

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF
Academic Affairs

A Message from the Office of the Vice President

October 8, 2010

Deans Council meets weekly. Among the matters considered are College convocations, some of which may focus on the 120th Anniversary of the University's founding; fund raising for the Colleges with the assistance of RuffaloCody, a fund raising organization from Cedar Rapids, Iowa; a December Orientation for new students who are admitted for the January semester; Early Enrollment (formerly known as Dual Credit) protocols for offering college courses in the high schools; the use of AmeriCorps workers to assist in departmental video advertising projects; anomalies in student evaluations of faculty teaching on-line courses; the replacement schedule for computers of faculty and in classrooms; Freshman Experience class issues; and resolution of grades of Incomplete (or no grade reported) for classes that were never completed as prescribed. College Bulletins have been printed and distributed among various offices on campus and plans are underway to put the Bulletins on-line on the college websites.

Academic Leaders met on September 17 and much discussion ensued about the enrollment figures and the decline in the headcount enrollment from Fall 2009 to Fall 2010, attributed mostly to transient students from the Kanawha Valley Community & Technical College who were no longer taking WVSU classes. Since the KVCTC has developed more and more of their own classes, fewer of their students are taking University courses to satisfy their degree requirements. The decline in headcount results mostly from the 900+ transient students who took University courses in Fall 2009 compared to 135 transient students taking University courses in Fall 2010.

Academic Affairs Council met on September 22 to highlight activities in each of the departments in the Academic Affairs area. In addition to talking about the work on the Year 2 Institutional Compact Report, the Publications Committee was announced for the purpose of developing a booklet to use as a tool to promote academics at WVSU. Articles will be solicited on accomplishments from last year and plans for this year. Emphasis will be to highlight and feature our students, faculty, and programs in the publication. Also each academic program and support office are to have an advisory board of at least five people (external representation must be included). The group also was advised that our enrollment of students classified as "conditional" – those not meeting the ACT/SAT scores and high school grade point averages – was under the 15% allowable. The Admissions Office worked with the Office of Institutional Research & Effectiveness to project enrollment statistics and monitor the conditional enrollments.

Two Councils Established

A Research Council and a Graduate Education Council have been created to address topics for deliberation by the appropriate body. As both our research activities and our graduate education offerings have expanded, the need for a council to provide advice and perspective has emerged.

The service of members listed is deeply appreciated.

Research Council (voting members)

College of Arts & Humanities

College of Business & Social Sciences

College of Natural Science & Mathematics

College of Professional Studies

Gus R. Douglass Land-Grant Institute

Ex Officio Members

Dr. Orlando McMeans

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English

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History

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Biology

Biology

HHPLS

Criminal Justice

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Dean - NSM

Dean - PS

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Graduate Education (voting members)

College of Arts & Humanities

College of Business & Social Sciences

College of Natural Science & Mathematics

College of Professional Studies

Gus R. Douglass Land-Grant Institute

Ex Officio Members

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Dr. Dirk Johnson

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Dr. Frehot Hailou

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Dr. Sean Collins

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Dr. Danny Cantrell

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Homecoming Week

Next week is Homecoming Week. Many alumni return to the campus to renew friendships and to participate in the many activities of the week, culminating in attending the football game on Saturday against West Liberty. You are invited to attend all events of the week and enjoy the excitement that Homecoming at WVSU always brings.