

**THE MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, 2023-03-06 AT 12:00 NOON.  
MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER – JOHN SPOTTS ROOM & HYBRID (OVER TEAMS)**

ROLES	MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT
<b>EC Officers</b>	Shawn Schulenberg (Chair), Eryn Roles (Vice-Chair), Uyi Lawani, Sujoy Bose, Heather Stark, Mindy Varney, Andrew Burck (V), Ross Salary, Rick Gage	Eva Patton-Tackett. AVI – vacant position.
<b>EX OFFICIO, VOTING MEMBERS</b>	Amine Oudghiri-Otmani, Scott Davis	N/A
<b>EX OFFICIO, NON-VOTING MEMBERS:</b>	Allison Carey, Robin Riner	Isabella Griffiths
<b>GUESTS:</b>	Carl Mummert, Laura McCunn-Jordan, Sonja Cantrell-Johnson (V), Brian Morgan (V), Karen McComas.	N/A
<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN</b>	Zelideth Rivas (V)	
<b>SENATE STAFF</b>	Jeb Dickerson (V)	N/A
<b>LEGENDS -</b>	“V” - Virtual	

There being a quorum, Shawn Schulenberg, Faculty Senate Chair, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at approximately 1202 hours (12:02 Noon.).

1. Approval of agenda – Motion to approve agenda as circulated – **MSAP**<sup>1</sup>
2. Approval of Minutes:

Date	Discussion	Votes
EC 2/13/2023	Amendment suggested – Sujoy Bose - Motion to correct the EC meeting minutes dt. 02/13/23 under 6(b) by striking 09/29/2022. <b>MSAP</b> .	<b>MSAPAA</b> <sup>2</sup>

3. Informational/Procedural Items: – Shawn Schulenberg –

Srl.	Items	Specifics & Discussion
a)	<b>Announcements</b> –	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Signed by President –               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. January 9 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. EC Resolutions 29-30</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Pending (short calendar, travel)               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. January 26 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes</li> <li>b. Senate Recommendations/Resolutions 31-34</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The FPC just submitted revised versions of SR 22-23-26 (AA 26) and SR 22-23-27 (AA 28) for us to consider at our April meeting.</li> <li>4. New suggested processes for both honorary degree/commencement speaker and a new calendar process will also be considered next month.</li> <li>5. The Chair of the Board of Governors, Patrick Farrell, will visit our April 20 meeting.</li> </ol>

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6. Faculty Ombuds Search: The search committee finished interviewing all candidates and will submit its formal recommendation to the President today.
7. Legislative Affairs
  - a. SB10 (Campus Carry): will go into effect July 1, 2024. The university will making a plan.
  - b. HB 3049, the American Campuses Act. I sent an email asking
  - c. HB 2024: The budget bill
  - d. House approved SB 268 PEIA
    - i. Premiums increasing 24.7%
    - ii. New spousal penalty: \$147 fee if the spouse has eligible insurance but is still on PEIA
    - iii. Senate bill (approved earlier) put cost share at 70/30, but the House amended it to 80/20, so it is going back to the Senate for review.
    - iv. Best step: Contact your Senators to approve of this change.
  - e. SB 423: State employees will get a \$2,300 pay raise, but we will await word from the President’s office on how this will affect MU employees (we are different)
  - f. Adjournment is Saturday, March 11 at midnight.
8. Upcoming Dates
  - a. Next FS Meeting: March 23, 2023, at 4:00 PM – MSC BE5 (and streaming for viewing only)
  - b. Next EC Meeting: April 10, 2023, at Noon – John Spotts (streaming, with remote participation possible for EC members) for final Meeting on April 20.
    - i. Recommendations for this Academic Year – March 31, 2023.

**4. Recommendations/Resolutions:**

<b>Items</b>	<b>Reports &amp; Discussion</b>	<b>Approval</b>
a. <b>SR 22-23-35 CC</b> Recommends approval of the listed UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DELETIONS in the following college and/or schools/programs: <b>HST 200</b>	▪ Discussion – None	<b>MSAP.</b>
b. <b>SR 22-23-36 CC</b> Recommends approval of the listed UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM ADDITION, DELETION, CHANGE in the following college	▪ Discussion – None	<b>MSAP.</b>

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and/or schools/programs:  
**Certificate in Public Health.**

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| c. | <p><b>SR 22-23-37 CC</b> Recommends approval of the listed <b>UNDERGRADUATE COURSE ADDITIONS</b> in the following college and/or schools/programs: <b>HST 100, HST 300, PSC 201.</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion – None</li> </ul> | <p><b>MSAP.</b></p> |
| d. | <p><b>SR 22-23-38 CC</b> Recommends approval of the listed <b>UNDERGRADUATE COURSES CHANGES</b> in the following college and/or schools/programs: <b>PSC 104, PSC 209, PSC 233, PSC 235, PSC 301, PSC 333, PSC 376, PSC 382, PSC 410, PSC 429, PSC 433, PSC 436, PSC 452, PSC 453, PSC 461, STA 150, STA 150B</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion - None</li> </ul> | <p><b>MSAP.</b></p> |
| e. | <p><b>SR 22-23-39 CC</b> Recommends approval of the listed <b>UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES</b> in the following college and/or schools/programs: <b>HST BA (LH10), Specialty Agriculture (NRE).</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion - None</li> </ul> | <p><b>MSAP.</b></p> |
| f. | <p><b>SR 22-23-40 CC</b> Recommends approval of the listed <b>UNDERGRADUATE MINOR ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES</b> in the following college and/or schools/programs: <b>Political Psychology, Pop Culture Studies.</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion – None</li> </ul> | <p><b>MSAP.</b></p> |

The above recommendations SR 22-23-35 through SR 22-23-40 were combined into a single motion without objection.

