Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting

Zoom

May 6, 2021

Chair: Brian Dickman

Secretary: Rachel L. Bragg

Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. The minutes of April 1, 2021 were approved.
2. Announcements:
3. Faculty Achievements:
4. Dr. Andi Kent presented “The Power of Play: Enhancing Learning through Game Creation Assignments” at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting in mid-April, which was held virtually.
5. Dr. Crosby Hipes has been awarded an IDEA Fellowship.
6. Hillary Parcell, Kelly Morton, Dana Froble, and Crystal Sheaves had their manuscript “Evaluating the Effect of Pre-Exam Adaptive Quizzing on Nursing Student Exam Scores” accepted for publication in the journal *Nursing Education Perspectives*.
7. Administrative Report – Carolyn Long, President
8. A Campus Meeting will be held today to discuss the return to campus in the fall, with the meeting being taped and the information being placed on the website; future updates will highlight new information and changes made to website rather than sending long emails.
9. Reviewing issues with library, including looking at making quieter areas for students; will not be using library for overflow from Bear’s Den in the fall.
10. Dr. Neff is working on how to secure course reserves in the library so students do not remove them.
11. Plan for commencement has accounted for all participants; anyone not signed up cannot attend or participate because we are currently at max capacity according to the plan submitted.
12. Administrative Report – Joan Neff, Provost
13. We have received permission to hire a search firm for the dean search for engineering; still reviewing a few candidates for BHSS but may have to hire a search firm.
14. Dr. Panta won Outstanding Teaching Award.
15. Navigate training is being held next Friday via Zoom for faculty and staff; this program provides the ability to send text messages to students.
16. New minor in English and new area of emphasis in cybersecurity have been approved to begin in the fall.
17. Teaching out Athletic Coaching program in BHSS; if teaching out and closing any additional programs, please notify Admissions, University Relations, and Student Success; teach out information needs to be placed on website so it is clear no additional students are being accepted into the program.
18. The new probation and suspension policies were reviewed in preparation for letters to be sent to students.
19. Working with the Library Committee to address identified issues, including the use of the library as overflow dining due to COVID; library will not be used in this way in the fall.
20. Chair Report – Brian Dickman
21. Faculty Status did minor revisions to the Promotion and Tenure document according to the feedback received from the main campus; will do the first and second readings in the fall of the revised document so there are no issues with continuity; approval of the revised document will occur prior to the evaluations for the 2021 calendar year.
22. Faculty Information will be added to the website with a focus on information that is specific to WVU Tech
23. ACF Report – Asad Davari
24. The focus of the April 10th meeting was on how to increase international student enrollments in West Virginia and how to get support from the legislature for this endeavor.
25. The legislative session has ended with only 1.5% cut to higher education.
26. The focus of the April 30th meeting was a discussion of the decrease in undergraduate graduation rates
27. ACF representative must be elected this year in accordance with the two-year term for representatives.
28. Committee Reports
29. WVU Faculty Senate – Asad Davari
30. President Gee announced the budget cut was $18 million from WVU, but it will be replaced with surplus money; there are concerns over the budget for next year and if it will be based on the reduced budget.
31. Campus Carry bill will not be discussed again for this year.
32. Emergency funding assistance for childcare offered from the main campus is available to WVU Tech.
33. Brain Dickman was re-elected as a senator.
34. Provost Reed has released a video discussing academic transformation.
35. Faculty Senate passed a resolution to create a new committee to review academic technology.
36. Candidacy addresses were given by the chair-elect candidates for Faculty Senate.
37. Library Committee – Doug Terry
38. Concerns related to the library were reviewed including the use of the library as a social gathering and multipurpose area rather than a quiet study space as well as a lack of security for course reserves.
39. Issues were discussed with Faculty Council in addition to a discussion of the erosion of the space as an actual library, including limited physical holdings and limited digital resources.
40. The goal is to continue the discussions with a focus on the purpose of a library on a university campus.
41. Agenda
42. Results of April Elections for Chair-elect and Secretary of Faculty Assembly
43. Scott Hurst is Chair-elect
44. Rachel Bragg is Secretary
45. Results of April Elections for at-large committee positions
46. Academic Affairs – Joshua Price
47. Academic Awards – Tie between Amr Mohammad and Laura Reynolds
48. There was a discussion of how to determine the winner of the election.
49. Motion to use a coin toss to decide tie. Second. Motion passes.
50. Coin toss winner as identified in subsequent email is Amr Mohmmad.
51. Athletics – Patrick Brown and Joshua Price
52. Faculty Status – Matthew Williams
53. Legislative – Mark Jones and Andrea Kent
54. Library – Alecia Barbour
55. Research – Doug Terry and Nathan Galinsky (Alternate)
56. Student Conduct Board – Maegen Shults and Caroline McKelvie
57. Approval of Spring 2021 Graduates
58. Motion to approve Spring 2021 Graduates. Second. Motion passes.
59. New Business

a. N/A

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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