

West Virginia University at Parkersburg
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2016

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

Guests: Dr. Jane Milley

Updates

Dr. Milley

- Pearson representative will be here March 31st. We are not to make changes to our courses just yet. Everything will be migrated as it is and then we can start making changes for the Spring 17 classes.
- We are to keep the E-text as they are now and then we can determine what we want to keep and what we want to get rid of. There are 80 courses on the Master List and 120 other online courses.
- WVU is going to a system called BLUE for their evaluations (they will all be completed online in Blackboard).
- WVU has training modules we can use. Professional Development week will probably be the week of August 8th and additional training will be scheduled.
- The Curriculum Committee needs to have continuity so that committee will remain the same for the next year. Rob Anderson is the Chair.
- Outcomes Assessment will also stay the same with Kim K. being the Chair.

Aaron Crites (ACF)

- The cigarette tax didn't pass – said they were not going to raise taxes on any West Virginian at this time. The Governor said they would cut Higher Education to make up the PEIA increase.
- All can carry concealed weapons without training.
- Write your legislators and the governor to let him know how you feel.

Matthew Santer (BOG)

- Torie gave a presentation to the Board regarding what Faculty Senate has been doing in the past year.
- Vice President Dunn will be here April 1st.
- The third floor is going to be used for art and music.
- The second floor will be expanded for nursing.
- We had 100 curriculum changes.
- Senator Bob Ashcraft will be our Commencement Speaker for May's graduation.
- We've lost \$462,000 in state appropriations; 1.5 million from decreased enrollment; \$560,000 reduction in faculty and staff; \$462,000 for operations expense; a 9-15% in tuition is being requested.
- We received \$500,000 for the downtown building – the money is being held in reserve for such things as the repair/replacement of a 48 year old boiler.

Old Business

Minutes were approved unanimously

Moved: Jeremy Metz

Second: Rob Anderson

Health Policies/Phased Retirement: March 8th or 9th Dr. Lamkin met with Dr. Gee at WVU and asked him to push forward the phased retirement and health policy. We will continue to follow up on this progress.

New Items:

- A committee was formed to write a recommendations for faculty development funds related to advanced degrees.
- Upcoming elections – Elections are to be held each year in April. The Chair can serve two consecutive terms of 2-years each. Members can serve as many terms as they want provided they are elected by their Division to serve. Torie’s term is up as Faculty Senate Chair. The change takes effect July 1.
- Rob Anderson made a motion that the by-laws be suspended for one year so Dr. Jackson could remain Faculty Senate Chair (to keep continuity with some of the projects Senate has been working on). The motion was seconded by Dr. Spivey. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Information

Next meeting Tuesday, April 5th, 2016 at 2:00 –location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned 3:16 p.m.

Submitted by Dianne Davis, Ed. D