

Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting  
1200 Orndorff Hall  
November 5, 2015

Chairman: Paul Rakes  
Secretary: Deb Beutler

Chairman Rakes called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

- I. The minutes for the October 3, 2015, Faculty Assembly meeting was approved.
- II. Announcements
  - A. Melissa Sartore on behalf of the Research Committee:
    1. Matthew D. Williamson, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Information Systems Published a paper in the Journal of Discrete Algorithms in October titled “On the negative cost girth problem in planar networks.”
    2. Richard Squire, Professor of Chemistry presented, with colleagues, at the American Physical Society Mid-Atlantic Meeting in Morgantown October 23-25, “Coherent Exciton-Polariton Model for Photosynthetic Energy Transfer,” by R. H. Squire, N. H. March, J. R. Ingles
    3. Houbing Song, an assistant professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
      - i. gave an invited talk entitled “Green Networking and Data” in the 1st IEEE Big Data Initiative (BDI) Standards Workshop (BDISW) on November 2, 2015 in the Headquarters of National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Gaithersburg, Maryland. He was one of the only two representatives from IEEE Green ICT Initiative (<http://greenict.ieee.org/>). He also served as a team member of IEEE Day 2015 (<http://www.ieeeday.org/>). IEEE Day is a global event to celebrate everywhere around the world the achievements of IEEE members. IEEE Day 2015 was held on October 6, 2015.
      - ii. published one invited article entitled “Smart Energy Efficient Hierarchical Data Gathering Protocols for Wireless Sensor Networks” in the October 2015 issue of Smart Computing Review (<http://www.smarterc.org/>).
      - iii. gave an invited talk entitled “Cyber-Physical Systems for Smart Transportation and Beyond” to graduate students in the Department of Electrical Engineering at the University of North Texas, Denton, TX, on October 23, 2015.
    4. Md Amin, Associate Professor of Accounting presented “Financial Statement Fraud, Its Red Flags, and Detection Methods” at a conference for The International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines in Orlando, Florida, January 2-5, 2015.
    5. Cortney Barko, Assistant Professor of English presented at the Midwest Popular Culture Association Conference in Cincinnati, OH, October 2-4, “Teaching College Undergrads about ‘Rad’ Women in History,” as well as participated and chaired several other panels
    6. Melissa Sartore, Assistant Professor of History
      - i. Presented at the Midwest Popular Culture Association Conference in Cincinnati, OH, October 2-4, “Robin Hood Goes To Neptune: The Collective Social Bandit in Veronica Mars,” as well as chaired several additional panels
      - ii. Presented at the Midwest Medieval History Conference in Terre Haute, IN, October 9-11, “Nullus liber homo capiatur, vel imprisonetur . . . aut utlagetur, aut exuletur: Magna Carta and the Relationship between Imprisonment and Outlawry in Early Thirteenth-Century English Custom and Law”.
- III. President Report – Caroline Long
  - A. Enrollment update
    1. Freshman head count was 268, up from 264 in 2014
      - a. A modest increase but most higher education institutions had a decrease
    2. The average ACT score for the incoming freshman class was 21.4, up from 21.3
    3. The average GPA of the class was also up from 2014
  - B. WVU-Beckley
    1. Over time, we will change the names of some of the buildings on campus

