

Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting

200 Life Sciences

September 1, 2022

Chair: Cortney Barko

Secretary: Rachel L. Bragg

Chairwoman Barko called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

- I. The minutes of May 3, 2022 were approved.
- II. Faculty Announcements and Achievements
 - a. Crosby Hipes, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, was selected as a 2022-2023 Bridge Faculty Fellow for his research related to public attitudes toward people with stigmatized identities
 - b. HEPC is accepting proposals for two grants in the areas of instrumentation, which will accept 2 grants from each institution, and innovation, which will accept one grant from each institution
 - c. The Research Committee will be reviewing the grant proposals from WVU Tech to select the finalists for submission to the HEPC; please submit all proposals to Amy Webb by September 15th
- III. Administrative Report – Carolyn Long (presented by Cortney Barko in President Long’s absence)
 - a. Freshman numbers show an increase
 - b. Retention is down, but this is also the case with other institutions; one concern is the number of seniors that did not return
 - c. No significant issues with COVID
 - d. One concern on campus is the number on students on skateboards
 - e. A campus meeting will be held in September, with the date and other details forthcoming
- IV. Chair Report – Cortney Barko
 - a. Chris McClain is the new Faculty Assembly Parliamentarian
 - b. The candidates for the campus presidential search have been narrowed down to those to be interviewed with the goal of bringing candidates to campus in October
 - c. Faculty Assembly committees will be contacted to elect chairs; committees are also encouraged to present reports more regularly during the Faculty Assembly meetings
 - d. The Writing Center will be opening this semester; please refer any potential tutors to Rachel Bragg as the center would like to have tutors from a variety of majors; tutors can earn credit towards the English minor or receive a letter of service
 - e. Image magazine is being revived; faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to submit creative writing, essays, and all types of art work

V. ACF Report – Asad Davari

- a. ACF meetings were held in May and July
- b. Discussions are continuing to reinstate Higher Ed Day
- c. The ACF retreat will be held in November, at which time the goals for the year will be set; please email any ideas, issues, or goals to be addressed

VI. Committee Reports

- a. WVU Faculty Senate – Asad Davari
 - i. An update was provided on questions regarding faculty sabbatical and the requirements to obtain sabbatical
 - ii. President Gee reported the university is in good health, as is the endowment
 - iii. WVU has a week to meet with the legislature
 - iv. An interim president has been appointed for Potomac State
 - v. Provost Reed reported that 60% of freshman are out of state students; there are concerns about retention due to lower ACT and SAT scores related to COVID
 - vi. New hires at WVU were reviewed, including those positions involved with promotion and tenure
 - vii. The promotion and tenure document is being revised; there will be a campus visit to present and discuss the revisions
 - viii. A search firm has been hired to assist in the search for the WVU Tech Campus President
- b. Senate Inclusion and Diversity Committee – Asad Davari
 - i. An inclusive teaching kit is being developed and suggestions are welcome
 - ii. WVU Tech has the option of having a representative on WVU's council for inclusion and diversity

VII. Agenda

- a. Faculty Assembly Committee Elections
 - i. Nominations for Faculty Status
 - 1. Crosby Hipes
 - 2. Afrin Naz
 - ii. Crosby Hipes elected

VIII. New Business

- a. Ad Hoc Research Committee
 - i. An ad hoc committee is being formed to review grant proposals for the HEPC Science, Technology, and Research division grants
 - ii. Doug Terry reported that the Research Committee currently reviews the proposals to select those from WVU Tech that will be submitted; however, there are committee members that are also applying for the grants, which has created a conflict of interest
 - iii. Volunteers for the ad hoc committee are needed by September 6th in order to meet the proposal review deadline

iv. Motion to approve creation of Ad Hoc Research Committee; second. Motion passes

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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