

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

SENATORS PRESENT: Aaron Crites (Chair), Matthew Graves (Secretary), Holly Martin, Andrew Rochus, Jami Casenelli, Missy Spivy, Bobbi Marshall, Holly Dexter, Rose Beebe (BOG Representative), Melanie Matheny, Lauri Reidmiller, Melanie Matheny, Andrew Rochus, Bobbi Marshall, Quorum Present

Chair called meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Old Business:

Hiring process to be re-addressed with President of college.

Phased retirement—Still in holding period as far as obtaining a resolution.

Chair soliciting feedback on Outcomes/Assessment committee and procedure. There is a lot of confusion as to how the process is going to work and the proposed outcome. There is great concern as to how quickly this is occurring and the expected completion date. Discussion ensued. General consensus of senate is the process concerning gen. ed. needs to slow down.

BOG Update

Institution's financial status audit passed. Approved tenure position.

ACF Update

Agenda was sent be rep prior to meeting. Motion made to accept agenda and seconded. Vote taken to accept agenda. Vote passed unanimously.

New Business:

Senate Blackboard Shell announced to senate. Goal is to permit senate to control the transparency of information with faculty rather than having to rely on other departments. Shell will be used to share minutes, agendas, and general information pertaining to faculty senate. Senate chair walked through content and functions of shell. Question and answer discussion ensued.

Campus Status—Nothing significant changing as far as manner of instructional delivery or logistics of operations on campus in the near future.

Vote held on emeritus status for Dr. Gissy. Vote passed unanimously.

COVID Protocol:

Vaccine update—Vaccine distribution will occur through government agency. Second wave will occur for those who volunteered, but, after that, to obtain vaccine will need to go through health department.

Financial Support—President of institution seeking suggestions on how to spend COVID-support monies to help support faculty. Chair asked each division to come up with some possibilities on how to utilize funds. Possibility of allocating to each faculty member or faculty-wide pot. Discussion ensued.

Other News/Announcements:

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.