- a. For now, the buildings will have generic names such as “Chemistry Building” or “Engineering Building”
  - b. Eventually, the building names would be changed to reflect the names of donors/sponsors for the buildings
2. Some of the buildings cannot be renamed due to donations in the past such as the Ericsson Alumni House, Hogan Hall, R.C. Byrd and Benedum Halls.
  3. There will be another campus meeting before Christmas Break to show the plans for the new campus
  4. Rob Moyer has been working closely with the Deans to determine what space the units will need.
- C. Budget Cuts
1. Currently, there is a 4% across the board cut in budgets across the states
    - a. Some of that gap will be closed by not filling some vacancies
    - b. The rest will have to come out of the operating budgets
    - c. Travel to conferences will still be an important expenditure but the expenditure needs to be reasonable
      - i. Funding for tenure-track faculty will be maintained
    - d. She will also meet with divisional and department leaders to see where they can cut their budgets
    - e. The rest of the gap will be divided evenly and removed from the budgets of the departments/divisions
  2. There will probably be more budget cuts in the future
- D. Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) and the move to WVU-Beckley
1. We are still waiting on approval from HEPC for the move to Beckley
  2. Currently two 4-year institutions are arguing against our move
    - a. They are citing current legislation which reduce duplication and limits competition between state-funded, 4-year institutions
    - b. They do not want Tech to offer any degree program that are offered on their campuses
    - c. That would leave Tech with a few engineering programs and forensic science
  3. Tech’s counterargument is that we already compete with those schools for the same students in the same degree programs
    - a. Moving Tech 40 miles is not going to change that interaction
    - b. Student who would attend those schools would still go there
    - c. Students who would attend Tech will still go to Tech and some students who might go to Morgantown will stay and go to Tech
  4. HEPC and the schools involved have agreed that most of the programs that Tech offers will still be offered at WVU-Beckley
    - a. There are still 2-3 programs that are in discussion but she couldn’t go into details about which ones
    - b. Tech may also offer new programs not offered at those institutions that are offered at WVU
  5. She is also arguing that if WVU Tech stays in Montgomery, it is unlikely that WVU Tech will survive due to low enrollment and needed repairs.
  6. Hopefully, the details will be worked out by the time the HEPC meets again on November 20.
- E. Strategic Planning – every unit is involved with planning what that unit will need for the transition over the next two years.
- F. Questions
1. She was asked what the faculty could do to help with HEPC. Her reply was to keep doing what we do well – teach and take care of the students

#### IV. Provost Report

- A. Degreeworks – work is still going on to make it a reality of this campus
1. The degree to which WVU and WVU Tech courses were harmonized was overestimated
  2. Some courses with the same numbers have different objectives and prerequisites
  3. Pam Edelman has been comparing the WVU and WVU Tech courses which have the same number and looking at the descriptions to see which courses are the same and which courses are not the same.
  4. Currently they are working to see if WVU Tech can be delineated in Degreeworks as a separate unit so we can keep those courses/programs that are different

5. Even if we can stay as a separate unit in Degreeworks, we will continue to work to harmonize courses between WVU and WVU Tech

V. Chair Report – Paul Rakes

A. WVU Faculty Senate Executives Visit on November 10, 2015

1. Will also include the staff and student representatives to the Board of Governors
  2. They will tour both Montgomery and Beckley campuses.
  3. A meeting open to everyone on campus will be held at 2:00 in the Vining Library Mezzanine
- B. He reminded the faculty to look over the list of courses in the Course Catalogue that have not been taught in 5 years and let the Provost know which ones need to be kept

VI. ACF and Senate Reports – Sandra Elmore

A. ACF

1. CTCC Council met Thursday, October 22, 2015 at Southern Community College
  - a. Susan Anderson Tucker was announced as new Chacellor of the CTCC
  - b. They passed Series 17 (Transferability – 70% Rule)
  - c. Series 17 will go up for a vote with the HEPC on November 20, 2015
  - d. They estimate there is a 98% chance it will be passed by HEPC
  - e. They will not take it back to the legislature to get the 70% changed because they won't change it
  - f. Currently affects approximately 3,700 courses per semester taught at WVU
  - g. Next meeting will be November 20, 2015, in Charleston

