

General Faculty Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Hamblin Auditorium

- I. **Call to order:** The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order by the Senate Chair, Dr. Tim Ruhnke, at 2:05 p.m.
- II. **Approval of August minutes:** Minutes from the previous Senate Meeting were read. **Motion to approve the minutes carried.**
- III. **Approval of agenda:** Add faculty concerns regarding timesheets. **Motion to approve the amended Agenda carried.**
- IV. **Comments from the Chair:** Dr. Ruhnke said everyone being paid with state funds must complete timesheets through Oasis. It has been proposed a pre-populated timesheet will be fine. Dr. Ladner said in a conversation with Ms. Chaney said she understood it can be pre-populated. Dr. Vaughan said it would be great to accurately document work hours. Dr. Ladner said the State doesn't want us to document our actual time as it might give us an opportunity for a class action lawsuit. Dr. Fultz asked if they must be approved. Dr. Ruhnke said he thought it was just to make sure the employee is still active.
- V. **New Business:**
 - a. **General Education Revision Roadmap:** There are two proposed General Education plans. They include the Core Graduation Competencies. The Senate approved these with the understanding they would be forwarded to the General Faculty. The plan will be to discuss each of the plans in College meetings and then deal with this in General Faculty meeting in January.

Dr. Ruhnke said we have had the current General Education curriculum for 31 years. There aren't many of us in the room that were here when the current was adopted. The Core Graduation Competencies these are for all parts of the university.

Ms. Connor asked if what area addresses computer skills. Dr. Ruhnke said they are covered under practical skills.

Motion to accept the report (Ladner / Connor).

Discussion: Dr. Magan said knowledge A doesn't make sense. In saying students will engage in both contemporary and enduring questions, does that demonstrate knowledge? Dr. Pietruszynski said the language used is an adaptation from AAC&U. Dr. Ruhnke said we get the gist of it. A few folks have problems with the first sentence.

Mr. Banks asked if Fitness and Healthy Living is under wellness?
Dr. Pietruszynski said key areas of the document came from HLC and the assessment consultant. This also includes co-curricular activities as well.

Dr. Anderson said #4 is nonsensical too. Synthesis of what? It needs some work. Dr. Kiddie said the idea is to take knowledge and create something from it. Dr. Ruhnke said to demonstrate synthesis. He said there are concerns about point 1 and 4.

Dr. Zapata questioned D. He asked if we should say apply and quantitative and/or qualitative. Dr. Pietruszynski said HEPC is requiring us to use quantitative knowledge in our Compact. Dr. Zapata said we are leaving a section of research out. Dr. Magan said in 2 –D if you say qualitative or quantitative you might allow students to get out of college without any math skills.

Dr. Ruhnke suggested minor changes to accommodate these criticisms. Dr. Ladner accepted these as friendly modifications. **Motion carried.** These can be applied now.

VI. Other

- a. Dr. Guetzloff asked for an update on the custodial staff. Dr. Ruhnke said WVSU has put out an RFP for custodial staff. This has been discussed in Senate and concerns about security – any firm selected will be bonded. We have security issues in this building but have nothing to do with custodial services.
- b. Faculty computers: Dr. Ruhnke met with a department today and this issue came up. He will communicate to Dr. Jayasuriya that a majority of faculty computers are older than 5 years.
- c. Dr. Guetzloff said during last January's BOG retreat that Tom Bennett wanted to put us on the cloud to save money. He said faculty has concerns about this for a variety of reasons. Dr. Jayasuriya told him about 100 computers were purchased for labs.
- d. Dr. Ladner asked about the outcome for the search for IR/ Assessment Coordinator. An offer was made to the second candidate as the top candidate declined.
- e. Update on evaluation of Chairs and Deans: Dr. Jayasuriya said this will not be launched in the Spring. We will need to draft a policy for evaluation of administrators. He said Dr. Vaughan had a good instrument and we may consider this one. Dr. Ruhnke said a goal in coming semester will be to draft a policy.

VII. **Adjournment:** There being no further business or announcements, **a motion to adjourn was made.**
Motion carried.