



West Virginia University

POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE

## Faculty Assembly

### Minutes

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Faculty Assembly meeting of WVU-Potomac State College was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Ballard via Zoom.

#### Voting Members Present

Alvaro, M.  
Armentrout, D.  
Badenhoop, J.  
Ballard, D.  
Bridges, C.  
Burnett, J.  
Cheves, R.  
Chisholm, S.  
Cunningham, E.  
DelSignore, R.  
Douthitt, P.  
Frazier, V.  
Gardner, N.

Hudgins, C.  
Huffman, V.  
Jones, J.  
Liller, B.  
Martini, M.  
Moore, M.  
Morgart, J.  
Oberlechner, S.  
Petersen, R.  
Plitnik, B.  
Pritts, C.  
Runner, T.  
Saifi, M.

Samuels, H.  
Schafer, A.  
Schafer, D.  
Smouse, K.  
Sydow, T.  
Van Vranken, N.  
Weaver, A.  
Wilcox, G.

#### Voting Members Absent

Ghimire, G.  
Lamichhane, R.  
Lawrence, C.  
Lessard, D.  
Leverone, J.  
Little, D.  
Mitchell, S.  
O'Quinn, J.

Poole, J.  
Sankare, F.  
Stone, J.  
Upton, R.  
Vogtman, J.  
Zyga, L

#### Non-Voting Members Present

Ochoa, G. Orlikoff, J.

#### Guests of Faculty Assembly

Meadows, Y. Shapiro, A. Hart, N.

1. Call to Order 3:02 pm
2. For Approval Minutes of 24 September 2021 (*Annex I*)  
Accepted as distributed
3. Report from Campus President Jennifer Orlikoff
  - Thank you for participating in the campus forum yesterday. Great to hear about everything happening on campus.
  - Strategic plan should be a living document.
  - Applications are up compared to last year this time.
  - We are working on a tenure campus plan, integrated with WVU systems plan. This might bring us more support on the facilities.
  - Vaccine booster available, clinic on campus 11/18.
  - As Scott mentioned, our covid numbers are low.
  - E. Cunningham's biology class has been taking samples; covid cleaning is working- students haven't been able to grow their samples!
4. Report from Dean of Academic Affairs Greg Ochoa
  - Search updates- library director is up and running, first round of interviews coming. Science tutor and tutor/advisor reposted. Will meet with A. Morgan to review options. Six faculty positions are posted. Surg tech director will begin in the Spring. L. Zyga will be offered a TT position, and J. Leverone will be offered a 2<sup>nd</sup> year as visiting.
  - Online review committee announced, meeting coming up.
  - Journalism review will be coming. Committee has PSC plus Morgantown representatives.
  - Title III grant approved, will hire 6 positions. Will advertise as soon as funding stream is cleared.
  - Human Nutrition AA is faculty assembly for approval.
5. Report from Faculty Assembly Chair Donna Ballard
  - Jodie Goodman, WVU ombudsperson. Available to all faculty regarding issues with job, supervisor, etc.
  - Faculty Welfare met last week, reviewed Faculty Development grants, some extra money is available and will reopen with a December deadline.
  - P&T Guidelines changes/discussion will begin with faculty forum, not yet scheduled.
  - Mask mandate still in place in classes and labs.
  - Email re: vaccine booster registration.
6. Faculty Representative Reports
  - WVU Senate (Vik Frazier, **Caitlin Hudgins**, Heidi Samuels)
    - October 18 meeting was longer, state of the university address
    - President Gee reported that Morgantown hit 80% vaccine, fragility of higher education, pillars: education, healthcare, prosperity, purpose. Project 168- coached co-curricular experience (pilot, credit for extracurriculars). Purpose Institute; Spence Group partnership.
    - Rob Alsop: high vaccine numbers on Morgantown campus means a mandate is unlikely.
    - Provost Reed: Program review process continues and will become a long-term and regular activity.
    - Pilot for SEI comments. Watch for more guidance.
    - Legislative agenda- safety and security (campus carry), critical race theory, and funding formulas and budget.
    - Emergency leave plan has been renewed.
    - Joint Vaccine Resolution with Marshall University, passed 56-15.
    - H. Samuels adds Senate President reminds us of the Coffee and Conversation program.
    - V. Frazier adds that program review will be annual, see [Academic Transformation website](#) for more info. Vaccine mandate implied to wait for government mandate.
  - WVU Senate Executive Committee (Sheri Chisholm)
    - Met 10/25. Provost Reed spoke about Academic Transformation, trying to be transparent.
  - ACF Report (Tom Sydow)
    - No new info. Next meeting 12/3.
7. Instructional Programs
  - PSC\_ANIML\_SC: PSC-Animal Science

- PSC\_GEN\_AG: PSC-General Agriculture
- PSC\_HORT: PSC-Horticulture
- PSC\_PE\_SP\_MG PSC-PE (Sports Management)
- PSC\_NSQ\_BSN PSC-Nursing
- PSC\_CJ\_S\_AA PSC-Criminal Justice Studies
- PSC\_AGEE PSC-Agriculture and Extension Education
- Move to approve S. Chisholm, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Badenhop, passed by acclaim

#### 8. New Business

- Diversity Issues: D. Ballard reports graffiti and flyer movement/destruction. Investigation shows that bulletin boards were a one-time issue. Reminder- we have a diversity specialist, Shannon Meek. Items can be forwarded to chair, executive committee, or S. Meek directly. V. Frazier adds that Gay/Straight Alliance flyers have been destroyed in Science and Academy. Also, graffiti is in Science Hall bathrooms (varied white supremacy terms). H. Samuels asks- has the door been fixed? V. Frazier says no, it's been scratched over but still visible. J. Orlikoff will reach out to Carni for a status report. C. Bridges asks- can we reach out to Morgantown? This is not ok, and it needs to be addressed rather than simply fixed. N. Gardner adds that he remembers the White Power / Black Power graffiti was there when he was a student in 2005. J. Badenhop asks about broad education for students, maybe reach out to student organizations. We had an issue with graffiti in chemistry rooms, but tables were painted black and that limited it. Perhaps we can paint the walls. J. Orlikoff- is this current, or leftover? B. Plitnik- there is a graffiti resistant paint available.
- V. Frazier: Title III Grant. This sounds great, but has concerns about how we will fund it after 5 years? Reapplying is possible, but not assured. Can faculty get access to the plan? J. Orlikoff- we will reapply, but also with the grant, we'll make up the shortfall with improved retention. It should be a positive return. J. Badenhop- will we be collecting data on retention and success, for reapplication? J. Orlikoff- if the grants go away, we will retain the positions.

#### 9. Announcements

- H. Samuels- some filmmakers in Morgantown is looking for those with DEI stories, contact H. Samuels.
- T. Runner- DEI speakers coming up, please pass this on to your students.
- C. Hudgins- Writing Center & Library have two events coming up: Writing a Paper 101 and Darn Citations. Please promote.
- G. Ochoa- Any faculty who knows a potential tutor, please pass on the info.
- H. Samuels- Tuesdays 4-5:15 Leadership Class Speakers are open, Academy 206.
- N. Gardner- Thank you for completing the newspaper survey, we will continue to reach out for faculty input for library programs and resources.

#### 10. Adjournment, Motion by V. Frazier, 2<sup>nd</sup> H. Samuels, carried at 3:49 pm.

**/ Mia Martini**  
Faculty Assembly Secretary