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.