

Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting
1200 Orndorff Hall
May 7, 2015

Chairman: Greg Lieving
Secretary: Deb Beutler

Chairman Lieving called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

- I. The minutes for the April 2, 2015, and April 14, 2015, Faculty Assembly meetings were approved.
- II. Achievements
 - A. Melissa Sartore on behalf of the Research Committee:
 1. Deb Beutler, Professor of Biology, made a presentation at the West Virginia Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, April 11, 2015, at West Liberty University. The title of the presentation was “The Effects on Macroinvertebrates of using Limestone Fines to treat AMD in Morris Creek, WV”. She also moderated a session of presentations on stream ecology and judged undergraduate presentations.
 2. Mark Wilson, Associate Professor of Economics, had a book review published in the Journal of Economic Issues, April 2015. The book was “The Battle of Bretton Woods” by Benn Steil.
 3. Yogendra Panta, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering
 - i. Was issued a patent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office for “Solar Panel Wind Deflector” on April 14, invented in collaboration with Dr. Ganesh Kudav of Ohio. The invention relates to a unique finned aerodynamic wind deflector to reduce the wind uplift and drag forces for use with pitched panels such as a solar panel, or structures mounted on horizontal, flat surfaces, such as a roof top, wherein the structure is subjected to such aerodynamic forces. To his knowledge, this may be a first US patent to a WVU Tech faculty (he was going to check).
 - ii. Also a participant at the American Society of Engineering Conference-North Central Section Conference, April 17-18, 2015 at University of Cincinnati, Ohio:
 1. Panta presented a faculty paper, entitled, “Fostering Students' Capability of Problem Solving Through Semester Projects in Fluid Mechanics” co-authored with Levi Thornton, Cody Webb, Roger Targosky, Brendon Rankou and Daniel Richards.
 2. Three students, Aaron Payntor, Raul Torres, and Sebastian Cousin, presented two papers.
 - a. Raul and Sebastian presented a paper entitled “Design and Analysis of Fluid Flows through PIV and CFD Modeling” co-authored with Drs. Farshid Zabihian and Panta.
 - b. Aaron presented “Static Equilibrium Analysis of Forklift” co-authored with Dr. Panta and two other students Joseph Richmond and Sam Jarrell.
 3. Dr. Panta chaired an engineering session.
 4. Melissa Sartore, Assistant Professor of History, presented a lecture at the West Virginia Archives on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, entitled, “Outlaws in West Virginia: War, Whiskey, and Wonder—and not a Robin Hood in Sight” at 6pm in the Archives and History Library of the Culture Center in Charleston.
 5. Houbing Song, Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
 - i. Served as the general chair of the Second IEEE ICC International Workshop on Internet of Things (IoT 2014) which was held in Shanghai, China, Oct. 13-15, 2014. The April 2015 Issue of IEEE Communications Magazine reported this workshop in its IEEE Communications Society Global Communications Newsletter (GCN).
 - ii. Participated in 2015 NSF Early-Career Investigators' Workshop on Cyber-Physical Systems in Smart Cities within CPS Week which was held in Seattle, WA, April 13-17, 2015. He was among 60 invited participants sponsored by the Cyber-Physical Systems

(CPS) program of the National Science Foundation. He presented “Soundscaping Urban Infrastructure for Predictive Maintenance”

- iii. His recent research on cyber-physical systems was published in the May 2015 issue of IEEE Communications Magazine. The full citation of his paper is as follows: Z. Wang, H. Song, D. W. Watkins, K. G. Ong, P. Xue, Q. Yang, and X. Shi, “Cyber-Physical Systems for Water Sustainability: Challenges and Opportunities”, Vol. 53, No. 5, pp.2-8, IEEE Communications Magazine, May 2015.
6. Kenan Hatipoglu, Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering,
 - i. Attended the NSF/NAE - Sponsored Workshop on Reforming Electric Energy Systems Curriculum, Washington, DC at National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Building, April 9-10, 2015.
 - ii. Accompanied a group of eight students from IEEE WVU Tech student chapter to Columbus, Ohio, on April 10-12, for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers’ Region 2 Student Activities Conference at The Ohio State University. WVU Tech’s Ethics team, which included electrical engineering majors Jenn Lyons and Kayla Hoff, faced off against multi-school teams to take home the first place title.
 - iii. Presented two papers and chaired one technical presentation section for the 2015 American Society for Engineering Education North Central Section Conference at Cincinnati, OH on April 17-18.
 1. Higginbotham, W. Jarrod, Hatipoglu, Kenan; (2015) “A Short Investigation of the Net-Zero Energy House”
 2. Sizemore, Zachary; Hatipoglu, Kenan; (2015) “Unified Power Flow Controller, Cost and Efficiency Comparison to Other FACTS Devices”

III. President Report – Carolyn Long

- A. She reminded the faculty of graduation on Saturday, May 9, 2015, 10:00 a.m., and thanked the faculty for their hard work in getting these students through their programs.
- B. Budget
 1. There will be a campus meeting Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. to discuss the budget, the 40-hour work week for staff and the 3% raise for faculty and staff
 2. The salary increases are not as much as we would like but WVU Tech will be one of the only institutions of higher education that will have a salary increase.
 3. Between the salary increase and 40-hour work week, it will add \$0.5 million to the budget.
 4. Tech will still be in a deficit and it will look much worse than last year because WVU is billing WVU Tech for the facility improvements they have been doing this year
 - a. This was not done in previous years
 - b. Shows what WVU is spending to repair issues on this campus
- C. Athletics
 1. The teams have been incredibly successful this year
 2. They have accumulated the most wins in school history
 - a. And half the student-athletes have GPA’s over 3.0
 3. She thanked the faculty for our patience and hard-work to help the students make up the work they miss due to games
 - a. Particular this year with the bad weather and tournament appearances
- D. Retention from Fall 2014 to Spring 2015 was up from last year
 1. 82% for Fall 2013 to Spring 2014
 2. 85% for Fall 2014 to Spring 2015
- E. Recruitment
 1. Ahead of last year in students accepted, applications, and housing requests
 2. A bit surprising since applications had dropped off after the news about the acquisition of the Beckley campus but they have since picked up.
- F. Campus Picnic – She encourages the faculty to attend the picnic Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 11:30 to 1:30 on the Tech Mall.
- G. Acquisition of Mountain State University’s Beckley Campus
 1. Nothing much has changed since the last meeting.

