West Virginia University at Parkersburg Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2021

SENATORS PRESENT: Aaron Crites, Rebecca Tucker, Joel Farkas (ACF), Bobbi Marshall, Missy Spivy, Holly Martin, Lauri Reidmiller, Andrew Rochus, Rosella Beebe (BOG), Gary Thompson, Jami Casenelli, Matthew Graves, Holly Dexter., , Quorum Present

Chair called meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Old Business:

Early College—Discussed with president and realized that we do not offer early college in Jackson County as it is controlled/offered by WV State. President is not opposed to moving early college to academics rather than its current department. Encouraged to go to the summit to receive answers to questions. President supports providing faculty the first right of refusal to teach early college classes. The early college office had some push back on doing live online. There was a push for the co-teacher model from the early college office. Faculty is not happy with this model. Question raised as to which schedule do we follow, the college or the high school? Senate feels it is prudent to have a representative present at the summit the entire time to present questions and obtain answers from the summit.

Faculty Contracts and Summertime Responsibilities—Addressed with president and he was unaware of the verbiage of the contract. President is not in agreement with the language and is going to look into defining our roles in a clearer manner. President believes once HR is addressed, the contractual issues will be addressed and clarified. Faculty desires to have clear writing in contract that sets forth requirements and compensation for additional work performed. Desire is to have this included in the answer book so that it is policy, regardless of the identity of the president.

Assessment Update—Things seem to be going relatively smooth with regard to assessment compared to the past. There will be a lot of work that will need done with the Gen Ed courses. Assessment is being mandated by HLC. The assessment process is going to be on a four-year cycle. Currently, process is getting courses approved for Gen Ed and then move forward from there. The goal seems to be Fall 2022 for implementation of the new process. The academic maps will need redone to align with the new Gen Ed requirements.

Blackboard limits—Faculty is not ok with the limits on the size of the blackboard shells. The president thought that faculty was ok with the limitations, but it is not the general consensus with faculty. Faculty believes we should not have to convert to Youtube or Google drive since Blackboard is our designated vehicle for course delivery.

BOG Update

ACF Update

New Business:

Other News/Announcements:

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.