



**Minutes  
Faculty  
Assembly  
Friday, October 27, 3pm  
Science Hall 220**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval Minutes of the September 22, 2023, Faculty Assembly Meeting (Annex 1)-  
*Approved as distributed.***
- 3. Report from Campus President Chris Gilmer (Annex 2)**
- 4. Report from Dean of Academic Affairs Phil Douthitt (Annex 3)**
  - *Students are receiving a hold for high school transcripts. This is an error in the system.*
  - *There was discussion with Dean Douthitt regarding whole language requirements for Liberal Arts students. WVU has given permission to keep two semesters of Spanish. Advisers will need to request waivers.*
- 5. Report from Faculty Assembly Chair Richard Petersen**
  - *Dr. Petersen attended the last Academic Transformation Meeting. The meeting was planning in nature. He encouraged faculty to attend the meeting with the Provost's Office representatives on October 2 in Science Hall 108. There will be a request made for ZOOM access for this meeting. Dr. Petersen encouraged faculty to give input.*
  - *There was general discussions with Dr. Petersen and the Faculty Assembly regarding budget deficiency. There is no information available currently regarding matrixes or data for Academic Transformation.*
  - *Dr. Petersen announced the provost Office is seeking a faculty volunteer for representation on WVU Promotion and Tenure Advisory Board. More information will follow.*
- 6. Faculty Representative Reports**
  - *WVU Senate – Dr. Ballard reported on the State of the University from Monday.*
  - *WVU Senate Executive Committee – presently no PSC representative*
  - *ACF Report –Dr. Martini reported there are two bills pending that will allow faculty to run for public office.*
- 7. Nominations for WVU Senate Committee Representative**
  - *A Qualtrics survey was distributed for the purpose of requesting nominations. The nomination period to fill Mary Moore's unexpired term closes on October 30.*

#### **8. New Grant Policy- Bill Letrent (Annex 4)**

- The purpose of the policy is to streamline the process. All faculty members are encouraged to pursue grants, regardless of the amount. There were fifteen grants submitted last year. This is the first time a policy has existed regarding grants. Faculty are not required to follow this policy, but Mr. Letrent offered his assistance through the process.
- The Title III grant is in year 2. There is a new grant to be submitted to encourage rural high school students to pursue college education. In addition, there will be a proposal for Student Support Services, which formally existed successfully at PSC.

#### **9. Instructional Programs- Dr. Sheri Chisholm (Annex 5)**

- *Dr. Petersen presented the course change proposals in absence of Dr. Chisholm*
  - ✓ *Dr. Vickie Huffman moved to accept the changes.*
  - ✓ *Dr. Mohammad Saifi seconded the motion.*
  - ✓ *Motion carried.*

#### **10. New Business**

- Executive Session (4:20 pm-4:54 pm)  
*Dr. Heidi Samuels moved for the Faculty Assembly to go into Executive Session*
  - ✓ *Chris Bilitsky seconded the motion.*
  - ✓ *Motion Carried*
- Faculty Resolution  
*Dr. Heidi Samuels called for a vote to accept the "Resolution of No Confidence in the Leadership of Senior Advisor to the President and Chief of Staff Brady Whipkey" (Annex 5)*
  - ✓ *John Stone seconded the motion.*
  - ✓ *A call to question was made by Andrea Schafer*
  - ✓ *The motion to call to question was seconded by Dr. Donna Ballard*

*A secret ballot was collected. "Resolution of No Confidence in the Leadership of Senior Advisor to the President and Chief of Staff Brady Whipkey" (Annex 5) passed by the Faculty Assembly 31-1.*

#### **11. Announcements**

- *Trunk or Treat will be held this evening.*
- *Jessie O'Quinn will be calling for Faculty to participate in the Supplemental Instruction and Peer Tutor Programs.*

#### **12. Adjournment**

- *Joan Vogtman moved to adjourn the meeting.*
  - ✓ *Nick Gardner seconded the motion.*
  - ✓ *Motion Carried.*