2. The paperwork is in front of a legislative committee and it takes 30 days for them to look it over
 - a. They don't approve it; they just look it over
 - b. Expect an official announcement around June 1
3. By the time the faculty return in August, we will have more plans
4. Rumors are still spreading including rumors about eliminating positions – no positions will be eliminated without input from faculty and staff.
5. There will be a freshman class in Montgomery in Fall 2015 and two freshmen classes for Fall 2016: one in Montgomery one in Beckley.

IV. Provost Report – Nigel Clark, Interim Provost

A. Introduced himself

1. Faculty-member at WVU for 26 in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
2. Chaired the WVU Faculty Senate then joined the Board of Governors
3. That lead to a position in the Provost's office at WVU
4. He is spending 1-2 days a week in Montgomery

B. Search committee for Provost

1. Committee has been formed
2. Currently drafting the ad for the position

C. Transfer credits for International Students

1. Student need to be encouraged to submit course descriptions and syllabi as soon as possible to expedite evaluation of transfer credits
2. If you work with international students, be sure to keep reminding them to get the paperwork to the registrar.

D. Transfer credits for domestic student need to be done as soon as possible at least on a preliminary, non-binding basis.

E. Mark Wilson and Nigel will be going to a general education conference about LEAP next week

F. Dean Brown's 5 year Evaluation

1. The committee was constituted in a way that did not follow WVU procedures and the faculty was not happy with the committee
2. The evaluation still needs to be completed
3. He requested that the Faculty Assembly give him some guidance on what to do next. 2 options
 - a. Continue with the current members of the committee but add one more faculty member and one department chair, both from BHSS
 - b. Disband the committee and appoint a new committee
4. The data has already been collected; the committee needs to evaluate it and write the report

G. Question about Provost Search timeline

1. Over the summer, the job would be posted
2. Applications would be received and reviewed
3. The on-campus interviews will not be held until the Fall 2015 has begun
4. The new provost probably will not take the position until January 2016
5. Ad will include both the Montgomery and Beckley campuses

V. Chair Report

A. Cabinet met on April 20, 2015

1. Lisa Ferrara gave an overview of Strategic Plan which is in a state of flux due to the acquisition of the Beckley campus
2. Robert Moyer was introduced as head of Facilities
3. Bill Allen stated that applications were down 19 from last year

B. Board of Visitors met on April 28, 2015

1. Kenny Howell announced the success of the athletics teams
2. Bill Allen state that applications were down 8 from last year
3. The Board of Visitors thanked the Faculty Assembly for the endorsement of the acquisition of the Beckley campus that was read at the Montgomery Town Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2015.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Ad-hoc Election Committee – the Results of the Faculty Assembly Elections

1. Faculty Assembly Officers
 - a. Chair Elect – Greg Lieving
 - b. Secretary – Deb Beutler
2. Academic Affairs - Ranjith Munasinghe
3. Academic Awards - Stephanie Coffman-Wolph
4. Athletics - Mark Jones and Reggie Smith
5. Faculty Status - Susan Barton
6. Legislative - Andrea Kent and Greg Lieving
7. Library - Deb Chun
8. Research - John Neary
9. Student Conduct Board - Winnie Fu and Melissa Sartore

- VII. Senate Report and ACF Reports – Sandy Elmore
- A. Next Faculty Senate meeting is May 11, 2015
 - B. Next ACF meeting later this month

VIII. Announcement

- A. Picnic will be held May 13 for all faculty and staff – everyone is encouraged to attend
- B. Provost Search
 1. Lieving is the chair of the committee
 2. Other committee members are Marcia Bastian, Asad Davari, Melissa Sartore, Bill Allen, Pam Edelman, and Liz Dooley (WVU), Dean Brown and Dean Torbica
 3. Ad will be published on May 15th
 4. Review of applications will begin July 1 and continue until the position is filled

IX. Agenda

- A. Election of ACF representative
 1. The floor was opened for nominations
 2. Sandra Elmore was nominated
 3. Nominations were closed
 4. Elmore was elected unanimously
- B. Dean Brown's Evaluation
 1. A short discussion followed about the two options
 - a. Add a faculty member and a department chair
 - b. Disband the current committee and form a new committee
 2. A motion was made have the Provost disband the current committee and form a new committee.
 - a. The motion was seconded
 - b. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously
 3. A second motion was made to recommend to the provost that he add a fourth faculty member as the additional committee member the WVU policy allows him to add
 - a. There was a brief discussion about whether a 4th member was really needed
 - b. It was also discussed whether the faculty member should be restricted to BHSS or open to any faculty member
 - c. It was decided that ultimately, the decision to add the extra member would be up to the Provost and we are just recommending it be a faculty member
 - d. The motion was seconded then called for a vote
 - e. The motion passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah K. Beutler, Ph.D.
Professor, Biology