**report to the WVSU Faculty Senate**

**from WV Advisory Council of Faculty representative**

**for the meeting of Friday, September 7, 2012**

previous report was March 2, 2012

**What should we act on today? Items 3, 4, 6, and 7.**

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1. **ACF-related postings to the web site** on August 25, 2012. Thanks to Ms. Deborah Wells. Items in **bold** will come up at the today's meeting.

 **ACF issues 2012 - 2013**

 **ACF letter to Governor Tomblin about proposed budget cuts August 22, 2012**

 ACF Brochure 2012 - 2013 ..... will come out in October in final, printed form for distribution

 ACF report on Smart Balance Consortium (meeting of Advisory Council) June 27, 2012

 analysis of Governor Tomblin's proposed budget vs. HEPC request January 13, 2012

 letter to WVU Faculty from WVU Textbook Affordability Committee March 2012

 Susan Kelly (Fairmont State) comments on Common Core Standards and college completion July 31, 2012

 summary of ACF meeting with HEPC August 10, 2012

 to what extent does PEIA cover clinical trials July 18, 2012

 info on OPEB legislation april 16 2012

 WV legislative session wrap-up spring 2012

 HEPC letter to Governor Tomblin on proposed budget cuts August 20, 2012

 Fairmont State Textbook Policy April 11, 2012

 WV College Completion Task Force report May 2012

 ACF report to HEPC August 10, 2012

 notes from ACF / HEPC meeting August 10, 2012

 ACF minutes January 20, 2012

 ACF meeting notes February 10, 2012

 ACF meeting minutes February 17, 2012

 ACF and HEPC meeting schedule, 2012 - 2013

2. **ACF meetings**. Since the last Faculty Senate meeting (May 4, 2012), the ACF met

 July 15 and 16, 2012 for a two-day retreat at Chief Logan. Minutes still in draft form. Guests included:

 Dr. Paul Hill, HEPC Chancellor

 Mr. David Hendrickson, HEPC Chair

 Mr. Mark Stotler, HEPC Director of Academic Programming

 August 10, 2012. Minutes still in draft form.

 upcoming meetings will be:

 October 11, 2012 (ACF)

 December 7, 2012 (HEPC and ACF)

 January 31, 2013 (ACF)

 February 1, 2013 (HEPC)

 April 26, 2013 (HEPC and ACF)

 plus other dates TBA, especially during WV legislative session

 Notable items from the meetings:

 A. Recommendations of HEPC's "College Completion Task Force" were emphasized by HEPC and are supported by ACF:

 1. Make college completion a visible and tangible priority across the state 2. Reduce the time it takes to earn a certificate or degree

 3. Improve developmental education

 4. Increase adult completion rates

 5. Connect funding to priorities.

 B. Effort at better integration of entire K-20 system. Interfacing WV Public / Higher Education. HEPC Smarter Balance Higher Education Advisory Council. Note Glenville State' "Hidden Promise Scholars" program (see ACF minutes July 15, 2012).

 C. The HEPC push for a 120 credit hour maximum for baccalaureate degrees was discussed. Mark Stotler said that "it's not an absolute mandate", and that although HEPC would question programs with higher requirements, they would accept exceptions.

 D. Series 51 and Institutional Textbook policies were discussed.

 E. We're seeing much better cooperation between ACF and HEPC. For example, ACF is getting time at each HEPC meeting, Hill and Hendrickson attended the ACF retreat, more and better communication, joint participation in setting ACF Issues.

 F. HEPC reports that "there is already movement in the legislature towards performance- based funding for higher ed." Note "Reverse Transfers" and "RBA Today" degrees. Goals should be reasonable. Quality must be maintained.

 G. Chairman Hendrickson suggested that ACF propose a 5-year plan for salary increases, which HEPC would bring to the legislature. Timeline: Fall 2012.

 H. Hendrickson's agenda for 2012 - 2013 (see notes of August 10, 2012):

 1. make health insurance available to all students to purchase, system-wide

 2. reduce workers' comp premiums for higher ed

 3. reduce health are costs in general

 4. develop a common portal for on-line gen ed courses, state-wide

 5. protect programs such as Brain for Bucks from budget cuts

 6. develop new 5-year plan for HEPC

3. **ACF Issues**. ACF seeks formal endorsement from Faculty Senates state-wide.

4. **ACF letter to Governor Tomblin**. ACF seeks formal endorsement in asking the Governor to exempt higher ed from FY 2014 budget cuts.

5. **ACF reports to institutional Board of Governors**. By code, ACF reps are to make annual reports to their institutions' Boards of Governors. The WVSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee recommends that Rich Ford contact BOG President Larry Rowe and find out how the BOG would like to handle this.

6. **Great Teachers Seminar**. GTS meets for a week every summer. One or two faculty are to be chosen by each institution. The institution is to pay for it. How does WVSU want to handle this? How do we choose attendees? Next GTS is June 17-20, 2013 at North Bend State Park.

7. **Alternate ACF Representative**. Each institution is supposed to have an alternate ACF rep. We don't.

8. other?