



## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026,

11:00 am

**Attendance:** Darrel Malamisura, Betty Nash, Vanessa Godfrey, Julie Orr, Kristin Hicks, Vince Mateescu, David Balok, Darshani Ararachchi, Amanda Matoushek, Rodney Montague, Sarita Rhonemus.

**Call to Order:** Darrel called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** Betty Nash made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and Julie seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed. The minutes were passed.

**Provost Report:** Sarita thanked everyone for their participation and work during the HLC visit. At the BOG meeting she also shared that during the exit interview (which is usually not done), the team led everyone to believe it was a positive visit. Darrel made a comment that it was not considerate for the BOG to only have one member to show up for the Open session. Sarita confirmed that emails were sent to all BOG members to remind them of the session. With the power out there were many that could not log on to attend virtually as well. Sarita discussed on behalf of Board members for Faculty to be able to submit questions to the board members ahead of time, for them to be able to answer. And then the open session to follow. Amanda Agreed to this idea. Darrel will work on this with Sarita. Vanessa agreed that if someone feels strongly enough about an issue, they should own it. As a result, the questions do not necessarily need to be anonymous.

**Faculty Handbook and SOP's:** Kristin is the lead and these two will both be worked on by the same committee members as they run across necessary changes to the handbook or as a need for a standard operating procedure to be developed. In the first meeting was held on 4-23-26 for SOP's. The committee came up with a list of items that would need a SOP to begin the process.

**Dropping students:** Amanda shared AI links related to some WV higher ed institutions having the ability to administratively withdraw students from courses for reasons such as non-attendance, failing to complete assignments or lack of progress in the course. This will help their overall GPA to prevent them from failing. This needs to be approved by Sarita and the Registrar. Rodney stated that our legal counsel stated numerous times in meetings that the

student “has the right to fail”. Thus, why we can’t begin the drop process. Betty asked “Are we operating in the best interest of our students?” by allowing them to “earn an F”.

**Banner:** Course listings that may not be offered annually but only every two years going to be listed well in advance? The Deans have this but it is not public (i.e. on the website).

**Committee Reports:**

Promotion& Tenure: Eligible faculty has submitted applications per the new guidelines and have been voted on.

Safety: Safety committee is going back to once every other week instead of 1 per week. In the last two meetings, Darrel stated he still didn’t know what was going on with on Campus safety.

RSI: No recent meetings to report on.

AI Committee: Jeff Yaegar was going to work on tweaking it to make it a process as opposed to an actual policy. Some faculty have provided pushback on the general wording. They want it to be more detailed per each school which is not possible. Also, the documentation states the student should be allowed a re-write. This is not agreed upon by faculty at this point.

Assessment: They are working on getting Watermark access for documents. This will replace livetext They had their first meeting as a committee two days prior to HLC visit.

**Other Business:** Deans need to have new committee member names to Darrel before the end of the semester, that will be in affect for the 26/27academic year.

Comments from Darrel that upper Admin. was reported to be raising his temper to faculty in recent times. Vanessa suggested , Darrel as the leader of the Senate, schedule a civil sit -down meeting in a one -to- one conversation to settle any miscommunications/ misconceptions of university matters.

Additional information up for discussion will be addressed in the next general faculty meeting.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Betty made a motion to adjourn and Vincent seconded the motion. All were in favor and none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.