

Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting

200 Life Sciences

October 6, 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 September 1, 2022 were approved.
- II. Faculty Announcements and Achievements: n/a
- III. Administrative Report – Carolyn Long
 - a. Campus meeting will likely be held the last week of October
 - b. Like most colleges and universities, WVU Tech had a larger fall class this year, with little decrease in retention from freshman to sophomore
 - c. WVU Tech did lose a number of juniors and seniors with no clear reason why
 - d. The main campus in Morgantown experienced a greater loss of students, which has resulted in budget cuts
 - e. There are no budget cuts currently identified for WVU Tech but budgets will continue to be monitored closely
 - f. WVU Tech has increases in the number of students for fall, the number of students in housing, and the number of out-of-state students who have paid in full
 - g. Meetings were held last week in Washington DC with senators and representatives to discuss Tech, including adding line items to budgets to support Tech
 - h. Inflation is impacting the university in numerous ways, including with capital project costs
 - i. Received a \$50,000 donation from Shawn Ball, which will be divided between the nursing and engineering scholarships and the student emergency fund
 - j. Working with The Summit on a project for next year that will bring students who want to attend military academies and their families onto Tech's campus
 - k. Purchased vans for athletics and student transportation, which was more cost-effective than continuing to rent
 - l. There will be a presentation on October 25th to discuss the changes to the promotion and tenure document; all faculty are encouraged to attend
- IV. Chair Report – Cortney Barko
 - a. Zoom interviews for presidential search have been completed; committee is meeting with the search firm tomorrow to discuss references; plan is to bring top candidates on campus in October
 - b. Faculty were asked to begin identifying ideas and suggestions for a gift to present to President Long to express the appreciation of the faculty

- c. Faculty are encouraged to attend the presentation on October 25th discussing the new promotion and tenure document; the meeting will be held in Life Sciences Room 208 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- d. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning group of the Teaching and Learning Commons is interested in working with WVU Tech faculty; please contact Kimberlyn Gray by October 14th if you are interested
- e. The Attendance Task Force is organizing both faculty and student focus groups and is seeking a varied group of faculty to participate; if you are interested, please review the email sent earlier in the week and use the provided link to identify availability
- f. Distribution of cards prepared by the Dean of Students and SGA identifying various services available to students
- g. All committees have now elected chairs; please begin scheduling meetings; committees will be contacted prior to the November Faculty Assembly meeting to discuss presentations for that meeting
- h. The Writing Center is still in need of student tutors; please direct any interested tutors to contact Rachel Bragg

V. ACF Report – Asad Davari

- a. An email regarding efforts of the board of governors of Bluefield State University to abolish the Faculty Senate and create a Faculty Assembly was reviewed
- b. The November meeting will be a retreat to discuss higher education issues; please email with any issues to be discussed

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Faculty Senate – Asad Davari
 - i. Provost Reed discussed the focus of the institution on retention, particularly for the at-risk population
 - ii. The revised promotion and tenure document recommends expansion of what is included in research, teaching, and service; accountability measures that are also more consistent; and a transparent process of evaluating faculty who are not performing or who are being disruptive in their unit
 - iii. Academic transformation will be implemented at WVU Tech based on the direction of the Tech campus leadership
 - iv. Director of Academic Integrity provided a report; the office is responsible for WVU, WVU Tech, and Potomac State College
 - v. The new state budget model for WVU has been approved
- b. Ad Hoc Committee on Grant Proposals – Doug Terry
 - i. The committee, comprised of faculty from both colleges, selected three proposals
 - ii. For the Innovation Grant “Process Control Teaching System” with Nathan Galinsky, Sihe Zhang, and Bernhard Betting as Co-Principal Investigators was selected
 - iii. For the Instrumentation Grant “An Experimental Testbed for the Internet of Things” with Charan Litchfield as the Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigators Mingyu Lu, Thang Bui, and Somenath Chakraborty and “Reflected Ultraviolet

Imaging System (RUVIS)” with Co-Principal Investigators Mark Vecellio and Andrew Wheeler were selected

- c. Faculty Status Committee – JT Hird
 - i. WVU Tech’s promotion and tenure document has been revised to remove Campus Provost from the evaluation process and replace that language with Provost
 - ii. Additional revisions removed Campus Provost and replaced that language with academic deans
 - iii. The goal is to have this version approved for this fall and then make additional revisions after the new promotion and tenure document from WVU has been received.

VII. Agenda

- a. Vote to Approve Promotion and Tenure Document from Faculty Status Committee
 - i. Motion to approve revised promotion and tenure document for WVU Tech; second. Motion passes.

VIII. New Business: n/a

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

Respectfully submitted by,

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