

West Virginia University at Parkersburg
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2018

SENATORS PRESENT: Andrew Walker (Chair), Kathy Frum (Vice Chair), Missy Spivy (Secretary), Aaron Crites, Chris Cunningham (BOG Representative), Holly Dexter, Rebecca Duckworth, Joel Farkas. Rebecca Hoff, Cheryl Mader, Michelle Nabers (Staff Council), Al Newhart, Gary Thompson (ACF Representative),

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 pm.

UPDATES:

Administrator Update- interim President Jane Milley

Dr. Milley shared that she believes the Faculty Senate is one of the most important tasks at the college. She proceeded to summarize the quarterly report that she sent to the campus community.

- Focusing on the Community- Dr. Milley stated the relationship between WVUP and the community is not as good as it could be. It is important that the university interacts well with the community. She has been inviting community leaders to WVUP to discuss the relationship. More community events are being planned such as a three-part series in late March focused on opioid addiction.
- Legislature- Dr. Milley stated that WVUP needs to have a presence in Charleston. The university hosted a reception in Charleston for legislators to discuss WVUP. She is developing an approach of “friendraising” for fundraising.
- Fundraising Goals- Dr. Milley has met with the WVUP Foundation to develop ways to increase the endowment. One endowment fund mentioned was the Fund of Excellence which would be used to support and recognize outstanding faculty and staff.

General Discussion with Dr. Milley

A senator asked how events on campus are being advertised throughout the community? Dr. Milley is trying to partner with community groups such as Artsbridge to help with advertising. She is also trying to put events on local community group calendars. Dr. Milley said communication is improving but needs to improve more. Different ways of marketing WVUP were brought up such as a being a presence at the Belpre Homecoming.

When asked about community education classes, Dr. Milley brought up that an entrepreneur center is being established at the WED. Funding will be through the Ross Foundation and the CTC. The WED building will be renovated and new signage will be put up. Senators were encouraged to send ideas for community education classes to Michelle Wilson.

Rebecca Hoff asked about the status of Jackson Community Center. Chad Crumbaker said that short-term programs are being offered. Andrew Walker and Holly Dexter are currently broadcasting classes from the main campus to JCC. This approach is going well. Gary Thompson suggested a course on caring for the elderly and disabled individuals might be offered as well as a course on babysitter training.

Administrator Update-Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Chad Crumbaker

VP Crumbaker is focused on the Higher Learning Commission visit on March 5 and 6. The campus community will be invited to an open forum during that visit. The entire HLC argument will be shared soon.

Innovation for Early College was discussed. There have been meetings with counselors in area counties to address how courses could be taught on high school campuses. VP Crumbaker is working on how to meet the HLC credentialing issue with high school faculty. There was a discussion on what Ohio schools were doing concerning ACT prep courses. Some WVUP faculty have been conducting an ACT prep course at St. Mary's high school. It appears to have been a good recruiting program because some of those students are attending WVUP. It was mentioned that the focus for WV will need to be on SAT preparation in the future, although the ACT is still being used in Ohio.

VP Crumbaker reminded the faculty to attend the programs offered through the Center for Teaching Excellence.

Board of Governors Update- Chris Cunningham

Representative Cunningham shared that the Board of Governors meeting focused on two issues: the HLC visit and the presidential search. RH Perry and Associates have distributed the profile and is taking applications. The search committee has until March 5th to score the applicants. All faculty are urged to come to be available in May to interview finalists.

Advisory Council of Faculty- Gary Thompson

PEIA and public school educators are dominating discussion during the current legislative session. Gary recommended that we craft a resolution similar to one that was written by WV Northern Community College in support of the public school teachers and school personnel. It was suggested that this resolution might draw negative attention from the legislature and we might want to rethink sending it even though we are all very supportive of the teachers. It was decided not to draw up a resolution.

Andrew Walker stated that he would send out an email addressing pertinent issues not addressed during the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 **The next meeting will be March 7 at 12:20 p.m. in the President's Board Room.**