October 10, 2012

The **December Commencement** is scheduled to held on campus in the **P. Ahmed Williams Auditorium** in **Ferrell Hall**. The date for the ceremonies was changed from Sunday to **Saturday, December 15**. The College of Professional Studies will graduate at 10:00 A.M and the Colleges of Arts and Humanities, Business and Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences and Mathematics will graduate at 2:00 P.M. The speaker for both ceremonies will be Dr. Lawrence Crawford, a dentist and entrepreneur from Detroit. As usual, Rehearsal will be on Friday evening with the one for Professional Studies at 5:00 and the one for the remainder of the colleges at 6:00. Colleges are free to plan receptions for their graduates on Friday. Additional information will sent separately.

In May 2012, WVSU Deans and selected faculty met with representatives from four Community & Technical Colleges in our geographic region: Bridgemont, Kanawha Valley, Mountwest, and Southern. Productive meetings were held to lay the groundwork to develop 2+2 articulation agreements with them so students could add a baccalaureate degree from West Virginia State University to their associate degree. In addition to the Provost, the WVSU representatives are:

**Bridgemont:**

 Dr. Robert Harrison, Jr., Dr. Robert Wallace, Prof. Deborah Williams, and Dr. Naveed Zaman

**Kanawha Valley:**

 Dr. Michael Anderson, Dr. Robert Harrison, Jr., Dr. Abainesh Mitiku, and Prof. Sherri Shafer

**Mountwest:**

 Dr. Katherine Harper, Dr. Robert Harrison, Jr., Dr. Barbara Ladner, Dr. Abainesh Mitiku

**Southern:**

 Dr. Katherine Harper, Dr. Robert Harrison, Jr., Prof. Deborah Williams, and Dr. David Wilson

With Kanawha Valley, in addition to the articulation agreement in Business Administration that had been signed earlier this year, the one for Criminal Justice is in the approval process. Five more are expected to be finalized before the end of this semester: Associate of Arts in Economics, in History, and in Psychology as well as Associate in Applied Science in Information Technology Software Developer and in Health Science.

The *Finance Manual,* first developed in Academic Affairs in 2007, is being revised. It will be posted on-line and a limited number of printed copies will be available.

Academic deans have been assigned individual classrooms for their oversight for equipment and furnishings. This will aid in updating our classroom equipment as well as keeping track of what we have.