West Virginia Advisory Council of Faculty   
Report to the WVSU Faculty Senate

For Meeting of May 4, 2018   
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* ACF is concerned about the erosion of tenure at Fairmont State University and Concord University. The   
  Boards of Governors of both universities have used their new powers under HB 2542 to introduce policies   
  regarding reductions in force that would permit termination of employment of tenured faculty members.   
  policies have been adopted at Fairmont State University but are still under debate at Concord University.   
  The new policy at Fairmont can be found at this link: <https://www.fairmontstate.edu/aboutfsu/sites/default/files/bog-policies/fsu-policy-65.pdf> . Several faculty senates have recently passed resolutions expressing support for the institution of tenure. ACF will reach out   
  to state legislators who have shown goodwill and readiness to advocate for higher education issues in an   
  effort to get HB 2542 amended, so that the provisions of HEPC Series 9 would take precedence over BOG   
  policies in all faculty matters, including promotion and tenure Senator Kenny Mann (Senate District 10) and   
  Delegate Edward Evans (House District 26, among others, will be invited to the ACF's July 2018 retreat.
* Just an FYI: Glenville State College is enjoying such a tremendous growth that the student population has   
  outgrown the available housing space. Glenville is currently spending 1.6 million to renovate a hotel and turn   
  it into a student dorm and is currently experiencing a hiring surge.
* Some institutions are encouraging instructors to move away from print textbooks and adopt ebooks instead   
  to save students money.