

Agenda

Faculty Assembly Executive Committee Friday, November 13, 2020, 3:00 pm Zoom Meeting

Voting Members Present

Donna Ballard Mia Martini Heidi Samuels Sheri Chisholm MaryBeth Moore Tom Sydow Vik Frazier Cassie Pritts Ruth Upton Caitlin Hudgins Gerry Willcox

Non-voting Members Present

Dean Ochoa

- 1. Call to Order
 - 3:00 pm by chair, Gerald Wilcox
- 2. For Approval Minutes of 9 October 2020 (*Annex 1*)
 - No corrections or additions were noted. Minutes were set as distributed.
- 3. Report from Campus President Jennifer Orlikoff
 - Unable to attend due to meeting in Morgantown
- 4. Report from Dean of Academic Affairs Greg Ochoa
 - Appreciative of all that faculty are doing and how well they are working with students.
 - Call to move classes online will be made Saturday afternoon or Sunday based on Thursday's Covid test results. Unsure of the benchmark for that decision. PSC is working with AJ Root from the Mineral County Health Department. Dr. Orlikoff and Scott McVicker are in discussion with Clay Marsh and others at Morgantown.
 - Dr. Chisholm and others expressed concern that students are having trouble making contact in a timely manner with Enrollment Services and Financial Aid representatives who are working remotely. Dr. Ochoa will pass this concern along to Dr. Orlikoff but stated that Morgantown is working closely with Financial Aid.
- 5. Report from Faculty Assembly Chair Gerry Wilcox
 - The culture survey will not take place this Fall. The questions were developed by a company and are therefore proprietary. WVU wants the survey done on all campuses at the same time and will complete survey on all 3 campuses next fall. Concerns about transparency and accountability were raised as faculty were not given access to the data from the last survey- only summaries. We can bring concerns about tech, tools, and support to division chairs and the assembly chair directly.
 - SEI's are available now and recommend all instructors that are meeting face to face take some time during class to have students complete. Indicated online participation is low.
 - Dr. Samuels brought up a concern of morale issues with faculty and the importance of a culture survey to gauge the issue. Dr. Wilcox advised that issues could be brought up in division meetings and more sensitive issues could be brought directly to him.
- 6. Division Reports
 - a. Applied Science
 - Discussed that teaching take on a higher presence in faculty files/reviews increased to 60 or 70%. This would be an opt in option. Dr. Chisholm replied that individual faculty must request to have up to 60% of eval be applied to teaching. Dr. Martini later included a link to request the increase in the chat line.
 - Academic advisors would like to know if advisees are commuter students to aid in developing course schedules.

- b. Liberal Arts
- Professor Upton will ask about morale at the next meeting.
- No further information to share.
- c STEM
- Professor Frazier expressed concern over the cleanliness of the STEM building. Instructors feel that they are being targeted for repercussions and/or retaliation if they use the facilities cards to notify of issues. Hygiene reports need to be anonymous.
- 7. Faculty Representative Reports
 - a. WVU Senate (Sheri Chisholm, Caitlin Hudgins, Heidi Samuels)
 - President Gee discussed the election and that WVU would have received 48 to 49 million if the last proposed stimulus would have passed. Vaccines will be ready soon. COVID spiking in WV and being monitored closely.
 - Provost Reed reiterated spikes in COVID. Student behavior memo coming out on Wednesday, but unsure if it will go to all faculty. Spring semester will have a small increase in face to face classes: 57% online, 10% hybrid, 30% in person, 8% increase in synchronous to address student/parent complaints. Pass/fail grade an option for faculty but not mandated. Consultant hired to address classes with high D/F repeats. Adding faculty to COVID planning committees.
 - Pass/fail grading is still an option.
 - Discussion boards are being added to the Parents pages on the website.
 - Copyright presentation on Intellectual Property.
 - Senate Chair reported Campus Carry will be revisited. How will SEI be used. Freedom of modality. Concerns raised about a potential reduction in the.
 - TACO working on final report out next month on Early Semester Teaching Assessment and Post Assessment Survey sent to faculty.
 - b. WVU Senate Executive Committee (Sheri Chisholm)
 - Lou Slimak concerned with federal funding issues over P/F grade. Possibility of enhancements to the D/F repeat policy to also include a grade of "C."
 - c. ACF Report (Tom Sydow)
 - No October meeting. Next meeting November 20.
- 8. Governance Charter and Faculty Assembly Constitution (Annexes 2-3)
 - Both documents had highlighted changes in red.
 - Dr. Chisholm indicated that the Academic Appeals section had been removed from the Governance Charter but also needs removed from the Constitution.
 - Approved unanimously to move to Faculty Assembly agenda.
- 9. Surgical Tech courses and program
 - Approved by Instructional Programs
 - Approved unanimously to move to Faculty Assembly agenda.
- 10. Proposed Faculty Assembly Agenda
 - Approved unanimously.
- 11. New Business
- 12. Announcements
- 13. Adjournment
 - Dr. Samuels made a motion to adjourn at 3:36 pm.