

Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting

208 Life Sciences/Zoom

December 2, 2021

Chair: John T. Hird

Secretary: Rachel L. Bragg

Chairman Hird called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

- I. The minutes of November 4, 2021 were approved.
- II. Announcements:
 - a. Achievements: n/a
 - b. The chair of the Research Committee met with Faculty Council to discuss instituting a research/scholarship award. The award will be given to one faculty member from each college per year. The Research Committee will be meeting to finalize the award criteria, which will then be presented to Faculty Assembly for discussion and voting.
- III. Administrative Report – Carolyn Long, President
 - a. President Long could not attend; announcement of a campus meeting next week on Thursday or Friday
- IV. Administrative Report – Joan Neff, Campus Provost
 - a. Three candidates for the dean of engineering visited campus and an offer has been extended to one of the candidates.
 - b. Met with the library committee, who has provided recommendations for addressing issues in the library to Mary Strife for review.
 - c. Reminder about due dates for Digital Measures; Vanessa Williams sent an email with additional information as well as the dates she is available to provide assistance.
 - d. Amanda Baker has been chosen as the new Director of the Student Success Center after the interview process; a third advisor is also going to be hired.
 - e. Working to hire a new accessibility specialist
 - f. The university will observe snow days as normal this year rather than requiring classes through Zoom.
 - g. Final grades for the fall semester are due December 20th.
 - h. Faculty and staff are reminded to lock vehicles and not to prop doors open doors to recent thefts and other suspicious activity on campus.
 - i. A draft of the policy for providing computers on campus has been distributed for feedback; discussion of input on the policy and the role of faculty in approving these types of policies.

- V. Chair Report – John T. Hird
 - a. Requests typically sent to Barb Boyd should now be sent to the Tech Registrar general email account, Tech-Registrar-Records@mail.wvu.edu, to prepare for her retirement and the subsequent transition in January.

- VI. ACF Report – Asad Davari
 - a. No report at this time; meeting is scheduled for later in the month.

- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Faculty Senate – Asad Davari
 - i. At the November meeting, President Gee clarified his role with the University of Austin is only advisory in nature.
 - ii. Provost Reed discussed academic transformation, noting 15 programs have been approved for discontinuance.
 - iii. A raise for faculty was briefly discussed during the Executive Committee meeting but there are no definite plans.
 - iv. The resolution for a vote of no confidence was also presented during the Executive Committee meeting; faculty are encouraged to provide comments to the Tech senators prior to the Monday Faculty Senate meeting when the resolution is scheduled to be voted on.

 - b. Library Committee – Doug Terry
 - i. The committee met with the Provost, facilities, and library staff to discuss concerns related to noise, security of materials, and the lack of physical materials.
 - ii. To address the noise concerns, signs will be posted identifying quiet hours and those hours will be enforced by library staff.
 - iii. The main campus is going to be contacted regarding the lack of security gates to explore funding possibilities.
 - iv. The resolution on the lack of materials, particularly in the humanities, is still in process; the librarians are willing to help faculty members obtain books and materials for their classes.

- VIII. Agenda
 - a. Approval of December Graduates
 - i. Two students from Sports Studies, a Psychology student, two Criminal Justice Students, and a Public Administration student were removed from the list.
 - ii. Motion to approve with changes identified; December graduates approved.

 - b. Election to Fill Chair-Elect Vacancy
 - i. Motion to accept nominees
 - ii. Nominees: Cynthia Hall and Cortney Barko
 - iii. Election results: Cortney Barko elected to position of Chair-Elect.

- IX. New Business: n/a

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.