

**Senators present:** Linda Cowan, Jeff Pfister, Anna Stephan-Robinson, Vishakha Maskey, David Wolfe, Ryan Koenig, Steve Richards, Darrin Cox, Aaron Harper, Dominique Hoche, Corey Reigel, John Float, Robert Kreisberg, Chad Kuhns, Mohamed Youssef

**Absent members:** Aaron Huffman, Jon Serra

**Administrators, Representatives, and Honored Guests:** Stephen Greiner (*President*), Brian Crawford (*Provost*), Jeremy Larance, (*Planning Task Force*), Sylvia Senften (*ACF Representative*), Dylan Parsons (*student*)

**Guests:** Gerard NeCastro, Ryan McCullough

Senate was called to order by the Senate Chair, Darrin Cox at 3:30 p.m. in Campbell Hall, room 304.

**Minutes** – Senate approved the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting.

**Announcements:**

- Senator Ryan Weld – Chair Cox expressed appreciation to those who contacted Senator Weld about concerns of the campus carry legislation.
- Senator Hoche – Finance Committee Chair will be available since Dr. Hoche will be on sabbatical during the Fall 2019 semester. Elections for this position will occur during the next meeting (April 16).

**President Greiner:**

- Senator Weld – President Greiner expressed appreciation for Senator Weld voting against the campus carry legislation and encouraged individuals to thank him for his support against this piece of legislation.
- Budget Bill – Governor Justice has signed the Budget Bill, HEPC will now work to assign a budget to WLU for next year.
- Community College – Particulars of this legislation are not yet known. It appears that universities were included in the legislation however it is not known if the one program from WLU will be included.
- Wheeling Jesuit University – rumors are rampant regarding the restructuring. President Greiner reported that he is 1 of 3 presidents that has reached out to assist with WJU.
- *Questions from floor* – Senator Hoche inquired about authoritative sources of information for WJU. Chair Cox inquired about if the University had any plans to change policies or procedures regarding grants. Senator Harper inquired about the budget funding formula.

**Provost Crawford:**

- Policy 237 – out for comment regarding federal regulations for grants.
- HEPC – Interim Chancellor is stepping down. There will be a special meeting for this planning.
- Intent to Plan for Master of Arts in Art Therapy and Counseling – has been submitted to HEPC. Should have approval to move forward soon.
- Virtru – Provost Crawford reported that he has installed file encryption software on his computer and his office is looking at files that may have file sensitive data.
- Main Hall 231 – asbestos testing was negative.
- Nominations for ACF and BOG are open. Provost Crawford stated that 4 nominations for ACF and 8 nominations for BOG have been received.
- *Questions from floor* – Chair Cox reminded Provost Crawford that Salary Review meeting should occur before Dr. Hoche leaves for sabbatical.

**Jeremy Larance – Planning Task Force:**

- Vision Conference – meeting set for Friday, March 29. This conference will include more faculty, administrators, some board of governor members, students, alumni, and members of the business community to discuss the 4 themes (1-Academic Success, 2-Branding, 3-Operational Efficiency, and 4-Student Experience). The main objective of the conference is to develop 3 or 4 broad goals. Dr. Larance reminded faculty to provide input by completing the survey.
- *Questions from floor* – Senator Cowan inquired about the dissemination of the concept papers.

**Sylvia Senften – ACF Representative:**

- ACF – the next meeting is scheduled for April.
- Legislation - Dr. Senften thanked faculty who contacted their representatives.
- Formula Funding – the delay for funding may have been a result of the Interim Chancellor stepping down and the uncertain status of the Blue Ribbon Commission.
- *Questions from the floor* – No Questions.

**Jim Haizlett – BOG Representative:**

- BOG Representative Haizlett was not in attendance but reported that BOG had not meet since the last Senate meeting. The BOG next meeting will be on April 3 at 4:00 p.m.
- *Questions from the floor* – Senator Harper inquired if Senate would meet BOG.

**Finance: Chair, Dominique Hoche**

- Policy revision – Policy 208 and 210 have been revised and will be presented later in the meeting.
- *Questions from the floor* – No questions.

