

Minutes, Faculty Assembly Meeting  
1200 Orndorff Hall  
December 3, 2015

Chairman: Paul Rakes  
Secretary: Deb Beutler

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

- I. The minutes for the November 5, 2015, Faculty Assembly meeting were approved.
- II. Announcements
  - A. Peggy Fink announced that flu vaccines are available right now at no charge
  - B. Melissa Sartore on behalf of the Research Committee:
    1. Faculty from the Department of Career and Technical Education attended Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) conference in New Orleans, LA
      - i. Conference Presentation: Nov 18, 2015 by faculty David Yost, Ed.D., Richard Yocke, Paul Lovett "Beginning Technology Skills of New Career and Technical Education Teachers in West Virginia: Changing Characteristics over 10 Years"
      - ii. Conference Presentation: Nov 20, 2015 by faculty David Yost, Ed.D., Richard Yocke, Paul Lovett "Technology Skills of Beginning CTE Teachers: Implications for Planning Teacher Professional Development"
      - iii. Chair, Brenda Tuckwiller, Ed.D., worked with faculty to develop all scholarly papers and presentations.
      - iv. Richard Yocke was named to the New and Related Services National Policy Committee for Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE)
      - v. David Yost, Ed.D., was named incoming Program Chair for Association of Career and Technical Education Research National Conference for 2016.
    2. Andrea Kent, Associate Professor of Political Science, presented a paper at the Northeastern Political Science Association's Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA, November 12, 2015. The paper was entitled "From James Madison to Veronica Roth, Factions of University - Commentary by a New Professor." She was also a discussant on a panel on Secession, Ethnic Conflict & Self-Determination.
    3. Andrew Wheeler, Associate Professor of Forensics presented a paper entitled "Training and Education: Different Tools for Different Goals" at the West Virginia Criminal Justice Educators Association's 19th Annual Conference on November 13, 2015, in Parkersburg, WV.
  - C. Deb Beutler announced that the biology club is still collecting socks, snacks, pet food, canned food and used bedding to be donated to local charities.
- III. President Report – Caroline Long
  - A. HEPC voted unanimously to keep all of the degree programs when we move to Beckley
  - B. The next step is for the legislature to pass bills allowing the headquarters of WVU Tech to move to Beckley
    1. There will be bills in both the House and the Senate
    2. Both bills already have sponsors
  - C. WVU is working with the 2 counties involved, Fayette and Raleigh, to come to a collaborative agreement.
  - D. We are working to find new uses for the buildings in Montgomery when WVU Tech moves
  - E. Encourage students to pre-register for next semester
  - F. Hiring of new faculty will begin next semester for the Beckley campus
  - G. There will be a campus meeting December 17, 2015 at 8:45 a.m. in the Engineering Auditorium to update the campus about the Beckley move
  - H. She is hosting a holiday open house this Friday at the Robinson House, 3:00-5:00
  - I. Questions?
    1. Lieving asked if we could start advertising and recruiting students for the Beckley campus
      - a. Yes and the list of courses has already gone out for advertising.

#### IV. Provost Report

##### A. Teach-out Plans

1. HLC considers the move to Beckley as a “teach out”
2. Teach out plans were sent to the Dean’s for approval
3. Advisors need to talk to their advisees and make sure they know whether they will finish in Montgomery or Beckley

##### B. Academic Affairs will look at harmonizing WVU and WVU Tech programs

##### C. Barbara Boyd will be moving to the Registrar’s Office to oversee the employees there.

##### D. Fall 2016 Schedules

1. Montgomery schedule will be available soon and will be complete
2. Beckley classes will have to be flexible
  - a. Classes will be added as faculty are hired
  - b. Classes will be added or deleted based on demand as the students register

##### E. Hiring new faculty that will teach on both campuses as needed

##### F. Library

1. Mary Strife from Morgantown will oversee the development of the library in Beckley
2. It will have more student work stations and fewer books than the library we have here
3. She is a faculty member at WVU so she will be the lone faculty member in the library

##### G. Student evaluation of instruction (SEI) will be changing soon

1. During the fall 2015 semester, some courses were used to test a new electronic submission platform.
2. Currently paper ones are still preferred by some departments but they will be discontinued
3. This makes some professors uncomfortable because students don’t have the resources to fill them out in class.
4. The new program will offer more options for students to complete the survey.

