**West Virginia State University Friday, April 5, 2013 Academic Affairs R. Charles Byers, Ph.D. Faculty Senate Report Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs**

**Promotion, Retention, and Tenure**

Nine faculty members submitted supporting documentation for tenure and 10 faculty members submitted supporting documentation for promotion effective fall 2013. Nineteen retention portfolios are under consideration for the various years below:

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| **Contract Year** | **Submissions** |
| First | 1 |
| Third | 5 |
| Fourth | 1 |
| Fifth | 4 |
| Sixth | 8 |

**Personnel**

The following personnel items are underway in Academic Affairs:

* There are nine search processes occurring for administrative and faculty positions.
* I plan to convene a search for a library director in an effort to fill this position by July 1, 2013.

**Curriculum**

The following academic items are underway in Academic Affairs:

* The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) approved WVSU to offer the Master of Education in Multicultural Instructional Leadership. Students can start classes in this program during the fall 2013 semester.
* Discussions are underway related to the Master of Social Work degree – a collaborative effort between the WVSU Social Work Department under the leadership of Dr. Brenda Wamsley and representatives from West Virginia University.
* The proposal for the Master of Public Administration degree is being shepherded by Professor Damien Arthur of the Political Science Program. He will present the proposal to our Board of Governors for their approval before forwarding it to the Higher Education Policy Commission and HLC for final approvals. This graduate program will be the first in the College of Business and Social Sciences.
* The proposal for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing is proceeding efficiently.
* We are moving forward with the development of articulation agreements with several community colleges and West Virginia University.

**Future Actions**

In the May meeting, I plan to ask Faculty Senate to transfer the recommendations for the Faculty Research Awards from Academic Affairs to Research and Public Service. I anticipate that this transfer should expedite the awarding process.