

Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting  
Orndorff Hall  
September 5, 2013

Chairman: Asad Davari  
Secretary: Barbara Douglas

Chairman Davari called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

I. The minutes of the August 16, 2013 Faculty Assembly meeting were approved.

II. Announcements/Achievements

- Sandra Elmore
  - The Great Teachers Seminar will be held June 16 – 19, 2014 at North Bend State Park. Faculty are encouraged to apply to attend this outstanding seminar.
  - The Department of Physical Education is sponsoring a Guest Lecture Presentation on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 12:00 noon until 1:00 PM in the Engineering Auditorium. Special lectures will be given by Mr. James “Rocky” Gianola, Morgantown, WV concerning Sport Law issues and by Coach Bob Huggins, WVU Head Men’s Basketball Coach concerning his upcoming 2013-2014 Basketball Season.
- Mark Wilson
  - John David was awarded Professor Emeritus
- Zeljko Torbica
  - Houbing Song, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has been invited by the National Science Foundation to participate in a two-day workshop on *Scaling Terabit Networks: Breaking Through Capacity Barriers and Lowering Cost with New Architectures and Technologies*.
  - Farshid Zabihian, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, has been selected to attend the fifth Frontiers of Engineering Education (FOEE) Symposium in Irvine, CA October 27-30, 2013. This symposium is specifically designed for faculty members who are actively engaged in teaching in U.S. engineering programs.

III. Administrative Report – Carolyn Long

- The No Tobacco Use Policy will be placed on comment in the next few days with the implementation planned for January 1, 2014.
- The Data Mining Training went well and it is planned that 2-3 more will be scheduled
- A search for the Associate Campus Provost is underway. Professor Nigel Clark will chair this search committee. The committee will need 3 faculty members of which Asad Davari will provide names. The goal is to have the position filled by April 1, 2014
- Student numbers are still higher than last year. The exact student numbers will be available around October 6, 2013
- The Residence Halls are 91% full. Tech is working with Morgantown on a plan for next year’s Residence Hall students. Because of this increase in Residence Hall occupancy, Bridgmont students will not be housed on campus next year.
- Work continues with the Legislators in regard to the proposed budget cuts.
- Higher Learning Commission will be visiting in the future. More information will follow.
- Questions for Ms. Long:
  - Is there a reason for concern from the comment in the newspaper that “West Virginia has more colleges than the state needs”?
    - WVU Tech is a part of WVU and Tech should not be concerned for such comments
  - Can there be a website for the Faculty Assembly?

- Our website needs to be updated. Any faculty willing to set up a website please contact Ms. Long.
- Food Service has also increased. Dean Carpinelli announced the vending program is available in the Student Success Center. The meal plan can be used to make vending purchases in the Student Success Center. Future plans to implement a “Grab and Go” to be located in Engineering Building.
- Student Support Services – Jennifer Wood Cunningham provided information on the difference between Student Success Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor Vining) and the Student Support Services which is funded by the Pell Grant which is available to students with low income; first generation college; or have a learning or physical disability. Jennifer asked that faculty encourage students to use the success center. A “Get Hired” program is scheduled for October 10, 2013.

V. Senate Report – Sandra Elmore

- The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will meet on Monday, September 9, 2013.
- There was a question about the WVU Scholarships not being available to WVU Tech students. Ms. Elmore will verify this information.

VI. ACF Report – Sandra Elmore

- The ACF will meet on October 17, 2013 at Bridgemont Community College
- PEIA - Rates charged for PEIA are higher for higher salaried participants than other PEIA participants. Information shared from Dominion Post in regard to request of information from PEIA. Ms. Long shared that representatives from WVU believe that if self-insured, WVU could save 20 million dollars a year. ACF will continue to monitor.
- Update to SB 330 – Mark Tour has primary responsibility to implement this bill. The Fox Lawson Firm was awarded the contract by HEPC to collect data from classified, unclassified staff and faculty.
  - Ms. Long commented that the legislators wrote the bill and WVU hired a lawyer, Mark Tour, to interpret the bill which goes into effect in January 2014.

VII. Chair Report – Asad Davari

- For the first time since 2007 we have a revised Faculty Assembly Constitution. Thanks to the work of the past chair – Lisa Ferrara.
  - Be sure to read page 13, Section 11
  - Be sure to read page 15, Section E
- Please report Committee Chairs to Asad. The Commencement Committee Chair is Martha Maus

VIII. Agenda

- A. West Virginia Advisory Council of Faculty 2013-2014 Issues
  - A motion was made and approved for endorsement of the 2013-2-014 ACF Issues
- B. New Business – There was no new business
- C. Adjournment – There being no new business or further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Douglas