**West Virginia State University Friday, May 7, 2010**

**Academic Affairs R. Charles Byers, Ph.D.**

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

**Congratulations** to the 2009-2010 Faculty Senate Membership for your service during this academic year. Faculty governance is important in the successful functioning for institutions that value shared governance. Shared governance has been a tradition at West Virginia State University and you have helped to perpetuate this concept.

**Congratulations** to the new Faculty Senate for AY2010-2011. Academic Affairs seeks to work cooperatively with the Senate in moving an academic agenda for student, staff, and faculty advancement.

Best Wishes to the **Gus R. Douglass Land-Grant Institute faculty** as you join the WVSU Faculty Senate. You are urged to join the Senate’s efforts for greater unity for our University.

**Academic Department Chair Approvals**

Special congratulations to the new and continuing department chairpersons.

Communications & Media Studies Prof. Sherri Shafer

Education Dr. Sandra Orr

Music Prof. Scott Woodard

Political Science Dr. Gerry Beller

Sociology Dr. Gail Mosby

The **Academic Affairs Council** met on April 1, 2010 in 217 Ferrell Hall at 1:30 PM for a presentation by Dr. Barry Pelphrey on the possibilities for document and report preparation using LiveText.

The **Academic Leaders** met April 9, 2010 in the Library Conference Room and discussed the various committees that are being formed in the colleges. Also discussed were registration procedures for KVCTC students who wish to take University classes, the Uncompensated Faculty form, and strategies for handling students who need remedial math and English courses.

The **Deans Council** meets regularly on Tuesday afternoons in A-217. Items discussed have been revision of the Academic Affairs link on the WVSU homepage, Return to Learn initiative by College Support Services, advising and registration of new students on May 1 and May 4, the new RBA Today initiative, and various math and English placement issues and plans.

**Academic Affairs**

Several successful meetings were held with officials of the **Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College** on topics of computer services (database), admissions, registration and records, and financial services. It was learned that KVCTC has successfully separated their database from the University’s joint database. This made it possible for KVCTC to move faster with service separation from the University. It also cleared many registration concerns. All KVCTC students who take courses from the University will be classified as transient students.

WVSU started registration on April 5, 2010 for continuing students and on April 19, 2010 for transfer and transient students. Thanks to all who contributed to working cooperatively to ensure that students will be able to clearly recognize their respective institution.

**Federal Programs**

Currently, the Activity Directors (Vice Presidents) are meeting daily to deliberate on prioritizing expenditures for Title III Part B, HBCU Masters, and a new unnamed grant (replacing CCRAA). These programs will add more than three million dollars to our AY11 budget. Expenditures include salaries, travel, equipment, renovations, supplies, and program expense.

Academic Affairs is proposing a new line item entitled New Academic Programs. It is designed to partially support efforts for starting new academic programs.

**New Academic Initiatives**

**College Facilities Committees**

Each College has formed a facilities committee to work cooperatively with Physical Facilities to improve and monitor instructional rooms. Each of our 83 instructional rooms has been assigned to College Deans to monitor usage and equipment.

**College Recruitment Committees**

Each College has invited faculty to join its recruitment committee. There will be one representative to meet monthly with Student Affairs to assist where possible in supporting the successful recruitment of students. The college committee members will support their college efforts to increase enrollment.

**College Continuing Education Committees**

Each College will invite faculty to join its continuing education committee. A representative from each academic department is desired for membership. The committee will seek to promote certificate programs, extended studies, enrichment courses, workshops, and seminars.

**Online Course Committee**

Deans have appointed representatives from their College to work with Dr. Teeuwissen as we expand our on-line course offerings. The committee will address specific issues such as the approval processes necessary for the listing of WVSU online courses for off-campus students and compensation and /or other support for faculty creating online courses, as well as other initiatives relating to online courses which arise within or come to the committee.

**College Honors Program Committee**

Each College Dean has been asked to investigate the possibility for creating an honors program in their College. All Colleges have expressed a desire to establish courses. College committees will discuss their deliverable courses with a goal of establishing a university honors program in the future. Colleges may begin as early as spring semester, 2011 with identified courses.

**Appalachian Sustainable Development Center (ASDC)**

This center concept was begun in November, 2009 as a means of collectively identifying resources from WVSU to address the needs of the Appalachian region. Several meetings were held to incorporate the four colleges of Academic Affairs and the three areas of the Gus R. Douglass Land-Grant Institute. Although programs will remain in their respective areas, each will contribute to the center to aid in fulfilling the needs of the region.

**Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Promotion, Tenure, and Retention

Recommendations are under consideration for:

Promotions - 5 Professor

7 Associate Professor

Tenure - 2

Retention - 6 Second Year

6 Third Year

4 Fourth Year

5 Fifth Year

5 Sixth Year

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Search Committees

Director of Library Resources In progress

Director of Registration and Records In progress

Business Administration In progress

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Economics Selected Dr. Frehot Hailou

Political Science Selected Dr. Joshua D. Ambrosius

Music In progress

**Faculty Status and Part- Time positions**

To increase efficiencies, we will increasingly look within for instructional support. Qualified staff and administrators may be incorporated into our instructional pool. Adjunct Faculty Status will become clarified with greater faculty input. The procedure is being developed for approval.

In the future departmental faculty will have greater input in the selection and approval of part-time faculty.