**Policies: Chair, Ryan Koenig**

- Policies Committee – no meeting.
- Policy Review Committee – Each of the nine members on the committee is in the process of reviewing assigned policies to determine if it meets the “policy” or “procedure” guideline.
- *Questions from the floor* – No questions.

**Faculty Medical Leave; Kim Underwood**

- Dr. Underwood was not able to attend. – Chair Cox reported that work continues with HR Director, Dianna Harto and Provost Crawford. Provost Crawford reported that there has been discussion but a draft of policy has not been created and may not be created during this academic year.

**Space Utilization; Kim Underwood**

Dr. Underwood was not able to attend. – Chair Cox reported that the focus has been on working on collecting data about classrooms and working with IT Director Joe Rodella.

**Action Items:**

Indigenous Peoples Day Proposal – Dylan Parsons

- Student Dylan Parsons introduced the proposal as distributed with the agenda.
- Discussion Occurred – Senator Harper inquired about the role of Faculty Senate for decisions such as these. Senator Kuhns asked about the problems of supporting Columbus Day. Chair Cox provided additional comments and support. Senator Wolfe asked about the student support for the proposal and noted that the University does not celebrate Columbus Day. Senator Harper inquired about what other colleges and universities do to support Ingenious Peoples Day. Senator Cowan asked Provost Crawford about celebrations that currently occur on campus to celebrate Columbus Day. Dr. NeCastro questioned the proposal as a potentially not favoring immigration to the U.S. Dr. Senften offered suggestions to continue the communication further on campus. Senator Reigel recommended that the proposal be withdrawn, reconsidered, and resubmitted with greater buy-in from the campus.
- *Motion* – Senator Harper made a motion table the proposal to support Indigenous People Day, Seconded by Senator Kreisberg.
- *Vote* – Faculty Voted, Motion Tabled.

Math 130 – BS General Studies and BA Elementary Education General Studies – Chad Kuhns

- Senator Kuhns introduced the proposal as provided and stated that Math 140 has large enrollments and is trying to serve more than it is capable of serving.
- Discussion Occurred – Senator Cowan inquired about college algebra transferability. Senator Youssef inquired about prerequisites. Discussion continued.

- Motion - Motion to accept the addition of Math 130 to the BS General Studies and BA Elementary Education General Studies, Seconded.
- Vote – Faculty Voted, Motion Passes Unanimously.

Policy 208 – Letter of Appointment – Dominique Hoche

- Senator Hoche reviewed the revisions as included in the meeting agenda.
- Discussion Occurred - Senator Maskey queried how all faculty members could be considered homogeneous and about quantifying workloads. Senator Kreisberg also inquired about the nature of Significant, Significant, Reasonable – 60/20/20. Senator Harper stated while he felt this work made progress in a positive direction, there was further work is necessary. Senator Koenig expressed that concerns how this would address faculty who exclusively teach graduate level courses. Senator Kreisberg expressed concern for faculty who were teaching with undergraduate and graduate courses at the same time, hybrid classes. Senator Cowan inquired about how the Graduate Council is dealing with definitions. Discussion continued.
- Motion – Motion to table Policy 208 and Policy 210 in order to continue revisions, Seconded.
- Vote – Faculty Voted, Motion to table passes.

**Discussion:**

- Chair Cox displayed the current General Education revision prepared from Dr. Larance. If adopted the changes would not take place until the Fall of 2020. This would allow for Dr. Larance to create a task force to help look at scheduling, enrollment, and consult with HEPC. Dr. Larance stated that was not a project that he was assigned but rather took on with consultation of others and added that anyone could submit for General Education proposal. Dr. Larance stated that 33% of the faculty took part in the survey most completed surveys were anonymous.
- Senator Richards observed that the College of Education was the only college not to have a course included and expressed cultural importance of health education.
- Senator Koenig noted that only a 1/3 of our faculty voted and only 40% of those indicated that health should not be included in General Education.
- Professor Ryan McCullough expressed positive feedback from the aspect of advising our students but expressed opposition from the perspective that student-learning outcomes did not drive these groupings.
- Senator Kreisberg commented with regard to assessment that this was the first time in nearly 30 years that the University did not receive comment about our assessment during reaccreditation.
- Discussion continued with multiple comments.

**Faculty Forum:**

- Various topics were identified and discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Senate adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Pfister, Senate Secretary