



FACULTY ASSEMBLY MINUTES

January 26th, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** The Faculty Assembly meeting of January 26, 2018, was called to order by Chair Ballard at 3:05pm in Science Room 220.

Faculty Executive Committee Members Present:

Badenhoop, J.	Johnson-Olin, M.	Sydow, T.	Wilcox, G.
Ballard, D.	Jones, J.	Vandenberg, M.	
Goff, N.	Pritts, C.	Vogtman, J.	

Voting Members Present:

Arjel, K.	Farhat, T.	Meadows, Y.	Schafer, A.
Armentrout, D.	Hudgins, C.	Merrifield, J.	Schafer, D.
Bane, L.	Huffman, V.	Miller, J.	Stone, J.
Bridges, C.	Hunt, R.	Moore, M.	Upton, R.
Cheves, R.	Julian, C.	Oberlechner, S.	Weaver, A.
Cunningham, E.	Kline, V.	Saifi, M.	Westfall, K.
Gilbert, J.	Martini, M.	Samuels, H.	Whitacre, K.

Voting Members Excused:

Chisholm, S.
Little, D.

Voting Members Absent:

Armstrong, C.	Douthitt, P.	Moore, K.	Starcher, S.
Beck Roth, S.	Lawrence, C.	Ninesteel, J.	Walker, A.
Butcher, A.	Matlick, D.	Petersen, R.	
Chandler, N.	Mehra, D.	Plitnik, B.	

Non-Voting Members Present:

Ochoa, G. Orlikoff, J.

Guests:

Shapiro, A. Shultz, T.

2. Professor Vogtman moved to approve the FA November 17, 2017 minutes as amended. **Motion Carried.** (*Annex 1*).
3. Professor Vogtman moved to approve the FA December 15th, 2017 minutes. **Motion Carried.** (*Annex 2*).

4. Dean Ochoa reported the following:

- Welcomed back all faculty for the spring term.
- Work continues on the intent to plan Multidisciplinary Studies program and the Health Informatics & Information Technology degree.
- A small taskforce will be looking at ways for WVU-PSC to be more “adult-friendly”, which includes having more online availability. The RBA program is being looked into to find ways for it to be more adult-friendly as well. As a result, the Academic Standards Committee is reviewing WVU-PSC’s Online Policy.
- Dean Ochoa is working with Dean Bailey (WVU-Online & CPE) on how to offer the General Studies associate’s degree entirely online.
- Thanked all faculty for working with drop/add/late students.

5. President Orlikoff reported the following:

- Meeting with Joyce McConnell, John Campbell, and Sharon Martin on Monday, January 29th to make a case on why WVU-Morgantown needs to invest in WVU-PSC.
- Recently had One-WVU Recruitment Retreat at WVU Institute of Technology in Beckley.
- Urged faculty to not complete GO-365 with PEIA. Credit will not be awarded until later, and that is even if the program is implemented.
- Discussed the Free Community College Initiative, which Rob Alsop is heavily involved in. WVU-PSC is not a community college on paper, so the college may not positively benefit.
- Discussed the 5 Core Values of WVU-PSC: Service Oriented, Respect, Appreciation, Curiosity, and Accountability.
- Moving forward with the creation of a lactation room in the new Health Building.
- Looking to start an Academic Leadership Fellowship on our campus.

6. Chair Ballard reported the following:

- Welcomed back all faculty to the spring term.
- Welcomed Dr. Tarek Farhat to the chemistry department.
- Last semester, Grant Gonzalez, a representative from the Fulbright Scholars program visited WVU-PSC. While WVU-PSC does not have many students who qualify for the program, there are options for faculty. If you are interested in traveling, studying, or would like any information on the program please ask Chair Ballard for Grant’s contact information.
- The Promotion & Tenure documents that were approved at the December Faculty Assembly have been reviewed by the administration and have been sent to the Associate Provost for Academic Personnel Office at WVU-Morgantown for feedback. Once feedback has been provided, it will be shared with the faculty.

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- The Workload & Pay document is being returned to the Faculty Welfare Committee for further work. If any concerns or information, please share them with Chair Ballard or the Faculty Welfare Committee.
 - Urged faculty to check their email for the Faculty Senate nominations. If faculty has an individual in mind for the position, please fill out the survey. The new senator will begin in July.

