

Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting

200 Life Sciences

November 3, 2022

Chair: Cortney Barko

Secretary: Rachel L. Bragg

Chairwoman Barko called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

- I. The minutes of October 6, 2022 were approved.
- II. Faculty Announcements and Achievements
 - a. Nathan Galinsky, Sihe Zhang, and Bernhard Bettig have been awarded the HEPC Innovation Grant for their project entitled "Process Control Teaching System"
 - b. Charan Litchfield, Mingyu Lu, Thang Bui, and Somenath Chakraborty have been awarded the HEPC Instrumentation Grant for their project entitled "An Experimental Testbed of the Internet of Things"
 - c. Tarek R. Farhat, Hasan El Rifai, and Rana Jisr published "A Glass Vessel Insulating Cup GVIC Calorimeter to Study Chemical Reactions in the Liquid Phase" in the *Journal of Laboratory Chemical Education*
 - d. Adrienne Williams, Matthew Williams, and Dane Gaiser, a WVU Tech student, published "Hydromorphological Characterization of the Piney Creek Watershed of Raleigh County, West Virginia, a Tributary of the New River Gorge National Park" in the *Proceedings of the West Virginia Academy of Science*
 - e. Adrienne Williams and Matthew Williams presented "A Healthcare Experience Course Improves Accessibility to Rural Healthcare Careers" at the 30th Annual West Virginia Rural Health Conference in Lewisburg, West Virginia
- III. Administrative Report – Carolyn Long
 - a. Thank you to faculty who served on the presidential search committee and who participated in the forum
 - b. Two candidates will be coming to Morgantown to meet with President Gee and Provost Reed and then a final decision will be made
 - c. Thank you to faculty who attended the promotion and tenure document presentation
 - d. Thank you to faculty for their work in the classroom
 - e. Official attendance numbers will be available in December
 - f. At this time there are no budget cuts; ways have been identified to stay within the budget
 - g. New budget model will not impact WVU Tech or Potomac State at this point; the model is very similar to the current budget
 - h. Campus meeting will be held after the fall holiday break

IV. Chair Report – Cortney Barko

- a. The presidential search committee met last week to discuss feedback on the four candidates who visited campus; the feedback was shared with the search committee and will also be shared with Provost Reed
- b. The top two candidates will likely be invited to Morgantown to meet with President Gee; Provost Reed will be meeting with executive staff to discuss candidates; announcement will be made after offer is accepted
- c. Communication regarding the presidential candidates was problematic; the search firm developed the agendas, which were not shared with the search committee; faculty were not intentionally excluded from the candidate presentations
- d. Comment period for the promotion and tenure document ends November 10th; faculty are encouraged to read the draft and provide comments and feedback
- e. The proposed promotion and tenure document will go to the Faculty Senate for approval in December

V. ACF Report – Asad Davari

- a. Retreat the first weekend in November with representatives from HEPC in attendance; please email with any concerns related to higher education to share at the retreat

VI. Committee Reports

a. Faculty Senate – Asad Davari

- i. State of the University Address was held on October 3rd, followed by the Faculty Senate meeting
- ii. Provost Reed reported the health sciences and IT reviews have been completed
- iii. New majors will be submitted to the curriculum committee
- iv. New promotion and tenure document is part of the academic transformation process
- v. During the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting on October 24th, Provost Reed reported on D/F challenges
- vi. Rob Alsop reported on budget model, including how each college will run on their own revenue and if there isn't enough income, they will receive support for a short amount of time

b. Attendance Task Force – Chris McClain

- i. Faculty Focus Group met, with 3 members from each college and various majors represented
- ii. Comments will be aggregated, anonymized, and shared with task force after meeting is held with Student Focus Group
- iii. The results from both meetings will be discussed to develop recommendations

VII. Agenda: N/A

VIII. New Business: N/A

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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