#### V. Chair Report – Paul Rakes

##### A. The new student evaluation system can be filled out by students on their cell phones and can be open only during specific class hours if the professor wants to set it up that way

##### B. WVU Faculty Senate Executives visited campus on November 10, 2015

1. Also included staff and student representatives to the Board of Governors
2. They toured both Montgomery and Beckley campuses.
3. The Senate Executives had a meeting with the Faculty Assembly Council and a meeting open to all faculty.
4. They have been very helpful with some of the academic administrative issues that have occurred.

#### VI. ACF and Senate Reports – Sandra Elmore

##### A. ACF

1. She attended the Legislative Oversight Committee on Educational Accountability (LOCEA) meeting at the state capital on Monday, November 16, 2015. Three ACF issues were presented:
  - a. Restore higher education state funding to a minimum of the 2009 level
  - b. Invest in WV’s future with additional degree holders by 2018
  - c. Address mandated PEIA cuts of \$30million by adding to the PEIA funding.
2. She attended the HEPC meeting on Friday, November 20, 2015, in South Charleston, WV. The following items were of interest:
  - a. Instructors in dual enrollment courses being taught must have a master’s degree in the subject matter.
  - b. Series 17, Transferability of college credits, HB2867 signed by Governor. Series 17 language must be consistent with language in HG2867 which the HLC is okay with.
  - c. Approval of WVU/WVU Tech to offer all programs in Beckley, WV
  - d. There was encouragement for WVU to bring master’s degree programs to Beckley.
  - e. Enrollments and funding by institutions were presented.
3. She attended the ACF meeting on Friday, November 20, 2015, in Charleston, WV. The following items were of interest:
  - a. ACF changing by-laws to change Secretary to Secretary/Treasurer position
  - b. Re-writing common core standards and calling it Next Gen Ed
    - i. Adds cursive writing and multiplication tables to curriculum

- ii. Most of the Common Core standards are not different
- iii. Smarter balance is aligned with Common Core
- c. 70% standard for transferability of classes – law deals with in-state institutions, not out of state institutions.

B. WVU Senate

- 1. WVU Faculty Senate meets Monday, December 7, 2015.
- 2. WVU Faculty Senate Executive Committee meets Monday, December 14, 2015.

VII. Committee Reports - none

VIII. Agenda

A. Constitution edit brings the constitution in line with the current titles we use for the Campus President and the Campus Provost

- 1. Asad Davari made a motion to approve the changes
- 2. Sandy Elmore seconded
- 3. The motion passed by more than a 2/3 margin by a show of hands

B. Change to the by-laws

- 1. Currently, there is no designated chair for the WVU Faculty Senate Committee as specified in the constitution
- 2. The chair of that committee sits on the Faculty Assembly Council
- 3. The Faculty Assembly Council recommends the following addition to by-law C:

“If a WVU Tech senator is a member of the WVU Faculty Senate Executive Committee, then that senator shall serve as the Chair of Tech’s WVU Senators Committee. If no Tech senator is a member of the WVU Senate Executive Committee, then the Chair of the WVU-Tech Senators Committee shall be elected as per any other Faculty Assembly committee.”

- 4. This was the first reading of the by-law change. It will be voted on during the February 4, 2016 meeting

C. Provost Clark would like the faculty to have a voice in streamlining the course catalog

- 1. Ferrara made a motion that the Faculty Assembly approve the streamlining of the WVU Tech course Catalog.
- 2. The motion was seconded by Asad Davari
- 3. The motion was approved.

IX. New Business - None

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
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