Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting

1200 Orndorff Hall

February 2, 2017

Chairman: Greg Lieving

Secretary: Deb Beutler

Chairman Lieving called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. Several members were attending the meeting via Skype from the Beckley campus.

1. The minutes for the December 1, 2016 meeting were approved.
2. Announcements
3. Melissa Sartore on behalf of the Research Committee:
4. Dr. David Yost, Teaching Assistant Professor, Career and Technical Education chaired the program for the 2016 national meeting of the Association for Career and Technical Education Research in December. He is on a multi-state research team collecting data to support development of a new school administrator professional development model.
5. Dr. Yunyun Yang, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
	1. presented a paper “Distributions in spaces with thick points” at the 1st Northeastern Analysis Meeting, The College at Brockport, October 15, 2016.
	2. presented “Theory of thick distributions” at the Ohio State University Analysis seminar, January 12th, 2017.
6. Drs. Yadi Elsami, Assistant Professor, and Asad Davari, Professor, of Electrical and Computer Engineering Department in collaboration with Dr. Kourosh Sedghisigarchi of California State University, Northridge, have published a journal paper titled: “A Low-cost Efficient Hardware-in-the-loop Testbed for Distributed Generation Penetration Analysis”, in the *Journal of Energy and Power Engineering.*
7. Dr. Houbing Song, Assistant Professor Computer and Electrical Engineering
	1. collaborated/published 6 peer-reviewed journal papers. The full citations of his new papers are as follows:
		1. Hai-wei Wang, Xue-cai Yu, Houbing Song, Zhi-han Lu, Jaime Lloret, Feng You, A Global Optimal Path Planning and Controller Design Algorithm for Intelligent Vehicles, Mobile Networks and Applications, Nov. 2016
		2. Yu Jiang, Han Liu, Houbing Song, Hui Kong, Ming Gu, Jiaguang Sun, Lui Sha: Safety-Assured Formal Model-Driven Design of the Multifunction Vehicle Bus Controller. 21st International Symposium on Formal Methods: 757-763, Limassol, Cyprus, November 9-11, 2016
		3. Z. Lv, T. Yin, X. Zhang, H. Song and G. Chen. 2016. Virtual Reality Smart City Based on WebVRGIS, IEEE Internet of Things Journal 3(6):1015-1024.
		4. D. Jiang, P. Zhang, Z. Lv and H. Song. 2016. Energy-Efficient Multi-Constraint Routing Algorithm With Load Balancing for Smart City Applications. IEEE Internet of Things Journal 3(6):1437-1447.
		5. Y. Cao, Y. Miao, G. Min, T. Wang, Z. Zhao and H. Song. 2016. Vehicular-Publish/Subscribe (V-P/S) Communication Enabled On-the-Move EV Charging Management. IEEE Communications Magazine 54(12): 84-92.
		6. L. Tawalbeh, W. Bakheder, R. Mehmood, and H. Song. 2016. Cloudlet-based Mobile Cloud Computing for Healthcare Applications. 2016 IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM), Washington, DC, pp. 1-6.
		7. L. Nie, D. Jiang, L. Guo, S. Yu, and H. Song. 2016 Traffic Matrix Prediction and Estimation Based on Deep Learning for Data Center Networks. 2016 IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM), Washington, DC, pp. 1-6.
		8. S. H. Bouk, S. H. Ahmed, D. Kim and H. Song. 2017 Named-Data-Networking-Based ITS for Smart Cities. IEEE Communications Magazine 55(1)105-111.
		9. Amjad Mehmood, Muhammad Muneer Umar, Houbing Song. 2017. ICMDS: Secure inter-cluster multiple-key distribution scheme for wireless sensor networks. Ad Hoc Networks 55: 97-106.
	2. attended IEEE GLOBECOM 2016, December 4-7, 2016, in Washington DC, where he presented 2 papers (listed above), chaired the session “Algorithms and learning systems for e-health” and served as the technical program committee chair of the Fifth International Workshop on Cloud Computing Systems, Networks, and Applications.
8. Marcia Bastion
	1. Introduced the Assessment Coordinator for the WVU system, Louis Slimak, who was visiting campus
	2. They are working together to streamline the procedures for assessment and accreditation.
	3. HLC visit will occur March 4-5, 2018, and it will be a full visit. They are now occurring on a 4-6 year cycle rather than the old 10 year cycle.
9. Administration Report – Carolyn Long
	1. A campus meeting will be held next Tuesday, February 7, 2017, to update the campus on the move to Beckley.
	2. Construction on the Beckley campus is on schedule and on budget
		1. Shroyer Hall has been complete gutted and the remodel is under way
		2. Construction has begun on the new engineering building
		3. Staff on the Beckley campus have remodeled the commuter lounge near the Bear’s Dean to make it more welcoming to students
		4. A faculty lounge is being remodeled to make it more friendly
	3. HLC on-site visit will be March 2-5, 2018
		1. There is still some debate whether WVU Tech should be treated as a divisional campus or “other location”
		2. For now, it will be left as “other location”
