

## **Faculty Senate Meeting**

September 2, 2025  
Room 1314, 4:00 PM

**Call to Order:** – Holly Martin, 5:15 PM

### **Roll Call:**

Attending: Lee Brown, Jami Casenelli, Heather Carter, Craig Giffin, Joel Farkas (Secretary), Marybeth Hunt, Holly Martin (Chair), Lauri Reidmiller (Vice Chair), Doug Rhodes, Andrew Walker

Absent: Greg Hill, Elizabeth Knick (Staff rep)

Visitors: Alice Harris

### **Approval of minutes from August, 2025 Senate Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting didn't mention the data from annual reviews. The minutes were approved pending this addition.

### **Updates:**

**BOG Representative** - Andrew Walker

There are a few policies out for comment. There are no substantial changes, mostly just wordings and updates to current practice.

Audited financial statements will be presented at the October meeting.

**ACF Representative**- Joel Farkas

No updates at this time.

### **Dr Jackson's visit**

Dr Jackson came to answer questions and give updates to senate. She commented upon the following items:

The outdoor event center is being handled by the state office, because the cost is over \$1M. Bids for installation opened last week and should be awarded to a contractor soon. The structure should arrive soon, and be usable for the May graduation.

As many as 64 students were dropped for non-payment, but enrollment is still up compared to this time last year. This marks 9 consecutive semesters of increased enrollment.

The Caperton center is now occupied by Wood County Schools, and no WVU Parkersburg faculty or staff should be over there anymore.

There will likely be special parking designations for Caperton and the ATC. These lots are intended for those working or taking classes in those buildings. All others should park in one of the two main lots.

Residence halls at the ITC have been contracted to a third-party property manager. One room will be furnished to show to potential student residents. 55 dorms should be available for students in January, and 75 more will be available by August.

The ITC had some issues on opening, but problems are being addressed as quickly as possible.

### **Old Business**

Following up on the annual review data from last meeting, it was requested that we also get data on tenure and multi-year contracts.

### **New Business:**

Joel presented on a proposed pay scale for faculty. This is intended to fix inequities in pay that have come up since the last scale change in 2023, and would set minimums for faculty based on rank, and years since their last promotion. It was well-received within senate, and Alice Harris provided helpful feedback. This plan will be presented to the executive team by Holly, Joel, and Andrew soon.

Multiple faculty teaching at the ITC feel that they are not being given the tools they need to teach their classes effectively and support the mission of the college. It was acknowledged that there have been some technical issues at the new facility. Faculty and students are understanding and patient there. The grievances are with forced use of specific technologies, and not allowing preferred, simple tools, like whiteboards.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Tuesday, October 7 – 5:15 pm – Room 2214

Tuesday, November 4 – 5:15 pm – Room 2214

Tuesday, December 2 – 5:15 pm – Room 2214

### **Adjournment – Holly Martin, 7:11 PM**

Submitted: Joel Farkas, Secretary