

Meeting Dates for 2009-2010

Fairmont State Faculty Senate
Meeting Dates 2009/2010 Academic Year

September 8, 2009
October 13, 2009
November 10, 2009
December 8, 2009
January 19, 2010*
February 9, 2010
March 9, 2010
April 13, 2010
May 11, 2010

*Please note that this is the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The second Tuesday falls during faculty development week.

Resolution for Interim President McClain

A Resolution in Recognition of Interim President Charles McClain

For his careful stewardship of Fairmont State University, 2008-2009.

Whereas, Charles McClain willingly came out of retirement and moved to Fairmont in order to bring his experience in higher education to Fairmont State University, and

Whereas, through President McClain's foresight, the Board of Governors Scholarship was created, which will insure that Fairmont State attracts talented, well-prepared students and enable the institution to retain its reputation for providing students with a rigorous and relevant education, and

Whereas, President McClain offered his wisdom, energy and influence in higher education to Fairmont State students, faculty, staff, and Board of Governors, and played a key role in the successful search for new leadership, and

Whereas, President McClain, in this short year, came to know many of our faculty and students by name, participated in the life of the university, and had a positive impact on the morale of our community,

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate of Fairmont State University hereby recognizes and expresses deep appreciation for President McClain's commitment to insuring that our institution prospered during this interim period.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this citation be presented to President Charles McClain on the occasion of the 21 May 2009 meeting of the Fairmont State University Board of Governors.

**Presented this _____ day of May, in the year two thousand nine,
by the Faculty Senate of Fairmont State University.**

CHARLES SHIELDS, PRESIDENT
FACULTY SENATE
FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY

HARRY BAXTER, VICE PRESIDENT
FACULTY SENATE
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Library Committee Report



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Dr. Charles A. Shields, President
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Dear Chuck:

The Library Committee of the Faculty Senate met this year and was briefed by Thelma Hutchins on the continuing difficulties with the budget for the Library. While the inflation rate for library materials continues to average nine to eleven percent annually, the library received no increase in budget for fiscal year 2009. The Committee voted unanimously to write the presidents of Fairmont State and Pierpont to ask for an additional \$150,000.00. Dr. McClain responded graciously with \$100,000.00 of added funding for the Library.

The situation remains tenuous because the costs of subscriptions for electronic databases, which are required for accreditation and which total more than \$400,000, continue to rise. We need to find a way to be sure that the Library receives adequate funding so that it can continue its excellent work of supporting teaching and learning at Fairmont State.

If you or members of the Senate have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Robert Baker".

J. Robert Baker

cc: Members of the Library Committee
Thelma Hutchins, Director
Ruth Ann Musick Library

Personnel Committee Report

TO: Charles Shields, President Faculty Senate

FROM: John Schooley, Chair Personnel Committee

RE: 2009 Personnel Committee Report

DATE: May 4, 2009

The faculty personnel met five times during this term beginning on January 20, 2009 and ending on February 24, 2009 to consider sabbatical proposals, tenure applications, and promotions to Associate Professor and Full Professor ranks. The Personnel Committee took the following actions:

1. We recommended sabbatical proposals from Dr. Donald Trisel and Dr. Phil Yeager. (These two proposals are currently under consideration for funding by the administration.)
2. We recommended tenure and promotion to associate professor for Dr. Mellissa Abbott, Dr. Mary Lynne Bennett, Dr. Valarie Huffman, Dr. Gwendolyn Jones, and Dr. Tadashi Kato.
3. We recommended promotion to associate professor for Mary Burnell and Robert Weaver.
4. We recommended promotion to professor for Dr. Valerie Morphew & Dr. Angela Schwer.

All recommendations for tenure and promotion have been approved by Dr. Maria Rose, Provost and Dr. Charles McClain, Interim President.

In addition to the above actions, the Chair would like to highlight some observations that may be of concern to the faculty senate in the future.

1. During our deliberations on promotion guidelines, it became apparent that faculty can interpret the new education requirements (for those faculty hired after July 1, 1999 found at the bottom of page 35—Faculty Handbook 2008-2009) differently. The senate may wish to make these guidelines more clear.
2. Under the education requirements for Associate Professor and Assistant Professor ranks, reference is made to **Appendix A** for additional certification requirement acceptable in lieu of a terminal degree. This five page addendum to the promotion guidelines may be edited for more clarity. In addition to the areas of Studio Art, Theatre Performance, Commerce Division, School of Business, Division of Technology, and the School of Nursing, other divisions/schools/departments at FSU may wish to submit addendum requirements that would make this part of the Faculty Handbook even more confusing.

