by Tim Nixon

The meeting schedule for this year's Core Curriculum Committee is

- September 20, 2023 (submissions due by 5:00 p.m. September 13)
- October 18, 2023 (submissions due by 5:00 p.m. on October 11)
- November 15, 2023 (submissions due by 5:00 p.m. on November 8)
- January 17, 2024 (submissions due by 5:00 p.m. on January 10)
- February 21, 2024 (submissions due by 5:00 p.m. on February 14)
- March 20, 2024 (submissions due by 5:00 p.m. on March 6 due to Spring Break) – last meeting for first reads
- April 17, 2024 (submissions due by 5:00 p.m. on April 10)

All Core Curriculum Committee meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.

We are still trying to iron out who the exact representatives will be. I have heard from some organizations about changes, but I'm waiting to hear from others.

All departments and programs should work with the Core Curriculum Committee representatives to ensure proposals are complete and uploaded to the group's Teams site. The Chair is willing to answer questions and assist with matters after the representatives have been consulted.

### Advisory Council of Faculty:

ACF Report – August 2023

The ACF has met twice since the end of the 2022-23 academic year. One meeting was held in late April and the other in July. April's meeting had two main items: Erosion of tenure at WV community & technical colleges (CTCs) and review of the 2023 legislative session. Some of the CTC representatives on the ACF decried the reduction or elimination of tenure-track appointments following the passage of HB 2542 in 2017. The bill decentralized personnel decisions by giving institutional BOGs new powers to develop policies regarding tenure and workforce reduction. It also established a "20 percent rule" whereby CTCs could "employ faculty for an indefinite period without a grant of tenure" and "work toward a staffing goal of no more than twenty percent of the faculty." In effect, the cap has operated as a ban on tenure for new faculty hires. The conclusion of the discussion was that the restoration of tenure at CTCs would require legislative action, since the "20 percent rule" was codified in state law. As a matter of legal principle, local governing boards have no authority to override enacted legislation, even if they want to bring back tenure. The legislative session analysis was brief and focused on possible ways to enhance the efficacy of the ACF's advocacy efforts. Though the group was well-organized and cohesive, it could not prevent the passage of bills it opposed, partly because of the solid legislative support they enjoyed, and partly because the legislature ran the bills quickly through committee to the floor or did not follow the standard set of procedures known as "regular order." Next year, the ACF will try working in

small individual groups that can go to the state capitol multiple times during the legislative session. This approach would have the dual advantage of strengthening the ACF's relationship with key lawmakers and reminding them of the group's position on the issue. 2 The July meeting was devoted to administrative and housekeeping matters, such as electing officers, welcoming new members, and scheduling upcoming ACF meetings. Dr. Corley Dennison, the Vice Chancellor Emeritus of the HEPC, joined the meeting to present some highlights from the open educational resources (OER) conference that took place on April 12-14, 2023 in Charleston, WV. Noting that OER have saved WV students at least \$3.4 million in only three years, Dr. Dennison encouraged the faculty to keep abreast of current developments in open learning and to expand their commitment to OER adoption and creation. While the quality of OER is variable, recent studies have shown that it is generally comparable to that of costly textbooks. Faculty members seeking to adopt or create OER for use in a college course are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 grant, which may be awarded up to four times.

Respectfully submitted, Max Guirguis, PhD Professor of Political Science

### **Library Liaison:**

Rhonda Donaldson shared that the library continues to update and make things better. She encouraged faculty to visit the library and seek her out if faculty has any questions,

### **Technology Oversight Committee:**

See Joey Dagg's updates for detailed information about technology updates around campus.