

WVSU General Faculty Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2014 2pm
Hamblin AUD

Call to order

Review/approval of August, 2014 minutes

Approval of the agenda

New Business

- General Education Revision Roadmap
- other

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Tuesday, August 12, 2014
Wallace 122

- I. Faculty Scholarship recipients were introduced.
- II. **Call to order:** The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order by the Senate Chair, Dr. Tim Ruhnke, at 10:55 a.m.
- III. **Approval of December minutes:** Minutes from the previous Senate Meeting were read. **Motion to approve the minutes carried.**
- IV. **Approval of agenda:** Add update on action items from May 2014 General Faculty meeting. **Motion to approve the amended Agenda carried.**
- V. **Elections:** Elections were held.
- VI. **Discussion of WVSU Budget:** Dr. Ruhnke reviewed the actions taken related to the staff reductions. Dr. Ruhnke met with Dr. Hemphill last week regarding this issue. Staffing levels have remained relatively the same even through the separation with KVCTC and the reduction in students. WVSU has struggled for many years financially and this can cause problems with reaffirmation. For tenured faculty members there are steps the institution must take for faculty and program changes. Tenured and tenure eligible faculty are considered to be continuing unless otherwise notified.

Dr. Jayasuriya said there is a limit to the number of times a term contact can be renewed. Terms expire or can be renewed up to the limit. Temporary status is year to year contracts.

Dr. Guetzloff said the State of WV will not stabilize revenue until 2018; therefore there may be additional cuts. Retention will help us. Dr. Fultz asked for a breakout on where our revenue comes from.

Dr. Jessica Barnes Pietruszynski asked how we increase retention without resources. Dr. Jayasuriya said our faculty to student ratio is 15:1. Some classes have high enrollment, but not overall.

Dr. Ladner is concerned about the most at risk students, and asked if any effort being made to find revenue for initiatives for this population. Dr. Guetzloff has talked to the President and Dr. Jayasuriya about this.

Dr. Fultz said it would be useful to review administrator levels. There also needs to be a focus on retaining good students as well, and providing resources for infrastructure and library services.

VII. Response to action items from the Spring 2014 General Faculty meeting:

Ordering process – the appointed committee hasn't met with the administration yet. Oasis is online now and there will be changes in the ordering process.

An ad hoc committee to review the handbook – the committee hasn't met yet. The committee won't be part of a revision of the handbook. They will issue a report to the Senate. Faculty must be sent a mailed written ballot regarding approval of an updated handbook.

Recycling – Dr. Ruhnke mention to the President that the containers aren't clearly marked. Dr. Magan said he was told the janitors have been instructed to throw in the garbage. Dr. Alderman said we should talk with Marvin Smith to find out what it will take to implement the program. Dr. Ruhnke said to notify him if you want to be involved with this process.

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business or announcements, **a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.**