This has been an enjoyable experience working with the personal committee and with Dr. Maria Rose during our deliberations.

Respectfully submitted
John Heilman Schooley, Chair

Admissions and Credits Committee Report

Chuck,

The Committee on Admissions and Credits has met once this year. The following actions were taken:

The Committee passed and sent to the Senate a proposal from Pierpont allowing students who miss the first meeting of a class to be administratively withdrawn.

The Committee rejected one student's petition for a substitution in the General Studies requirement.

The Committee granted a petition from the Honors Program permitting a substitution in the General Studies requirement for a group of Honors students enrolled in a special topics class.

Another petition for a General Studies substitution has arrived since the meeting but has not yet been acted on.

Respectfully submitted,

Leland M George
Chair, Committee on Admissions and Credits

Chuck,

The final item I mentioned in the report as unfinished has now been approved. Perhaps you could insert this as an addendum so the year's business is reported as closed.

If you need me to resend the report as amended, let me know.

Thanks,

Leland

Athletic Committee Report

FACULTY ATHLETIC SENATE COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
Fairmont State Athletics
April 14, 2009

Fairmont State University's athletic facilities have gone under some major changes in the last year with a new athletic field on Duvall-Rosier Field, a new walking track was put around the field, and a new fence that frames the outstanding complex. Over the last year the Feaster Center has gone through some major changes of its own in its heating and air conditioning units, weight room, new training room, new gym in the racquet ball area and a new office built on third floor. We have been very busy in changing the face of Duvall-Rosier Field and the Feaster Center to help with the use of it to our athletes, faculty and committee. We are in the process of changing the main look of the Feaster Center with a new entrance at street level and a new elevator. This also allows us to add 7 new offices for the coaches and facility to use. This new face lift for the Feaster Center will make the 30 year old building look like a new building.

The leadership of the athletic department includes many different people and different organizations here at Fairmont State University. Some of the areas that the department and organizations has to cover daily are; public relations, gender equity, marketing, promotions, recruiting, retention, public service, strategic planning, fiscal management, facilities use and up keep, fund raising, competition, compliance and performance evaluations. Some of the people and organizations are; director of athletics, associate athletic director, administrative secretaries, media and marketing director, SID, WSA, FAR, FSAA, and many athletes work within the communities. Fairmont State University has a team of people that work on each and every area of the athletic department daily.

Fairmont State Athletics: Mission & Purpose Statement

The Fairmont State Athletic Department is an innovator. We have a principle of respecting and encouraging one's ability, and through intense commitment to excellent teaching and coaching we seek to serve the state of West Virginia as a model NCAA II athletic department.

The Fairmont State Athletic Department is in the business of educating, competition and leadership. Our purpose is to produce successful graduates and championship teams that reflect the core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, service and sportsmanship. All of our actions must be measured by our success in achieving these goals.

Faculty Development Committee Report

Faculty Development Committee Report 2008-2009

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Dodson and Brian Floyd, co-chairs

The Faculty Development Committee met on the following dates:

- September 30, 2009
- October 16, 2009
- October 30, 2009
- November 20, 2009
- December 18, 2009
- January 29, 2009
- February 19, 2009
- March 31, 2009

The Faculty Development Committee held an information social to educate faculty about the various awards and grants supported by the Committee and the Center for Teaching Excellence on November 20, 2008.

The Faculty Development Committee asked for nominations and subsequent portfolios for those awards and grants. The members of the committee reviewed the portfolios and used the previously approved scoring rubrics to evaluate them.

The 2008-2009 Faculty Development Award winners are as follows:

- Harold and Roselyn Williamson Straight Award—Dr. Pamela Huggins
- William A. Boram Award—Dr. Leland George
- Paul E. Edwards Award—Professor Kevin Smith
- Faculty Recognition Award—Dr. Angela Schwer and Professor Kevin Smith
- Outstanding Adjunct Awards—Professor Fonda Hawley (Pierpont) and Professor Amy Wilson (FSU)
- Faculty Development Grant Awards—Dr. Matthew Hokom and Dr. Patrick Albano
- Foundation Fellow Award—Dr. Donald Trisel
- Great Teachers Seminar Award—Professor Jennifer Yerdon and Professor Kari Coffindaffer
- Teaching Professor Conference Award—Professor Margaret “Maggy” Helwig

The Faculty Development Committee is now reviewing several of the award assessment rubrics. Also under revision is the portfolio format with the goal of creating a product that is much more concise.