

PREFACE

This handbook provides you with helpful information that may not be contained in any other official student publication. There is a body of information that we are required to print in a handbook and make available to our students.

The entire body of knowledge that relates to your status at West Virginia University at Parkersburg cannot physically or practically be printed in a single publication. So, you must rely on multiple sources for this information of which the **Student Handbook** is only a part.

The most complete compilation of information, and the most important publication for your use is the college **CATALOG**. The catalog should be your basic reference guide to WVU at Parkersburg, its academic requirements, services, and history. The Catalog which is in force at the time you begin your studies at WVU at Parkersburg is, in effect, the college's contract with you, detailing exactly what the college will provide you, and what you must accomplish in order to receive your degree.

The semester **SCHEDULE OF CLASSES** provides a listing of class offerings for coming semesters and also contains up-to-date information on tuition and fees, final exam schedules and any revisions in admissions or graduation policies.

Many of the academic departments publish a **DEPARTMENTAL BROCHURE** outlining specific features of a particular program.

And finally, **Institutional Policies/Procedures** are directives from the WVU Board of Governors, college policies relating to these directives, and the college structure and procedures which implement these policies. The Institutional Policies/Procedures can be found at www.wvup.edu. They are listed under Publications.