

West Virginia University at Parkersburg
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2016

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

Guests: Dr. Jane Milley, Katie Wootten

Updates

Dr. Milley

- Announced we are going to Blackboard for our LMS system for Fall 2016. We would like to be ready by August 1, 2016. Everything will be migrated from Pearson. We will have access to training from WVU and WVNet. (Chris Fahey, Alice Harris, Cindy Gissy, Doug Anthony and Dr. Milley are working with Pearson on a weekly basis) We will probably have to stay with Learning Studio for summer. The team is meeting again this Friday (March 4th) to continue the discussion.
- We need to look at how we are going to address Quality Matters. There are more than one option such as SREB or the QM WVU uses.
- Letters will be going out in March this year regarding “notice to not renew contracts”.
- Dr. Milley is physically reading all of the faculty’s professional development files, as she believes we deserve it. She is disregarding the point system and writing letters that do not reflect points obtained but actual accomplishments of the faculty.

Aaron Crites (ACF)

- The state budget is in a holding pattern – waiting to see if the cigarette tax will make a difference. There shouldn’t be any budget cuts based on the original tax predictions.
- **Concealed Carry** –there is legislation to permit carrying a concealed weapon, even on campus. It will be up to the individual campuses to determine if they will have a gun free zone or allow students to carry. It is one understanding that WVU Parkersburg is a gun free zone because of the high school students at Caperton.

Katie Wootten gave an update on the advertising they have been doing for the past few months.

Matthew Santer (BOG)

- BOG meeting will be March 9th at 3:15 in the President’s Conference Room. Torie will make a presentation to the Board on behalf of faculty.

Old Business

Minutes were approved as corrected unanimously Moved: Rob Anderson
Second: Al Newhart

Health Policies/Phased Retirement: When Dr. Lamkin meets with Dr. Gee at WVU he will work toward getting us the same health policy that WVU has. We will continue to follow up on this progress.

New Items:

- Marshall Griffin was approved for Emeritus Status Moved: Uta Hempel
Second: Matthew Santer. Passed unanimously
- 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. Matthew Santer’s term may almost be up as Faculty representative to the BOG, with one year remaining. Divisions should make their nominations

and vote during their March meeting so Senate will have the information by April. The change takes effect July 1.

- A committee was formed to look at a new faculty evaluation system that does away with the numbering system. Those members are Rob Anderson, Uta Hempel, Torie Jackson and Jeremy Metz.

Other Information

Uta Hempel asked us to write our Legislators and Senators to encourage them to not revoke the new science standards. Professor Crites told her the ACF was discussing it and they think it will go away.

Al Newhart brought up the problem with online students not having a place to take exams that were proctored.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 2:00 in the President's Conference Room

Meeting adjourned 3:20 p.m.

Submitted by Dianne Davis, Ed. D