

Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting
Orndorff Hall
April 3, 2014

Chairman: Asad Davari
Secretary: Barbara Douglas

Chairman Davari called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

- I. The minutes of the March 6, 2014 Faculty Assembly meeting were approved with the following correction:
- V. Committee Reports
- Academic Awards to read:
 - Please submit nomination of students for Academic Awards as soon as possible so students can apply. A process which requires them to request faculty recommendations.
- II. Announcements/Achievements
- Dr. Rachel Bragg, Visiting Assistant Professor of English
 - Presented a paper titled “Talking with Tattoos: Remediating Invention with Skin and Ink” at the College English Association National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on March 29, 2014.
 - Mr. Tom McGraw, Assistant Professor of Health Services
 - Presented a paper entitled “The Health Care Exchange in Southern West Virginia: Access at Last?” at the Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference, held at Marshall University March 28-31, 2014.
 - Dr. Farshid Zabihian, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering
 - Zabihian, Farshid; Fung, Alan S., “Performance Analysis of Hybrid Solid Oxide Fuel Cell and Gas Turbine Cycle (part I): Effects of Fuel Composition on Output Poser”, Journal of Energy Institute, February 2014.
 - Zabihian, Farshid; Fung, Alan S., “Performance Analysis of Hybrid Solid Oxide Fuel Cell and Gas Turbine Cycle (part II): Effects of Fuel Composition on Specific Work and Efficiency”, Journal Of Energy Institute, February 2014.
 - Dr. Zabihian and students have had 13 papers accepted for publication and presentation in the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Conference, April 2014, in Bridgeport, CT. Two of these papers have been nominated for the best student paper.
 - Dr. Richard Squire, Associate Professor of Chemistry
 - “Are There Really Cooper Pairs and Persistent Currents in Aromatic Molecules?” by Richard H. Squire [a] Norman H. March, [b.c] and Angel Rubio [d.e] in the International Journal of Quantum Chemistry 2014, 114, 437-440.
- III. Administrative Report – Ms. Carolyn Long
There was no Administrative report due to Ms. Long’s attendance at another meeting.
- IV. Chair Report – Dr. Asad Davari
- As you know the Higher Learning Commission has decided not to visit campuses. On April 8, as faculty representative Dr. Davari will go to the main campus in Morgantown as part of the Higher Learning Commission visit. If you have any concern, suggestions, or comments please forward to Dr. Davari.
 - The Faculty Leadership (Student Government President-Elect, Chair and Chair-Elect of Faculty Senate, Morgantown ACF representative and Chair of Staff Council) from the main campus in Morgantown visited Tech on Monday, March 31, 2014. Items discussed included:

- More collaboration among faculty between campuses
- This campus's representation on committees, particularly Curriculum Committees. It is important for us to be involved. Remember outcomes or any decisions made by most of those Committees will affect us as well.
 - Comments:
 - The outcomes of the Morgantown campus committees are very important to our campus.
 - It is very important that our campus has input into decisions that will impact our campus.
 - Please consider serving on the Curriculum Committee or the General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee if the opportunity presents itself.
 - Many of these committees can be attended by way of phone conference.
 - The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is an elected position. Encourage faculty to consider serving on this committee.
- Achievements that are presented each month at the Faculty Assembly meeting will be organized and forwarded to the Senate Chair Dr. Lisa DiBartolomeo in Morgantown for distribution. This will be a way to share who we are, our potential and what we are doing.
- Morgantown Faculty guest lectures – More information will follow. Considering inviting several of the Morgantown faculty to serve in the role of Guest Lecturer for the day.
- When approaching the legislators, it is important to go as one voice, the WVU System, not as individual campuses
- The Chief Academic officer (soon will be Campus Provost) Search Committee
 - Phone interviews conducted on Friday March 28, 2014
 - Two candidates have been invited to the Montgomery Campus. Stay tuned!
 - Question – Who is on the search committee?
 - Answer – 3 faculty are Dr. Davari, Dr. Paul Rakes and Dr. Osei-Prempeh; also Dean of Students – Mr. Richard Carpinelli; Instructional Designer – Dr. Marcia Bastian; Staff Representative - Ms. Barbara Boyd; a student representative, two deans and the Chair is Dr. Nigel Clark from Morgantown.

V. Committee Reports
No reports at this time.

- VI. Senate Report – Dr. Sandra Elmore
- The HLC report submitted from this campus was very good. Recognition to Dr. Bastian for her great work on this document!
 - The HLC will be meeting with the Senate Executive Committee
 - The Senate will meet April 4, 2014 and the Senate Executive Committee will meet on April 28, 2014.
 - SB 483 – Renaming administrative heads at Potomac and WVU Tech to Campus President passed
 - Question – “Did the Associate Provost change to Provost?”
 - Answer – “Yes”

- VII. Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) – Dr. Sandra Elmore
- SB 409 Transfer of credits between institutions; if this passes and is not implemented there will be a 5% penalty on appropriation funding. ACF has voiced concern with this bill. There will need to be standardization across campuses.

IX. Strategic Planning – Dr. Lisa Ferrara

- Dr. Ferrara will be meeting with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) as the Chair of Strategic Planning.
- The reason the HLC is not coming to the Tech campus is after reviewing the self-study report; those areas that were flagged several years ago were well defined and detailed so there was no reason to come to Tech campus.
 - Question – there has been some questions from students regard to losing accreditation
 - Answer – there were representatives on campus this week from the WV RN Board. Tech is not losing accreditation.

IX. Agenda

- Slate of candidates for the Faculty Assembly Chair-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer positions finalized. Nominations were made and closed for the following:
 - Chair-Elect – Bernhard Bettig, Carl Wellstead, Paul Rakes
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Mark Wilson, Deborah Beutler
- Slate of candidates for at large Faculty Assembly Committee members finalized. Nominations were made and closed for the following:
 - Faculty Assembly Council (2 seats) – Susan Barton, Yadi Eslami, Lisa Ferrara
 - Academic Appeals (2 seats) – Melissa Sartore, Md Nurul Amin, Cynthia Hall, Andrew Wheeler
 - Student Grievance (1 seat) – J.T. Hird, Winnie Fu, Gifty Osei-Prempeh
 - Commencement and Official functions (1 seat) – Peggy Lambert-Fink, Yogen Panta
 - Loans, Grants (1 seat) – Deb Chun, Mingyu Lu, Kenan Hatipoglu
- New Business
 - A request to follow up on the recent email in regard to faculty workshops here on campus. Could this information be distributed as soon as possible about the times and dates so departments can schedule other meetings.
 - Special recognition for Asad for doing a great job as Faculty Assembly Chair!

X. Adjournment

- There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Douglas RN MSN