**West Virginia State University Faculty Senate**

**meeting of Friday, May 1, 2020, 1:30 pm**

**The meeting was conducted all on-line, due to the Coronavirus pandemic.**

approve agenda

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announcements and reminders

 Does Academic Affairs have the updated information for the 2020-2021 Faculty Handbook?

Seat the Senate of AY 2020-2021. Recognize new Senators.

Elect Senate Officers.

 Chair

 Vice Chair

 Secretary

 Historian

 Parliamentarian (chosen by the Chair)

 Who is on the AY 2020-2021 Senate Executive Committee?

Q + A with President Jenkins, Provost Byers

 What is the status of Senate resolutions from April 3, 2020 about freezing faculty actions (ex., student evaluations) and term faculty appointments?

 What is the status of academic instruction in Spring 2020?

 What are the plans for enrollment and retention?

 What is the financial status of WVSU?

 What's the status of the administration with respect to the President, Provost, VP Finance, VP Research

 What are the plans as we enter Fall 2020?

 etc.!

What's the status of elections for Department Chairs, Senators, Standing Committees?

 Biology Chair Tie vote. Result sent to Academic Affairs.

 Business and Social Sciences Chair The election was postponed until Fall 2020.

 Communications Chair Dr. Steve Gilliland was re-elected.

 English Chair Dr. Jeff Pietruszynski was re-elected.

 Modern Foreign Languages Dr. Miguel Zapata was re-elected.

 Dr. Barnes Pietruszynski has notified all the Deans (and everybody) about what elections should be held.

Standing Committee reports

 ACF, Dr. Barbara Ladner

 BOG, Dr. Frank Vaughan

 EPC, Dr. Micheal Fultz

 Academic Appeals, Ms. Billie Hauser, postponed from March, postponed from April

 Research + Faculty Development, Dr. Umesh Reddy, postponed from March, postponed from April

 Teacher Education, Dr. Patricia Wilson, postponed from April

 Promotion and Tenure, Dr. Rob Harris

 Retention, Dr. Tim Ruhnke

forming a new Senate Standing Committee: Faculty Athletic Committee

 This passed a first reading at the Senate meeting of April 3, 2020. Is this ready for a second reading?

What do we know about progress on any of these items? What other items should be on the to-do list?

 policy on tuition waivers for dependents of employees

 faculty committee to analyze scores, recommend changes (etc.) from faculty annual reviews

 policy on getting paid from grants

 policy on academic integrity

 policy on use of indirect money from grants

 policy on purchasing, use of course fee monies

 on-line student evaluations of faculty

 faculty awards

Shall we hold a General Faculty meeting in May 2020? Is so, when and how?

What else?

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**agenda for a General Faculty meeting, date and method TBA ... If we decide to hold the meeting.**

The WVSU Senate Bylaws say that General Faculty should meet four times a year. Let's assume that we won't meet in person through the end of Spring 2020.

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announcements, recognition of deceased colleagues

updates on searches for President, Provost, VP Finance, VP Research

issues and updates

 Freeze on Academic Actions due to the Coronavirus pandemic

 Term Faculty

 Associates degrees

 Academic Integrity policy

 Indirect policy

 Tuition for Employees and Dependents

 Pay from Grants

 Faculty Annual Evaluations

 approval and evaluation of Early Enrollment classes

 use of course fee monies

 program review format

Senate has endorsed a change to the Constitution, which must be approved by the General Faculty. Currently, the Constitution Article VIII says that faculty are to decide proposed changes by "a written, mailed ballot vote". Senate proposes to add this language to Article VIII:

*Terms Defined:  “Written” includes email, as the University’s official communication method.  The word "College" used herein shall refer to the academically related areas of the university, including: Arts and Humanities, Business  and Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and  Mathematics, and Professional Studies. The word "Division" used herein shall refer to the academically related area of the university, namely the Librarians and Counselors. The term shall relate to and identify the areas in which general elections will be held.*

other?