

Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting  
Orndorff Hall  
December 5, 2013

Chairman: Asad Davari  
Secretary: Barbara Douglas

Chairman Davari called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

I. The minutes of the November 7, 2013 Faculty Assembly meeting were approved.

II. Announcements/Achievements

- Dr. Paul Rakes
  - Mitrik and Bragg organized the WV Association of English teachers conference held at WVU Tech. It was well organized and ran smoothly as a testament to hours of hard work on their part. Barko, Maus, Mitrik, Bragg, and Sartore presented papers at this conference.
  - Dr. Barko recently began serving a three year term as Vice President of the academic organization Midwest Popular Culture Association and will become president in 2016.
  - Dr. Barko has also received a \$7500 grant from the WV Higher Education Policy Commission to aide in continuing the work of improving the assessment program of Tech's English General Education Curriculum.
  - Dr. Sartore's monograph *Outlawry, Governance, and Law in Medieval England* has been published. Congratulations!
- Dr. Lisa Ferrara
  - The comment period for the Strategic Plan is almost over. To post comments visit the WVU Tech Strategic Planning website.
- Dr. Yadollah Eslami
  - Dr. Majid Jaridi, Director, NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium present NASA Research and Summer Internship Opportunities for STEM students and faculty on December 10, 2013 at 1:00 pm in the Engineering Auditorium. Please encourage students to attend.
- Dr. Deborah Beutler
  - The Biology Club continues the food drive for both human and animal food. We are also accepting old blankets, bedding and other material that can be used in the animal shelter. If you have any donations please contact Deborah or drop them by her office.

III. Administrative Report – Ms. Carolyn Long

- Clarification on the articulation agreement between WV State and WVU Engineering programs. Ms. Long was contacted in regard to an agreement between WV State and WVU Engineering. Ms. Long did not object if the agreement did not include programs that Tech offers. The agreement was for Industry and Petroleum. The news stated it was for Electrical and Civil based on an older agreement. This was a misunderstanding between the groups and the agreement was corrected and supersedes any previous agreement.
  - Question – Over the years we have received a number of students in Electrical Engineering from WV State. Can we approach them about an agreement?
    - Answer – Yes
- There will be a vote soon on the Interim President for WVU systems. The name will not be released until the HEPC votes.
- The Presidential search procedures will be approved soon and once approved the names of the constituents on the committee will be released. This process will probably take 6-8 months. There will be approximately 17-20 people on the search committee. The names of 3-4 applicants

will be sent to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors will interview these applicants and make the decision as to who the next President of WVU will be.

- Deferred Maintenance
  - The Legislature is going into session in January. Ms. Long is developing a list of needs to submit for request of funds.
  - 2 new elevators from Morgantown will be installed in the Engineering building.
- Enrollment is still up in applications as compared to last year. Currently looking at different strategies to increase enrollment. Out of state enrollment numbers are still up.
- Question – Over the past several years many have done grad checks. Can we find an individual and train them to do graduation checks?
  - Answer – We are currently looking into hiring an individual that will be trained to do grad checks
- In regard to the 7% cut in higher education. We avoided the bullet last year. Will we be able to do that again?
  - Answer – That is uncertain at this time. It is dependent on the Governor. The big concern is the hiring freeze. The Legislators are concerned about cutting higher education another 7 ½%
- Ms. Long again expressed her appreciation for the work the faculty and staff do at Tech.

#### IV. Chair Report – Dr. Asad Davari

- An invitation was extended to Ms. Adrienne King to share her role with the faculty but she was not able to attend today's meeting.
- There will be a meeting for the Associate Provost position next Wednesday 12/11/13 at 1:00 PM. Send any questions, concerns or comments to Asad before that time.
- The Faculty Assembly Council nominated Dr. Davari to be considered for the WVU President Search Committee. If accepted he will represent WVU Tech during this process.

#### V. Committee Reports

- Athletic Committee – Dr. Deborah Beutler
  - Please send names of student athletes not attending class to the Student Success Center.
  - Report of the Athletics Committee Meeting held 11/14/13
    - The baseball and softball schedules were approved
    - K. Howell announced that the A.I.I. baseball tournament conflicts with Spring 2014 exams, while the USCAA tournament is the following week. So, the current plans are to participate in the USCAA tournament.
    - It was announced that students are charged for staying in the dorm during breaks (\$22.00/night), plus extra expenses for food when the meal plan is not in effect. This can especially affect the Athletic Department due to sporting events during breaks. M. Sartore recommended that the Student Life Office be contacted for help on a case-by-case basis. A motion made and carried to express the concerns of the committee regarding this policy to Dean Carpinelli.
    - K. Howell announced the tentative plans for recognition of the soccer team at the Capital Classic and at a WV Legislative session.

#### VI. Senate Report – Dr. Sandra Elmore

- The WVU Senate meets on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 3:15 PM
- The WVU Senate Executive Committee meets Monday, December 16, 2013 at 3:00 PM
- The 2014-2015 WVU Calendar will include the Fall break
- There will be a vote to keep the fall break or not for the 2015-2016 WVU Calendar
- Following recommendation of the Faculty Assembly Council, Dr. Elmore submitted the name of Dr. Davari to be considered for the Presidential Search Committee at WVU.

VII. Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) – Dr. Sandra Elmore

- It has been quiet for the last four weeks.
- Other institutions are beginning to awaken to SB 330
- The ACF meets tomorrow, 12/6/13 at the HEPC meeting in South Charleston, WV at 9:00 AM
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  - Question – Any discussion about starting school on a Thursday or Friday?
    - Not at this time. Next year the calendar is almost the same in regard to the Fall break. This will be tried for a couple of years and then there will be a vote.
  - Comment – The faculty obligation actually got 1 day longer; finals are over on Wednesday.

IX. Agenda

- New Business – None at this time

X. Adjournment

- There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Douglas RN MSN