**West Virginia State University Friday, October 8, 2010**

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

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

**College Bulletins**

The long awaited College Bulletins are now printed and available for limited distribution. While these will not be given to every student, copies will be distributed to students in the Freshman Experience course and to College faculty. Administrative offices have received copies from each College. Deans, department chairs, and faculty have all worked diligently to bring to fruition these very fine documents, and you are to be commended.

**Academic Affairs Council**

Usually meeting monthly on the third Thursday, the September meeting highlighted 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, there was discussion about a booklet the Publications Committee is developing to promote academics.

**Deans Council**

TheCouncilcontinues its weekly Tuesday meetings (now at 2:30 P.M.). Among the matters considered were 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 funding 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; 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.

**Academic Leaders**

At the September 17 meeting, 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 are no longer taking WVSU classes. Since the KVCTC has developed more and more of its 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 approximately 135 transient students taking University courses in Fall 2010.

**Academic Programs and Title III Academic Activities**

Effective October 1, 2010, the U.S. Department of Education awarded West Virginia State University a total of $3,626,301.16 for strengthening university programs. The awards were distributed among the below listed grants.

Title III Part B $2,284,781.16

Title III Part F (SAFRA) 841,520.00

Title VII HBCU Masters 500,000.00

A more detailed distribution will be circulated after specific allocations have been approved.

**Institutional Year 2 Compact Report**

This required Report was completed and submitted to the Higher Education Policy Commission. It focuses on the accomplishments of stated plans of this University vis-à-vis the HEPC Master Plan for West Virginia covering the period 2008-2013. Shortly, the report will be posted on the WVSU website for your review and will be presented to the Board of Governors for their approval at the November meeting.

**Mission Statement Revision**

The University Mission Statement was revised in September 2009 to remove references to the Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College, since it was by then an independent institution completely separate from the University. Inadvertently, references to associate degrees were not removed in that revision. At the September 2010 Board of Governors meeting, the Mission Statement was again revised to omit references to associate degrees and to enhance emphasis on our graduate education. The latest revised Mission Statement will be sent to all faculty as an e-mail attachment soon and is in the process of being placed on the University’s website.