**West Virginia State University Friday, March 6, 2009**

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**Faculty Senate Report** **Vice President for Academic Affairs**

The Office of Academic Affairs has set several goals for this semester.

1. To obtain approval for Programs Reviews and Follow- Up Studies
2. To support initiatives for new academic programs
3. To establish a new student experience course
4. To initiate continuing term registration
5. To review the Summer Advising Program
6. To commission a study on renovations of the Drain-Jordan Library
7. To create a Commencement Exercise Guide
8. To provide greater financial support for academic student organizations
9. To prepare an Internal Procedures manual for Academic Affairs
10. To transfer more academic functions to the College Offices
11. To prepare for the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan

To date many of the goals have been accomplished and all are beyond the planning stage. Special thanks to those who are working hard to complete each of the goals.

The **Deans Council** topics for discussion are listed below.

 Summer schedule format and dates

 Registration for transfer students

 Baccalaureate enhancement fee

 Handbook instructions for faculty responses to medical problems in class

 Minors for RBA students

The **Academic Affairs Council** will meet monthly on the third Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. The next meeting will be February 19, 2009 in 217 Ferrell Hall.

Academic Affairs areas are controlling expenditures to remain within budget. Over the next six weeks a Three-Year Budget Plan.

All areas have begun to draft objectives and strategies for the Administrative Strategic Plan.

The **West Virginia State University Board of Governors** met on Thursday, March 6,, 2009. The Academic Affairs recommendations approved included the following

 Approval to change the Program Review Cycle to a Five-Year Schedule (to include all graduate programs in the cycle with their undergraduate programs)

 Approval of Program Review - Department of Art

 Approval of Program Review –Department of Criminal Justice

 Approval of Program Review – Department of Economics

 Permission to extend dates for submission of program review follow-up reports for the Department of Chemistry and Department of Mathematics