

West Virginia University at Parkersburg
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2021

SENATORS PRESENT: Aaron Crites, 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

Torrie Jackson Attended via request to discuss early college.

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

Old Business:

Early College—Discussion occurred before Thanksgiving break. Senate had a good representation present. Discussion seemed to be more focused on how and why early college is a good thing for high schools. Consensus is that discussion did not address the concerns from the college level.

Torrie Jackson addressed questions that were submitted concerning early college.

Dr. Jackson shared number of students and credits obtained for 2020 and 2021.

The cost for early college is \$50.00 per credit hour.

Dr. Jackson shared the number of early college students that went on to attend WVUP.

The average % of students coming to WVUP from early college is 20.63%. 63 credit hours were taught by WVUP adjuncts and 30 were taught by full time faculty. 72 credit hours were taught by high school faculty.

High school teachers are provided with a college syllabus and they have to meet the course learning outcomes.

Legislature is planning to review a new funding policy for higher education and there is discussion as to whether early college and dual enrollment will count toward funding.

College offers 30-hour general education certificate program to high school students. This certificate is coordinated with the course transfer guide with the State of West Virginia.

Early College assessment follows the course learning outcomes developed for the courses at the college.

Gen Ed.—General Education updates will be made in the Fall.

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.

Faculty Leave Policy and Phased Retirement are still being addressed by president.

Blackboard limits—President is supposed to be addressing, but no new updates.

Would like to have a full faculty meeting.

BOG Update

ACF Update

New Business:

Enrollment—Concerns with enrollment were taken to the president and he indicated he was aware. President Gilmer will address enrollment and plans surrounding enrollment at professional development. Discussion ensued as to concerns involving enrollment. Consensus is that college needs to make an announcement concerning virtual vs face to face classes at the University. Opinion is that however we start, we need to stay. Our handling of the COVID issues is hurting the institution. Faculty would like to know that plans are being made or are made and have them shared. Discussion ensued.

Other News/Announcements:

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.