B. Budget News

1. We had the 4% reduction which represented about \$5 million at WVU
2. Revenue Secretary Keith Burdett (at the CTCC meeting) said by the fourth quarter we will need to cut the system between 10-20%
  - a. A 10% cut at WVU would be \$250 million
  - b. A 20% cut at WVU would be \$500 million
3. The Charleston Gazette Mail today reported nearly \$24 million less in state revenue in October and November is expected to come in \$92 million less than 2014
4. Russ Dean said at WVU there will be a \$300-400 million shortfall and it could be as much as \$10 million next year. Our budget will start out 4% less next year compared to this year
5. It is expected that it will take 2-3 years before the economy of the state of WV can turn around

C. PEIA News

1. The November meetings are coming up.
2. PEIA has some money in the slush fund but increases in premiums and deductions are expected
  - a. PEIA cannot raise premiums on current state employees
  - b. They will raise premiums for retirees by 8% and 3% for non-state employees
  - c. Deductibles will increase by \$500 for single employees and \$1,000 for families
  - d. Prescription drug deductibles, monthly cost sharing and out-of-pocket maximums will increase
3. Eventually, state employees may find the Obama Health Care System offers more affordable plans
4. There will be a public hearing November 10, 2015, at the Little Theater in the Charleston Civic Center.

D. Senate Report

1. Next meeting will be Monday, November 16, 2015
2. They are looking at extending the terms for TAPS per C.B. Wilson
  - a. Upon promotion to Associate Professor extend to 6 year term
  - b. Upon promotion to Full Professor extend the term to 9 year term in lieu of tenure

VII. Committee Reports - none

VIII. Agenda

A. Constitution edit – He sent everyone the suggested changes to the constitution via email

1. The changes bring the constitution in line with the current titles we use for the Campus President and the Campus Provost

- B. Fall 2016 dual campus academic issues
1. The chair urged the faculty to stick to discussions about academic issues and not personal issues such as moving and commuting
  2. The Chair turned the meeting over to Provost Clark to lead the discussion
  3. We plan to have freshman classes in both Beckley and Montgomery
    - a. Students will be allowed to select which campus they call home
    - b. The exception is student-athletes must enroll in Montgomery
  4. Every class taught in Beckley will also be taught in Montgomery
    - a. Fewer sections will be offered on the Montgomery campus than in years past
    - b. It will be difficult to determine how many sections will be needed until registration begins
  5. What classes will be offered?
    - a. Developmental math and reading classes
    - b. All freshman classes
    - c. Some more advanced classes that may be needed by transfer students or are taken by some freshmen who transfer credits in from high school
    - d. Approximately 32 classes are needed for the Fall 2016 in Beckley and several will have multiple sections
  6. Who will teach those classes?
    - a. Existing faculty can only handle having a few extra sections added to their existing schedules
      - i. Most are already teach a full load and some are teaching an overload
    - b. New faculty will be hired to teach some of the classes
    - c. He sent out a questionnaire to the faculty to see whether they were interested in teach in Beckley, in Montgomery, or both next year
      - i. Of those who responded, only a few said Beckley only
      - ii. Many said they were willing teach at both campus
      - iii. Most said Montgomery only
    - d. No faculty member will be asked teach on both campuses on the same day but may be asked to teach on both campuses on different days.
    - e. The new faculty will be hired as tenure-track positions if possible to teach in Beckley
    - f. The new faculty will be integrated with the Montgomery as much as possible including making them part of the Faculty Assembly
  7. Who will decide who will teach what classes?
    - a. Once we have a better idea of the number of sections needed on both campuses, the Deans and Chairs will work out the actual schedules
    - b. The number of new faculty needed will also be determined at that time.
  8. Questions
    - a. When will we know how many students will be on both campuses
      - i. We can't even advertise to students until HEPC approves the move
      - ii. We will have to be flexible about the number of sections on both campuses because we really won't know how many we will need until registration begins
    - b. Who will make the final decisions about who will teach where?
      - i. The Provost has the list of faculty that responded to the survey and where they want to teach
      - ii. The list will be given to the Deans and Chairs and they will make the final decisions

IX. New Business - None

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
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