**West Virginia State University Friday, February 3, 2012**

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

A presentation and discussion was held with the Deans Council and to the Academic Leaders on the proposed guidelines for **required upper-level hours in the major.** Each department was requested to establish a specified minimum number of 300-400 level hours to be completed at WVSU in order to receive a baccalaureate degree from this institution.

With reaffirmation of our accreditation approaching, we will likely form an **external advisory committee** for coordination with Community & Technical colleges.

Deans Council, Academic Leaders, Faculty, and the Faculty Senate are considering a proposal from Board of Governors Chairman Larry Rowe for a **variance to the HEPC Series 23 conditional admissions policy** to permit admission (under certain conditions) of students who underperform on standardized tests

**The Final Exam schedule for the new class time schedule** has been developed and published**.** Overall it retains traditional exam time-slots but reduces the time allotted to exams to 1 hour and 50 minutes.

The **2011-2012 University Catalog** has been published and is available on-line under the “Admissions” tab on the homepage. Limited printed copies will be available for all faculty and administrators.

The **Part-time Faculty** Notices of Appointment have been submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs. Statistics for Part-time faculty and the number of classes taught by them follow:

**Part-time Faculty Loads**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | PART- | # CLASSES | FULL- | # CLASSES | FULL- | # CLASSES |
|  | TIME  | TAUGHT | TIME | TAUGHT | TIME | TAUGHT |
|  | FACULTY |  | FACULTY |  | STAFF |  |
|  |  |  | (OVERLOAD) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2011 FALL | 63 | 87 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 25 |
| 2012 SPRING | 58 | 71 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 23 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ALSO OFFERED:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2011 FALL | Applied music lessons -3 additional instructors |  |
|  | Early Enrollment (formerly Dual Credit) - 6 additional instructors |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2012 SPRING | Applied music lessons - 1 additional instructor |  |
|  | Early Enrollment (formerly Dual Credit) - 9 additional instructors |