

West Virginia University at Parkersburg
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2016

Present: Senators/Representatives: Torie Jackson (Chair), Mary Beth Held, (Vice-Chair), Dianne Davis (Secretary), Rob Anderson, Aaron Crites (ACF), Chad Crumbaker, Uta Hempel, Julie Heller, Tess Martin (staff council), Jeremy Metz, Al Newhart, Matthew Santer (BOG), and Missy Spivy.

Guests: Dr. Lamkin
Dr. Dune

Updates

Dr. Lamkin

- Goal is to reach 500 more students –we must improve retention and our student success rate.
- Need to not depend so much on state appropriations.
- Will share data from collections based on student retention on the 29th.
- Students have a “map” from the first semester to the end but they can’t get the classes they need when they need them.
- ½ of the students are not here during the day when they can take the classes they need.
- We need pumps instead of filters: we need to be looking at when students need classes.
- The General Education work was phenomenal. Students can save \$22,000 by taking their first two years here before transferring. Students need a broader experience in their first semester. It often doesn’t take much for them to quit.
- First phase was getting organized; second phase was getting the general education aligned, and now phase three is getting the curriculum aligned where it should be.
- Parents concerned with safety and attendance when sending high school students here (or anywhere)
- We will know if we have a high school student in our classroom.
- President Lamkin and Dr. Dune both stated it was their job to make our [faculty] job easier.
- Dr. Heller asked how we justified the general education in our “skills” degrees. Dr. Lamkin replied that HLC says they have to have 15 hours of general education. The AAS is not a transfer degree and shouldn’t need the “hard” math. We will be looking at Guided Pathways on April 29th.
- Dr. Lamkin spoke with Dr. Gee last month regarding the Phased retirement and the Health Policy we have purposed. Our other option is to drop the discussion with WVU and try and get the Legislature to pass it.
- We won’t start a Capitol Campaign until we have our act together. We’ve raised \$100,000 for faculty development and hoping to get \$250,000 to fund a Chair of Nursing.
- The Board of Governors meets Thursday, April 21, 2016

Dr. Dune

- Plans to send out a “things that are happening” usually each Friday
- He has an open door policy, stop and talk if the door’s open
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Aaron Crites (ACF)

- Rumor is there will be another 10-18% budget cut from the Legislature
- We should contact our State Representatives ASAP regarding budget cuts and PEIA issues

Matthew Santer (BOG)

- Torie gave a presentation to the Board regarding what Faculty Senate has been doing in the past year.

Old Business

Minutes were approved unanimously

Moved:

Second:

Climate Survey will be discussed later

New Items:

- Chair Jackson explained she had discussed the suspension of the bylaws for one year with both Dr. Lamkin and Dr. Dunn and neither saw any issue with suspending them for one year. She also explained that another faculty member was interested in being Chair of the Senate. She then asked for nominations for the Chair position. Dr. Jackson was nominated by Rob Anderson and it was seconded by Al Newhart (for one more year). The decision was unanimous.
- A motion was made by Al Newhart and seconded by Rob Anderson to send The Faculty Concern information to Dr. Lamkin. It passed unanimously (see attached).

Other Information

Next meeting Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016 at 2:00 –location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned 3:20 p.m.

Submitted by Dianne Davis, Ed. D