**WVSU Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Friday, May 6, 2016 – 1:30**

**Hamblin Auditorium**

1. **Call to order:** The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Tim Ruhnke at 1:39 p.m.
2. **Review/approval of minutes:** Minutes from the Faculty Senate Meeting held April 1, 2016 were reviewed. **Motion to accept the minutes was made (Fultz/Ray) and carried.**
3. **Approval of the agenda: Motion to approve the amended agenda carried (Fultz/Marrash-Minnerly).**
4. **Comments from the Chair:** Dr. Ruhnke noted “significant strides” during his tenure as Chair of Faculty Senate. He commented on the importance of working hard to ensure the success of the new president. This will help ensure the success of the University. Dr. Ruhnke had a good working relationship with the outgoing president and the Board of Governors. He also thanked everyone.
	1. **Seating of new Senators:** Oree Banks was re-elected from the College of Professional Studies.
5. **Reports**
	1. **EPC – Dr. Michael Fultz:** Dr. Fultz emailed the EPC report prior to the Faculty Senate meeting for review by Senators (largely due to length of the report. Discussion was made of the need to determine procedures for the committee as there is significant oral tradition, but little in terms of written guidelines. A sub-committee is needed to preview and give feedback on proposed changes. **Motion to create a task-force to determine role of sub-committee (Baker, Guetzloff) carried.** The Senate Executive Committee will determine members and charge of sub-committee. **Motion to accept EPC report was approved (Dean/Banks).**
	2. **BOG Report – Dr. Tom Guetzloff**: Dr. Guetzloff reported to be hopeful for a successful end to the presidential search. He thanked faculty who submitted comments during the candidate interview process. The BOG voted 7-2 to pass the student fee schedule for next year. Nine faculty positions were eliminated and the university still anticipates an additional budget cut, possibly as much as another 5%.
	3. **Graduate Council – Dr. Rich Ford:** Dr. Ford reported no new news since the previous faculty senate meeting. Dr. Ruhnke inquired about the master program in the Department of Education. Dr. Ford reported that Dr. Blackwell is the program director.
	4. **ACF – Dr. Rich Ford:** Dr. Ford noted that there are numerous rumors regarding higher education and funding, but that until the Legislature passes the budget, nothing is certain.
	5. **Teacher Education – Professor Pat Wilson:** Professor Wilson reviewed Education Department activities as outlined in her written report. Dr. Ruhnke asked about questions raised during the NCATE visit and Professor Wilson reported that the Teacher Education had resolved the issues. **Motion to accept the report was approved (Alderman/Ray).**
	6. **Motion to accept Retention Committee Report carried (Guetzloff/Banks).**
	7. **Motion to accept Promotion and Tenure Report carried (Marrash-Minnerly/Banks).**
6. **Old Business**
	1. **Resolution of Appreciation for President Hemphill. Motion to forward to general faculty meeting was made by Marrash-Minnerly, seconded by Ray, and passed unanimously.**
	2. **General Faculty meeting agenda:** Discussion was made to include the following items on the agenda of the General Faculty meeting: State budget, BOG, Faculty Senate elections, and faculty evaluations.
7. **Election of Senate Officers for AY 2015-2016**
	1. **Dr. Rich Ford elected Chair**
	2. **Dr. Ron Baker elected Vice-Chair**
	3. **Dr. Tim Alderman elected Secretary**
8. **New Business**
	1. **Recommendation of issues to ACF:** Dr. Ford resigned as ACF representative to take Faculty Senate Chair position. Election of new representative will be held at the general faculty meeting.
	2. **Review of Constitution and By-laws/language on apportionment**
	3. **Faculty Evaluation Instrument**

**Adjourn**

Dr. Emily Waugh, Secretary