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

Dr. Teeuwissen and the Academic Deans have been revising of the grade appeal process. The final draft is now in the Provost’s Office for review and action.

Dr. T. Ramon Stuart has been working with a Committee to formalize the withdrawal from school process. It includes being sure the student is counseled prior to withdrawal and knows options available as well as obligations to the institution needing resolution in order to return at a later point.

The Provost was in Washington, D.C. September 24-27 for Title III meetings at headquarters of the U.S. Department of Education and at Institutional Service. Various matters related to the Title III programs were discussed and new developments shared. For fiscal year 2013, WVSU received Title III-Part B funds of $1,921,351; Title III-Part F (SAFRA) funds of $833,254; and HBCU Masters funds of $500,000.

Liaison Committees between WVSU and four Community & Technical colleges in our geographic region were established at the close of the last academic year. In May the Committees met with all four of the Colleges, with promises that we would continue our work in this academic year. In August the Committee for Kanawha Valley met with their group and worked on 2+2 articulation agreements in several areas – to add to the one already signed in several concentrations in Business Administration. The Criminal Justice agreement is in the approval process. Before this semester is over we anticipate we will finalize Associate in Arts agreements in Economics, in History, and in Psychology and Associate in Applied Science agreements in Information Technology Software Developer and in Health Science. During the remainder of October, Liaison Committee members will be meeting with representatives from Bridgemont, Mountwest, and Southern Community and Technical Colleges to forge similar agreements with them.

Academic Affairs expects to present to the Board of Governors at their November 1 meeting request for approval of Intents to Plan a BA in Music, a BS in Nursing, and the Master of Public Administration. The MPA Intent to Plan was approved at the June meeting but with some change in in the draft, it was determined the Intent needed to be resubmitted to them for approval. We expect to hear during the week of October 15 from the Higher Learning Commission their action on our request to offer the Master in Education in Multicultural Instructional Leadership.

The Department of Communications and Media Studies is moving to the Second Floor of Cole Complex and the Department of Business Administration to the Third Floor. Plans are on schedule to have both floors ready for the start of the Spring Semester. Faculty offices and classrooms will move and student lounges and conference rooms will be added.

Within the next few weeks, Academic Affairs plans to open an International Student Programs Office located in 200 Curtis Complex. The Advisory Board is working to ensure greater assistance and services for our international students. Dr. Ali Ziyati is the director and those serving as board members include Drs. T.Ford Ahmed, Frehot Hailou, Reidun Ovrebe, James Natsis, Ulises Toledo, and Ms. Donna Hunter.

The Self-Study process is progressing on schedule with the focus groups meetings started.