

Faculty Senate 1/20/2015

Attendance: Anne Patterson (SoFA), Connie Edwards (Academic Affairs), Denice Kirchoff (Nursing), Bob Mild (BOG), Robin Payne (Social Sciences), Bob Nitchel (CSMP), Steven Roof (BCG), Deb Hemler (BCG), Chuck Shields (SS), GH Budd Sapp (SoE/HHP), Chris Kast (B Scie), Jessica Brown Alsop (SoE/HHP), Joe Kremer (Business), John McLaughlin (CJ), Matt Holcom (L&L), Erin Hippolyte (L&L – replacement for Donna Long, who is on sabbatical this term), Carolyn Crislip-Tacy (ED/HHP), Robert Hammonds (Library)

Guests: Maria Rose, Chris Lavorata, Jack Kirby

Move to postpone approval of Nov and December minutes to February (pending receipt of the minutes)

Report from Dr. Rose:

- First budget proposal from Charleston proposes a \$12 million cut to the HEPC for the 2016 fiscal year (academic year 2015-2016). This translates into a 1.4% cut for Fairmont State (approximately \$225,000). This would be a permanent reduction in funding.
- Additional line item cuts have been proposed but it is too early to tell if these are serious proposals.
- Good News: Promise scholarship and Higher Ed grand funding has been retained in the budget proposal.
- As of today (1/20/15) 404 students have not returned from the fall semester.

Report from Dr. Dempsey

- No report

BOG report from Dr. Mild

- Approved our debt policy. This is required by HEPC and basically says we have a plan to deal with debt.
- Auditors report received and approved. As usual the report shows FSU is soundly financed.
- Finalized the charge back agreement with Pierpont – details are not available the agreement is not public.

ACF report

- No representative – no report
- To date only one person has been nominated for ACF rep.

Student Government Report

- No representative – no report

IT policy regarding email

- Policy is still being discussed, HR and IT are still editing based on concerns raised.

Academic calendar – fall break

- Calendars that were presented were just FYI, and to get discussion started.
- Calendar for the 2015-2016 academic year is set, any changes would be for future years.

- Representatives of some units had not gathered feedback from their constituents yet. Draft calendars with a possible fall break should be discussed at the February academic unit meetings with a follow up discussion at the February senate meeting

#### Next Generation Science Standards – Global Climate Change

- Letter from WVU to the State Board of Ed was drafted and sent the day before the State Board voted to remove the proposed changes to the Global Climate Change standards.
- The current standards are out for comment, faculty are encouraged to look at the standards and comment as they see fit.
- WV Science Teachers Association:
  - <http://www.wvsta.org/index.php/ngss.html>
- Policy 2520.3C – NGSCSO for science in WV:
  - <http://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=26499&Format=PDF>
- Comments to WV Department of Education:
  - <http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/onlinecomment.html?id=2520.3C>

#### OLD business

- Move to accept curriculum proposals 9, 10 and 11 accepted for second reading as a group. Voice vote – unanimous yes.
- Move to pass curriculum proposals for second reading. Voice vote – unanimous yes.

#### FYI's

- Adjunct faculty survey deployment will occur in the next couple of weeks.