Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting

1200 Orndorff Hall

December 1, 2016

Chairman: Gregory Lieving

Secretary: Deb Beutler not able to attend. Minutes taken by substitute, Lisa Ferrara.

Chairman Lieving called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

1. The minutes for the November 3, 2016 meeting were approved.
2. Announcements and Achievements

Faculty achievement awards will be back next month when Dr. Sartori returns

1. Administration Report – President Carolyn Long

A. Beckley campus

1. Parking plan for Faculty and Staff: Next year there will be 2 lots dedicated to faculty and staff parking, behind Carter Hall and between Byrd and Life Sciences.

2. Demolition of interior of Shroyer Hall has been completed.

3. Contracts have been signed for construction of E-Lab and new labs for Shroyer. Construction should begin after January 1

4. For Classroom building: bid is for January. The lockers in the halls will be gone.

B. No President’s Holiday open house this year; a reception is being planned for 2017.

C. Athletes are commended for how they handled themselves at playoff games. Also thanks to Coach Dunn, a graduate of our ACE program.

D. Question regarding Governor-elect Justice and the transition team for higher ed. Marshall and WVU Provosts are on the team which is preparing a white paper on higher education and financial issues in WV. President Long will hold a special meeting on upcoming legislative session next year when more is known.

Administrative Report – Provost Nigel Clark

E. Transition to “Degree Works” is actually happening. Information needed: all information on programs including requirements outside of pattern sheet. Beginning in January, Academic Affairs Committee will look at policies and procedures such as probation, suspension and other academic rules. Do we want the same as WVU Morgantown our have our own?

F. The new online catalog will be more interactive than our older ones.

G. Lists are being sent to Dean’s and Chairs for budgeted purchase of equipment for Beckley. This project needs to move forward.

1. Chair Report – Greg Lieving
   1. It’s been relatively quiet.

B. On radar for near future: recent events are prompting discussion of policies and procedures regarding academic dishonesty.

1. ACF and Senate Reports – Sandra Elmore
   1. ACF Report – see report handed out by Dr. Elmore.

B. Senate Report

* + 1. Provost McConnell gave a positive report at the meeting.
    2. Feedback on alternate pathways to tenure and promotion was all over the place (i.e. no consensus)
    3. From Roy Nutter, Morgantown ACF representative report to Faculty Senate
       1. 2 year institutions are in serious financial trouble. New River CTC is selling some buildings and land
       2. ACF is tackling salary comparisons
       3. Some institutions are worrying about staying open.
       4. There is discussion of salary increases for professors, but budget cuts may preclude that.

1. Committee Reports: none

1. Agenda

Constitutional amendments: second reading and approval.

1. Addition of student representative to commencement committee. Moved and seconded.

Discussion: whether or not to further qualify: senior or underclassmen. Decision made not

to specify.

Amendment approved.

2. Addition of Registrar’s advisory committee. Moved and seconded.

Discussion of purpose of committee.

Amendment approved.

3. Addition of IT committee. Moved and seconded.

Discussion on necessity of committee.

Amendment approved.

1. New Business - none

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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