	4. Packing for Beckley move is underway
		1. A central location will be found in each building where boxes and packing supplies will be left for faculty and staff to use
		2. You can request that boxes and packing supplies be delivered to a specific location by physical plant.
		3. If you need specialty packing materials, let them know wo it can be ordered.
	5. The state-wide budget crisis will not affect the move to Beckley because the fund for that have already been appropriated.
	6. Montgomery Campus
		1. An agreement is in the works for the use of most of the buildings but the WVU Tech administration are still under a confidentiality agreement so she couldn’t give us any details
		2. The other side of the agreement is free to announce the agreement at any time.
	7. Faculty need to get involved in looking at new degrees and programs to offer on the Beckley Campus
	8. The budget is tight all around and it will be tough to make it balance in the near future.
	9. Enrollment is up, particularly in-state students and transfers
	10. She thanked the faculty for their continued support and patience during the move.
10. Provost Report – Nigel Clark
	1. Harmonization
		1. Next year our course catalogue will be fully integrated with Morgantown
			1. When the information is the same for WVU and WVU Tech, the website will use a WVU webpage
			2. When the information is different for WVU Tech, there will be a page with the Tech specific information.
			3. It will be largely automated and smaller than the current catalogue because some of the information will be on program/department websites, not in the catalogue
			4. Some of the information will be pulled from Banner.
		2. We still have some rules that are different from WVU and we need to look at whether to keep our rules or harmonize with WVU.
		3. As of Fall 2017 semester, there will be no developmental courses. They will be co-requisite courses
	2. Move to Beckley
		1. Offices will be moved after graduation while faculty are still under contract (May 8-15)
		2. There will be few desktop printers and more Bizhubs, including color copiers.
		3. There will be a phone on your desk but you can also switch to Java phones that work through the computer and can travel with you.
		4. Clean your Montgomery office before you leave
		5. Check your Beckley office to see the size and know how much furniture you can fit into the new office
		6. The faculty lounge in Beckley will have a “Starbucks” feel and will be a gathering place
			1. If you want to help with the decorating, let him know.
	3. He will be providing an update to the WVU Faculty Senate so let him know if you want anything included.
11. Chair Report – Greg Lieving
	1. There has not been a cabinet meeting since July 1, 2016
		1. The first one will be later this month
		2. All of the major decisions about the move have been done in executive council meetings
			1. No input from faculty and staff
	2. During a meeting in Beckley, appreciation for faculty support of the move was expressed
	3. President Trump appointed Jerry Falwell, Jr., President of Liberty University, head of a task force on higher education
		1. We need to keep a watchful eye on developments in higher education at the national level.
12. ACF Report – Sandra Elmore
	1. Tomorrow will be a forum at the Charleston Gazette about higher education
13. Senate Report – Courtney Barko
	1. WVU President Gordon Gee
		1. enrollment and retention are up
		2. need to find a better way to reward teaching excellence
	2. WVU Provost Joyce McConnell
		1. WVU’s increase in retention is a good model for other universities
14. Committee Reports
	1. Andrea Kent – Scholarship and Loan Committee
		1. Applications for scholarships have gone live on the WVU Tech main website
		2. Please announce the scholarships to the students
		3. It is a single application for all scholarships available to WVU Tech students
		4. Applications close on March 3
	2. Jewel Connell – Library Committee
		1. Faculty need to help identify journals and books that need to make the move to Beckley
		2. If you have books in your office and you want to keep them, let the library know and they will transfer the books to you.
15. New Business
	1. Dr. Elmore asked that since we are an R1 level institution (with WVU), can we have an update on research that is occurring on campus.
		1. Provost Clark suggested that there could be a report from accounting on the line items for research grants received on campus.
	2. Dr. Beutler asked about Digital Measures – how to find it and when do we need to switch to it.
		1. Provost Clark suggested we could find it by googling “WVU Digital Mesures”
		2. It will probably be used for the 2018 evaluations (done in 2019) to give us time to get used to it and enter data into it.
		3. You can start uploading files to it right now.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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