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| g. | <p><b>SR 22-23-41 BAPC</b> Recommends a <b>2024-28 Academic Calendar</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Laura McCunn-Jordan (Chair, BAPC) – BAPC is recommending 15-instructional weeks in the Fall &amp; Spring Calendars. Multifactorial rationale – COHP – reporting difficulty meeting clinical hours &amp; content</li> </ul> | <p><b>MSAP.</b></p> |
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delivery requirements for accreditation. COS reporting difficulty with content delivery for accreditation and for preparation of majors. The Graduate Council is requesting separate course calendar if we elect 14 weeks. In recent years frequent class cancellations for weather which has made the first 2 weeks of the semester very unforgiving. If we were to miss an entire week of class due to an ice-storm, it could put student Pell grants in jeopardy because 15 weeks is required in the semester for full financial aid eligibility. The 15-week calendar also has provisions for student mental health. A mid-semester break has been added by canceling Thursday & Friday in October & February to give students a break. Recommendations in line with peer institutions practice. Committee has surveyed 20 peer institutions. Only 3 institutions have lesser instructional days and all of them have it spread over 15 weeks. 16 of them have an October break; 12 have an extra break beyond spring break and MLK Jr. day in the Spring semester. SGA – has voted 19-11 in favor of 15 weeks semester. The Graduate council did not take a vote but many members spoke in support of 15 weeks, with no one speaking against.

▪ **Discussion –**

- Scott Davis – requested information on the peer institutions and their R-status –  
Ans. Laura – offered to share the list of institutions which are very similar to us. Some are R1, some R2. Includes WVU.
- Q: Uyi Lawani – What was the rationale the past time to move into 14 weeks. Ans: Laura – Likely d/t faculty desire to have a little longer summer vacation, and every 5-6 years when we have a calendar reset year, there is difficulty between semesters due

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to lack of time for the University to process grades. BAPC did consider that and addressed it in this recommendation.

- Allison Carey: Noted that in the past a few academic years had a 14/15 week combination. From a department Chair perspective reported that some anxiety has been expressed that if we move to 15-week calendar, it affects the time before the semester begins & after the semester ends in terms of being able to fit in professional development, assessment day, and some of the other meetings & duties that faculty have. Pulled contract dates from last 6 academic years, including when university was on 15-weeks – Contract dates do not seem to vary much, with almost always starting on August 17 (once on Aug. 16) & always ends May 16. In picking these dates, they seem to pay no attention to start dates of the semester or pay periods, so this has presented some difficulties in the past and could pose difficulties in Fall 2024. – e.g. we will have contract dates of Aug. 16th, or 17<sup>th</sup> ; though Fall 2024 will start on Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, translating to the first day of the contract being the Friday of the week before classes begin. Poses scenarios which have been previously encountered where faculty & TAs have refused to come in earlier since contract was not effective as of then.
- Laura McCunn-Jordan – Has consulted with Carl Mummert – There is no policy prohibiting us from changing those contract dates. Unclear how it plays out with pay periods. However,

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contract dates wouldn't need to be moved very far ahead (upto one day before fall semester starting) in the Fall, and to be extended through the day that grades are due after spring. Not an issue in some colleges as no need to come in beforehand but cannot speak for other colleges. Acknowledged that 2024/25 would be a tight squeeze.

- Ross Salary– Also spoke in support of a 15-week calendar due to college processes & accreditation needs.

- After motion passed – Chair advised to consult with constituents & members of Senate. Will be reviewed at Senate meeting.

5. Set agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting on 3/23/2023 - **MOTION** to set agenda as below – **MSAP**.

Srl.	Items	Specifics
a.	Approval of Proposed Agenda	
b.	Approval of Minutes (Pending Presidential approval)	
c.	Announcements	Shawn Schulenberg
d.	Recommendations / Resolutions	
e.	<b>REPORTS</b>	
i.	Report of the University President	Brad Smith
ii.	Report of the Provost	Avinandan Mukherjee
iii.	Report of the BOG Representative	Robin Riner
iv.	Advisory Council of Faculty Report	Amine Oudghiri-Otmani
v.	Report of the Graduate Council Chair	Scott Davis
vi.	Student Government Association	Isabella Griffiths
f.	<b>Standing Committee Reports</b>	
i.	Academic Planning –	Sean McBride
ii.	Athletic -	Tom Hisiro
iii.	Budget & Academic Policy -	Kelli Prejean
iv.	Library -	Megan Marshall
v.	Faculty Development -	Gayle Brazeau
vi.	Physical Facilities & Planning -	Bill Gardner
g.	Other Requests to Speak to the Senate (5 minutes)	

6. Agenda Requests for Future Meetings – None.

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7. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1223 hours (12:23 p.m.).

Respectfully Submitted,



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Sujoy Bose, Recording Secretary, Faculty Senate

**MINUTES APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**



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Dr. Shawn Schulenberg, Chair  
Faculty Senate

April 10, 2023

Date Signed

**MINUTES READ:**



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Brad Smith, President  
Marshall University

4/11/23

Date Signed

<sup>1</sup> MSAP: Motion seconded & passed.

<sup>2</sup> MSAPAA – Motion Seconded & passed as Amended.