

**West Virginia University at Parkersburg**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
*February 21, 2017*

**Senators present:**

Mary Beth Held (Interim Chair), Al Newhart, Aaron Crites (ACF), Uta Hempel, Missy Spivy, Jeff Holland, Rob Anderson, Cheryl Mader, Gary Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm.

**Update from President Lamkin:**

- Dr. Lamkin updated the senate on the current state of Math 121. He explained that he recognizes it is not perfect yet but they are still trying to fix it for the fall so it runs more smoothly.
- Dr. Lamkin is addressing the community/campus community through the radio station. He is seeking a catchy name for the radio show...Aaron Crites suggested the Riverhawk Squawk.
- Gary Thompson asked the president how faculty can help with campaigning in Charleston on behalf of the institution. Dr. Lamkin explained that small videos/testimonials of student's experiences might be the best way to catch the attention of politicians in Charleston. He also invited Gary and other interested faculty in participating in Charleston on March 15 at Higher Education Days.
- Regarding the budget in Charleston: the alternative budget proposed by the legislature in Charleston is designed to alarm higher education schools. One positive is the Mercer Scale used to determine classified staff salaries is in the process of being updated from 2001 to current date
- Dr. Lamkin updated the faculty on the 360 degree evaluation. He reported that the surveys would be coming out on 2/22. He hopes the results will be out by 3/20.

**Update from Dr. Dunn:**

- Dr. Dunn asked Mary Beth when she would have the health policy done. She told him that she was working on Dr. Gissy with it and it would be soon.
- He also asked about the other policies that the senate is working on (faculty evaluation policy and intellectual property policy). Mary Beth explained we are working on them as quickly as possible.
- Dr. Dunn said he would like to see these by May or December at the latest.
- Dr. Dunn was asked about the criteria he needed for summer work group applications. He wants the following information in the applications: pressing needs, nature of project, timeline, budget, deliverables, support by chair
- Dr. Dunn encouraged faculty to keep their eye on high costs of textbooks and to avoid textbooks that seemed overly pricey.
- He asked faculty to start having conversations about standardizing a grading scale for the institution eg. 92-100 or 90-100 for an A?

**Updates:**

Torie Jackson was not present at the meeting and was unable to give an update of the BOG meeting.

**Old business:**

- A brief update was given by Mary Beth about the health policies. She said she was working with administrators on this policy.
- No time was available for other “old business” updates.

**New business:**

- Gary moved to discuss the potential for working with Dr. Lamkin on sending a couple faculty to Charleston on Higher Education Days on March 15. Rob Anderson seconded the motion.
- The senate agreed that any efforts to help could have a positive effect. All members voted in favor of pursuing the opportunity to work with administrators to represent WVUP in Charleston.
- Rob suggested the senate talk at the next meeting about getting four-year program faculty schedules to 12 credit hours rather than 15 credit hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Minutes recorded by Mary Beth Held