

Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting

208 Life Sciences Building

March 5, 2020

Chair: Deb Beutler

Secretary: Cynthia Hall

Chairman Beutler called the meeting to order at 1:04PM. A quorum was present.

- I. The minutes for February 6, 2020 meeting were approved.
  
- II. Announcements
  - a. Faculty Achievements:
    - i. Crystal Sheaves presented a poster in February at the WVNA Policy Summit in Charleston titled, "Evaluating the effect of pre-exam ticket to test requirements on sophomore nursing student exam scores".
    - ii. In early February, Dr. Andrea Kent presented a paper entitled, "The Power of Play: Game Creation to Enhance Learning" at the American Political Science Association's annual Teaching and Learning Conference. They also led a 90 minute panel on using games and simulations in the classroom.
  - b. Department of Sports Management will be hosting a student showcase on April 2 12-2pm
  - c. Psychology students will be hosting a mini-conference on campus March 26 and 27 to prepare for their conference presentations. Upcoming time will be announced.
  
- III. Administrative Report – Joan Neff, Provost
  - a. Provost Neff has been checking the CDC website. As of noon today there are now 99 confirmed cases in the United States. She has been working with Morgantown to discuss what measures will be taken during an outbreak. Facilities has been disinfecting tables and chairs.
  - b. Vanessa Williams is out on medical leave for a couple weeks. Email Provost Neff if you need to get in touch with her. Currently no one is assigned to answer the office phone.
  - c. Provost Neff met with Mary Riffe and Dean Carpenelli to discuss quiet study spaces for students.
  - d. Attempting to revise the process surrounding transcript requests. The first transcript is free and further requests are at a cost to the student.
  - e. New WVU probation and suspension policy was emailed. The committee has yet to formally approve the policy change or make changes.
  - f. Launching a new program that isn't our program. We've been in talks with Potomac State regarding their culinary and hospitality program. It is an Applied Science program; students can get an AAS degree from Potomac State on our campus.

- g. Engineering and Sciences Dean search will be relaunched. BHSS the search committee has submitted the requisition and is waiting for approval.
  - h. The Loans, Grants, and Scholarships committee will be reviewing scholarships to see what still needs to be awarded. Michael White has retired.
  - i. Pathways for student advising has been discussed to address issues surrounding returning students, etc.
- IV. Chair Report – Deb Beutler
- a. Midterm grades are due March 6 at noon.
  - b. Spring break is March 13 to 22.
  - c. Safe Zone Training on March 31 at 1:00PM in Life Sciences 200
  - d. Next meeting is Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be approving the list of student graduates. We will also be filling committee positions that are ending. Elections Committee, and Committee on Committees will be appointed. We also need someone to sit on the Parking Advisory Committee (this is not a Faculty Assembly Committee).
  - e. Reminder about Grad Checks. If you have students that will be graduating in May or August, then the students must complete a Graduation Check and Application.
  - f. Commencement is May 9 at 9:00AM. Be there in regalia.
  - g. Thank you to the Faculty Evaluation Committees.
  - h. Basketball leaves the week before Spring Break to go to the tournament. The tournament is March 11 – 17.
  - i. Baseball players will be traveling to Dunbar for practice and home matches. Please be considerate of the student athletes. Softball games are around noon and 2pm.
  - j. Institutional excuses are only for the dates and times listed. It is up to the student to approach the instructor to make up missed work.
  - k. Dr. Goodman has agreed to serve on the Mountaineer Core, the new version of the GEF. WVU must meet eligibility requirements to use federal funds for students (Title IV Grants). Target date of Fall 2023 to go live but probably needs to be completed by next fall.
- V. ACF Report – Asad Davari
- a. The ACF report was emailed.
    - i. Maybe a 1% cut across the board.
    - ii. The funding formula for higher education is an issue.
    - iii. Campus Carry bill will not progress at this point.
- VI. Committee Reports
- a. WVU Senate Welfare – Brian Dickman
    - i. Trying a new pilot program in May. BOG rules 4.2 and 4.7 – including a service track faculty. Initiative to diversify the faculty and recruit more individuals of color. Focus on improving retention. Some discussion about +/- grades. It was not approved.
- VII. Agenda

- a. Second reading of the Faculty Assembly Constitution. No discussion on changes. Vote to amend the constitution passed unanimously.
- b. Promotion and Tenure document. Several changes were suggested last month and addressed by the Faculty Status Committee. Motion to approve the promotion and tenure document. Second. Motion passes.

VIII. New Business

- a. N/A

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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