7. Senate Report:

- From the December Meeting:
 - President Gee reported the following:
 1. WVU has been in discussion about clean energy for a long time now. There is now a memorandum of understanding with China Energy Investment Corp. This is an \$83.7 billion commitment that will impact the state, WVU, and opportunities for research and creativity.
 2. President Gee was very pleased that WVU was able to raise \$3 million for the inaugural Day of Giving.
 3. WVU will have two teams in the Mars Ice Challenge.
 - Chair Valenti reported the following:
 1. In January, C.B Wilson will provide a presentation on the senate rules.
 2. The Ad Hoc Exec Academic Policy Review committee has met and discussed policies related to attendance, incompletes, etc. They are on track to meet with the Board of Governors in April
 - The full minutes of WVU's December 11th, 2017 Faculty Senate meeting can be found [here](#).
- From the January Meeting:
 - Provost Joyce McConnell reported the following:
 1. The winter weather policy was sent out via Mountaineer E-News. Urged faculty to be understanding of others judgements on safety when traveling in inclement weather.
 2. WVU is finalizing the details for a Dependent Undergraduate Tuition Assistance program. This will be available for eligible WVU employees effective Fall 2018.
 3. The Legislative Oversight Committee on Higher Education is looking at funding formulas. WVU is optimistic due to being deeply engaged and making sure all of our needs as a land-grant university are being respected.
 4. WVU has enacted a Record Retention Policy. More information can be found [here](#). The Office of Sustainability is organizing a WVU-Morgantown campus-wide effort to shred and recycle unwanted documents.
 5. Admissions are slightly down compared to last year. However, applications and offer of admissions are up in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The quality of classes continue to rise, and the percentage of female applicants is up.
 6. HLC visit will take place March 5-6. The accreditation team will have received our self-study and assurance prior to arriving on campus.

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- The full minutes of WVU's January 8th, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting can be found [here](#).
 - C.B Wilson will be presenting the Board of Governor's rules on February 12th.
 - A resolution has been passed regarding campus carry. (Annex 5).

8. Senate Executive Report:

- Submitted written report. (*Annex 9*).
- Discussion over the proposed changes to PEIA, including the Go 365 initiative, was held. (*Annex 3 and 7*). Senator Merrifield requested additional comments be forwarded to her by Monday.
- Changes to the timeline for new courses and new alterations were discussed. (*Annex 4*).
- The full minutes of WVU's January 22nd, 2018 Senate Executive meeting can be found [here](#).

9. ACF Report:

- The Great Teacher's Seminar will be held June 18th. If you are interested in going, contact Professor Sydow. (*Annex 8*)
- HEPC is encouraging open education resources such as online text.
- The HEPC has proposed a change to the D-F Repeat Policy. The proposed change is that for all four year undergraduates be able to repeat 21 credits. The ACF modified this policy that students can repeat any class they've scored below an A in.
- HEPC is looking for a replacement for HERA funds.
- Higher Education Day was January 23rd. Topics such as PEIA and Go-365 were touched on.
- Told by four separate lawmakers that no more budget cuts are planned for this year.
- Full draft report of November meeting was distributed. (*Annex 6*).

10. New Business:

- None.

11. Announcements:

- TLC is no longer a stand alone unit, it is part of the WVU Online College. Tracey Beckley has been named Assistant Dean of Teaching and Learning in the Online College. Keith Bailey is the Dean of the Online College, he is also the Assistant Provost for Teaching and Learning.
- The National Wildlife Turkey Federation is being hosted at the Armory from 11:00-3:00pm on Saturday, January 27th by WVU-PSC's JAKE (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics, and Sportsmanship) students. These students will also be participating in the National Convention in Nashville, TN.
- Professor Samuels thanked all the faculty members who volunteered to take students from Keyser Middle School out to lunch for being awarded Student of the Month.
- The Indy on Main Street is having a Celtic band on Sunday, January 28th, at 6:30pm. At 3:30pm they are also hosting local musicians. Professor Hunt will be performing.

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- Professor Hunt publically thanked Professor Sydow, Professor Armentrout, and Professor Johnson-Olin for handling a situation effectively in the English department.
 - Mineral County is hosting their annual STEM festival on March 24th, 2018. If you would like to apply to be a speaker, please go [here](#).
 - April Shapiro announced that the Nursing Program is progressing. Dr. Robin Lewis from the WV Board of Nursing will be visiting the WVU-PSC campus on June 8th, 2018 to conduct the site and accreditation.

12. Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:21pm to reconvene February 23rd, 2018.

-Kay Jones

Faculty Assembly Administrative Secretary