

West Virginia University at Parkersburg
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2015

Present: Senators/Representatives: Torie Jackson (Chair), Dianne Davis (Secretary), Rob Anderson, Aaron Crites (ACF rep), Chad Crumbaker, Mary Beth Held, Roger Lewis, Tess Martin (Staff rep), Jeremy Metz, Matthew Santer (BOG), Denise Sava, Missy Spivy, Joyce Stover.

Updates:

Special Guests: Dr. Jane Milley, Dr. Cindy Gissy and Dr. Sandra K.

Dr. Milley discussed potential changes in general education. See attached information regarding the WVU/WVUP Administrative and Academic Support Services Agreement

ACF report from Aaron Crites:

Copy of ACF's agenda for the coming year

Concerns for ACF – Bridge Valley is potential closing everything and moving to Beckley

There are issues with control of the meetings. They focus on the things “they” think can be fixed and wouldn't listen to concerns regarding tenure; Board members are being elected and then staying beyond their term (that has not happened at WVU Parkersburg); Some schools feel they aren't being recognized and not getting things the state has mandated they should have.

Motion to approve the ACF agenda was moved by Missy Spivy and seconded by Jeremy Metz and approved unanimously

Board of Governors Report: Matt Santer:

- The Board tried to recognize Jamie Six for his service; he had to drop out because of illness.
- None of WVU Parkersburg's Board Members have gone over their term limits
- The Board is pushing for a Marketing Blitz in the spring
- Bids went out for the One Stop Shop September 18, 2015
- Alice Harris reported the number of students paying in advance improved
- The Mercer Program for staff will be fully funded
- Mon. Power is raising the electric bill 20 percent
- Dave Lancaster made an excellent presentation to the Board
- Freshman Seminar will be brought back in the Spring semester
- Early College – instead of going to the high schools –bring the students here
- \$975,000 has been received in grant funding

Old Business:

- Minutes from August 11th meeting were approved as amended:
Moved: Julie Heller
Second: Rob Anderson
Passed Unanimously
- Nominations were made to fill the Vice-Chair position: Matthew Santer and Chad Crumbaker declined at this time. Missy Spivey moved the Vice-Chair position be filled by Mary Beth Held
Rob Anderson moved the nominations be closed; Seconded by Aaron Crites
The nomination was approved unanimously

New Items:

Need to fill a seat on STEM (Dr. Milley reported that Jarod Gump will oversee STEM)
College is seeking opportunities in Nursing, Surgical Tech, Reading and Math
Torie will discuss with Al Newhart potentially being the ACF substitute

Dr. Jackson reported the Professional Development committee met on Friday. They are cleaning up the guidelines to make the process easier to understand.

Dr. Davis is working on a website for Faculty Senate. If you have not yet sent her a bio, please do so, or we can use the one already posted on the current site, just let her know.

Senators Concerns:

100% of the nursing students passed the State Boards and there has not been any publicity regarding it

Campus Climate Discussion

- We need a climate of “we don’t want to leave” for our students – like Las Vegas – if you want to study, go to the library, make the student lounge a fun place to be
- Keep the coffee bar open for evening students
- Ask student government for ideas
- Utilize the back of the bathroom doors for sharing information
- A place to post things, i.e. “we want to team teach – who wants to join us”
- Doing an event off campus to promote what we are teaching (Mary Beth partnered with Nursing and did this with the nursing students)
- Julie Heller suggested “niceness” to everyone
- Support of new programs and new faculty
- The radio station, how can we utilize it more, Professor Crites has a program on Friday nights and the Riverhawks games will be covered
- What about a “walk around the world” project

General Education Committee:

Chris Cunningham
H. G. Young
Carol Thomas
Amy Wolfe
Allison Sayre
Sandra K.

Agenda for the upcoming year

We will have a group picture taken at the October 5th meeting

Mary Beth will present Health Policies at the October 5th meeting

Tenure

Phased Retirement

Upcoming Senate Meetings

October 5

October 19

November 2

November 16

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