Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting

1200 Orndorff Hall

November 3, 2016

Chairman: Greg Lieving

Secretary: Deb Beutler

Chairman Lieving called the meeting to order at 1:12 PM. There was a delay while the Skype connection to the Beckley campus was made.

1. The minutes for the October 6, 2016 meeting were approved.
2. Announcements
3. Melissa Sartore on behalf of the Research Committee:
4. Cortney Barko, Assistant Professor of English presented at the Midwest Popular Culture Association Conference in Chicago, October 6-9, with a paper titled “Teaching the History of Women in Art: Challenges and Breakthroughs.”
5. Rachel Bragg, Assistant Professor of English, presented at the Midwest Popular Culture Association Conference in Chicago, October 6-9, with a paper titled “Inked by the Author(s): Composing Tattoos and Complicating Authorship.”
6. Bill Clough, Assistant Professor of English, presented at the Midwest Popular Culture Association Conference in Chicago, October 6-9, with a paper titled "'So this is the guy my dad wouldn't shut up about?' Tony Stark and Steve Rogers as Sibling Rivals."
7. Melissa Sartore, Assistant Professor of History, presented at the Midwest Popular Culture Association Conference in Chicago, October 6-9, with a paper titled “Drunk and Diverse: Reframing the Founding Fathers.”
8. Houbing Song, Assistant Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering
   1. Collaborated/published 3 peer-reviewed journal papers. The full citations of his new papers are as follows:
      1. Amjad Mehmood, Muhammad Muneer Umar, Houbing Song, ICMDS: Secure inter-cluster multiple-key distribution scheme for wireless sensor networks, Ad Hoc Networks, Available online 13 October 2016, ISSN 1570-8705, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.adhoc.2016.10.007>.
      2. Jianxiong Zhou, Jiachen Yang, Houbing Song, Syed Hassan Ahmed, Amjad Mehmood, Haibin Lv, An online marking system conducive to learning. Journal of Intelligent and Fuzzy Systems 31(5): 2463-2471 (2016)
      3. Jiachen Yang, Dayong Fan, Houbing Song, Syed Hassan Ahmed, Amjad Mehmood, Haibin Lv, Multimedia security in laboratory system based on cloud platform. Journal of Intelligent and Fuzzy Systems 1(5): 2473-2481(2016)
   2. Also he published one edited book with information as follows: Sabina Jeschke, Christian Brecher, Houbing Song, Danda B. Rawat (editors), Industrial Internet of Things: Cybermanufacturing Systems Springer, Switzerland, 2016.
9. Administration Report – Carolyn Long
   1. We are still working on the move to Beckley and we are on schedule for completing the move by the Fall 2017
   2. Rumors continue to fly about the move including what will happen to the Montgomery campus. No deals have been made yet.
   3. Budget cuts – Morgantown will be subject to more budget cuts this year but WVU Tech will not be due to the move.
   4. Faculty may be needed during the summer to set up offices and labs and the faculty will be compensated for their time.
   5. Blue and Gold Weekend was held October 27-28, 2016 in Beckley
      1. Excellent turn out in downtown Beckley for meet and greet with the WVU Mountaineer and WVU Tech Golden Bear Cheerleaders
      2. Friday night included an autograph session with the WVU and WVU Tech Men’s Basketball teams
      3. Saturday night concluded the weekend’s festivities with a men’s basketball game between WVU and WVU Tech
         1. The armory was sold out
         2. WVU won by a large margin but the WVU Tech players kept fighting until the end
         3. The night ended with the WVU and WVU Tech cheerleaders together singing Country Roads
   6. Homecoming is next week – please plan to participate.
10. Provost Report – Nigel Clark
    1. External funding
       1. There are 2 types
          1. Foundation based
             1. Often they have no distinct deliverables
             2. Donation based
             3. Do not approach anyone that might already be approached by WVU Tech for a donation
          2. Sponsored Programs
             1. Usually granted for research
             2. Needs to go through WVU’s Office of Sponsored Programs
             3. Requires about 5 days to upload grant so you need to give the office some lead time before the grant proposal is due
    2. He encouraged faculty to arrange or participate in visits to high schools to expose high school students to the school
    3. Beckley move
       * 1. If you have two computers, one on each campus, you get to select which one you want to keep when we make the move and the other will be re-purposed.
       1. Podiums can be moved to Beckley and will be available in each of the classrooms.
    4. Undergraduate Research Day at the State Capitol is February 24, 2017 and he encouraged faculty to persuade students to present posters about their research.
       1. More students apply than can present posters so it is very competitive and it is an honor to be selected
       2. The cost of the poster will be underwritten so there would be no cost to the student
    5. He opened it up for questions
       1. Asad Davari asked if Sponsored Programs needs 5 days or 5 working days. Nigel said 5 working days
       2. Greg Lieving mentioned that some faculty felt they were being left out of the design of classrooms in Beckley. Carolyn replied that the classrooms are basically designed by the previous owner and if the faculty needed something they just need to ask so it can be fixed
       3. Sandy Elmore stated that we need to know soon what classrooms will be available next fall so that chairs can work on scheduling classes
11. Chair Report – Greg Lieving
    1. Shuttle from the Charleston to Beckley
       1. He thanked the faculty that responded to the survey
       2. At least 30 faculty members expressed interest in a shuttle
12. ACF and Senate Reports – Sandra Elmore
    1. Great Teachers Seminar
       1. Will be held June 19 -22, 2017 at North Bend State Park
       2. Tech will sponsor 2 faculty members to attend
       3. The application deadline is May 1, 2017
    2. ACF Report
       1. Meeting was held October 20, 2016 in Charleston, WV.
       2. WV Northern CC recently had a No Confidence vote for their president
       3. Concord just had a No Confidence vote for their provost
       4. Fairmont State and Glenville State are in the process of hiring new presidents
       5. New River CC is in the process of selling off some of their land to raise money
       6. Higher Education is expected to be a topic during the upcoming legislative meetings
       7. Next meeting is November 18, 2016 in Charleston, WV
    3. Senate Report
       1. WVU is preparing for 2020 HLC Accreditation Visit
       2. It is a multi-site visit much like last time
       3. Liz Dickenson and Elizabeth Hamilton are the primary contacts
13. Committee Reports - none
14. Agenda
    1. There will be 3 proposed amendments to the Faculty Assembly Constitution to be voted on next month. They were distributed via email - be sure to look them over.

1. New Business
   1. Susan Barton announced that they need more help with the Math and Science Bowl to be held Thursday, November 12, 2016
   2. Carolyn Long announced there would be an Open House this Saturday in Beckley
   3. Deb Beutler announced the Biology Club would be conducting their annual food drive for humans and pets beginning immediately and continuing through finals week.
   4. Laura Kellie Reynolds announced that the sports management student organization would be conducting their annual shoe drive – Soles for Souls
   5. Carolyn Long suggested she might have a special meeting after the election to discuss what will be happening with the legislature.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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