

West Virginia University at Parkersburg
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2015

Present: Senators/Representatives: Torie Jackson (Chair), Theresa Cowen, (Vice-Chair) Dianne Davis (Secretary), Rob Anderson, Aaron Crites, Christopher Furr, Mary Beth Held, Julie Heller, Roger Lewis, Al Newhart, Craig Rabatin, Matthew Santer (BOG), Missy Spivy, Joyce Stover (we couldn't connect with her), Uta Hempel, Tess Martin representing Staff Council.

Special Guest: Updates from Dr. Tracy:

- The previous summer pay schedule for full time faculty has been reinstated (Debbie Richards is working on the language)
- She shared a chart showing the needs for our area besides the initial training for workers for the Cracker Plant (see attached)
- WVU Parkersburg will have a Kiosk in the WV Development offices around the state so when people are looking for work, they can also see the advantage of a college education and apply at the kiosk.
- She requested input from Faculty Senate regarding:
 - Policy Work teams – let our Division Chairs know if there is something we need to work on
 - Online course monitoring
 - The strategic plan
 - The new enrollment plan draft
 - How to best use the Downtown Center
- The “personalities” of WVU Parkersburg list will be forthcoming

Advisory Council of Faculty Report

Aaron Crites gave an overview of House Bills (see attached document). 18B-6.3 states the President of the College will meet with Faculty Senate quarterly and the Governing Board annually. Staff meets with the Board during the Board retreat.

Board of Governors Report

Matt Santer said there was a lot of concern about rumors that the college was attempting to purchase a house for the new President. Faculty and students are not supporting it. The President did not ask for it. It was tabled at the Board meeting.

Old Business

Minutes for the December 1st meeting and notes from Faculty Assembly (January 9th) were approved. Julie Heller moved, Matt Santer Seconded, Motion passed unanimously

- A subcommittee was formed to look at phased retirement. Debbie Richards has been contacted to see if comments can still be made on the policy that was posted previously. It has not been approved by the Board yet. The committee will be Torie Jackson, Dianne Davis, Mary Beth Held, Matthew Santer and Julie Heller.
- Senators are to ask their Divisions to have faculty share any concerns or comments about online course monitoring to their senators.
- Senators are to share with their Divisions the online course policy for feedback.
- Jessamine Wass will be asked to attend the next senate meeting to discuss the monitoring.

Meeting adjourned 12:20 p.m.

Submitted by Dianne Davis (Upcoming Senate Meetings-Feb. 16, March 2, March 16, April 6)