Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting

1200 Orndorff Hall

September 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 1:00 PM.

1. The minutes for the May 5, 2016 meeting were approved with some minor corrections.
2. Announcements

Evelyn Klocke announced that currently the nursing board passage rate for the class graduated in May 2016 is 80%. There a more students to take the exam, so there is a potential that the passage rate could potentially reach 94% this year.

1. Administration Report – Provost Nigel Clark
   1. We have the largest freshman class in some time, due to higher than expected enrollment on the Beckley campus.
   2. In order to continue doing a good job at retention, the early alert portal will be open at the beginning of the semester. Please file early alerts for students in academic trouble.
   3. The provost’s office will be emailing faculty teaching at Beckley campus to get quality improvement feedback.
   4. We need to start thinking about how we will move to the Beckley campus. More information to come.
   5. Co-requisite courses in MATH and ENGL are moving ahead. These will be add-on’s to credit-bearing 100-level classes which will be replacing the current remedial courses.
   6. Digital Measures is a database which will eventually replace the need for paper copies of the Faculty Evaluation Files. Classes taught and tenure/promotion status are automatically populated in the database. We need to enter publications, conferences, committees, etc. Pam Edelman can enter this data if all faculty send electronic CV going back 6 years to cover this information.

G. Course Harmonization meetings occurred over the summer. This will move us towards being able to use

the Degree Works software.

H. Beckley Events: Chili Cook-off on October 1, Mountaineer/Golden Bear exhibition basketball game on

October 29.

I. There is a budget crunch and departments across Morgantown are dealing with budget cuts. We will not be

cut, but we need to stay within budget.

J. The new catalog is out (2016-2017). Determine if your advisees can benefit by switching from GEC pattern sheet to fall 2016 GEF pattern sheet.

1. Chair Report – Greg Lieving
   1. A copy of Faculty Assembly Members for 2016-2017 has been handed out along with current committee lists. The committee lists are complete except for student members.
   2. Lieving will be emailing someone on each committee to call the first meeting, elect a committee chair and report back to FA Chair.
   3. Current student count at Beckley is 194. Overall student numbers are up by approximately 50 students with over 300 freshman. Total count is over 1200.
   4. Faculty should be giving feedback on first semester at Beckley to Provost Clark, Chair Lieving, or President Long. President Long will call a September campus meeting to discuss the Beckley move.
   5. Beckley 10-year master plan is being developed over the next year or so.
   6. Faculty are encouraged to participate in curriculum development at Beckley, particularly ideas for new programs that are unique with potentially high demand. There will be an ad-hoc committee convened for consideration of new ideas.
2. ACF and Senate Reports – Sandra Elmore
   1. ACF Report
      1. Not much happening until after election.
      2. Floods seriously damaged some K-12 schools.
      3. May be a special session in September.
      4. Legislature will be meeting February 15 through April 15 (session starts later this year due to the election)
      5. WV School of Osteopathic Medicine probably won’t go private this year. Beg question is how to transfer the buildings.
      6. BOR/RBAs Question regarding accreditation – Institution Control.
      7. Both Chancellors said: “If a student cannot afford to go to college, send to me”.
      8. Dedicated revenue streams may still go into higher education.

The ACF is seeking endorsement to ACF’s 2016-2017 West Virginia Faculty Issues: a handout is provided and this will be covered under today’s agenda.

* 1. Senate Report - none

1. Committee Reports - none
2. Agenda
   1. ACF 2016-2017 agenda was presented. There was a motion to support the agenda. Motion moved and was seconded. Motion passed through voice vote.

1. New Business
   1. None

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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