

West Virginia University at Parkersburg
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2017

Senators present:

Mary Beth Held (chair), Al Newhart, Aaron Crites (ACF), Cindy Watkins, Uta Hempel, Jeff Holland, Rob Anderson, Torie Jackson (BOG), Cheryl Mader, Gary Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

Senators approved minutes from Feb. 7 and Feb. 21.

Updates:

ACF representative Aaron Crites reported on bills being watched. Some, he noted, separate the bigger colleges from the smaller ones.

Old business:

Policy update –

Health policy: The Senate felt they had no collaboration on the draft prepared by Dr. Hank Dunn, Senior Vice President. Draft comments were presented to senate. Discussion ensued. More feedback is requested. The Family Medical Leave Act was part of the discussion. The Senate has more interest in catastrophic leave instead of short-term leave policies, since a short-term policy is in place and monitored by division chairs. Some senators agreed to stay after the meeting to line-by-line discuss the policy proposed by Dunn and prepare feedback. Senators felt the policy, as presented, was insulting.

Intellectual property: Senator Jeff Holland is working on the intellectual property policy with other senators in a small committee. It is to be presented soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.