

General Faculty Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Wallace 122

- I. **Call to order:** The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order by Senate chair, Dr. Tim Ruhnke at 2:00 p.m.
- II. **Approval of December minutes:** Minutes from the previous Senate Meeting were read. **Motion to approve the minutes carried.**
- III. **Approval of agenda:** Additions requested to the agenda: Cal Bailey Resolution and Campus Recycling. **Motion to approve the amended Agenda carried.**
- IV. **Review of Senate/Senate Executive work for AY 2013-2014:** Dr. Ruhnke provided an update on the Degree Completion Task Force. The report was submitted to the President last fall. Vice President McCarthy will be reviewing these recommendations in the initiatives she will be leading in 2014-2015.

An ad hoc committee will be established to review language in the handbook regarding tenure, promotion, and retention and to provide clear language and guidelines for faculty, and uniformity for supervisors to evaluate. Also, to provide clarity on how to evaluate Land Grant faculty members related to retention, promotion and tenure. This committee will make recommendations next Spring.

A small group of faculty will meet with administration and review the process on making purchase. The members are Dr. Rob Harris, Ms. Susan Marrash-Minnerly, and Dr. Steven Richards.

The members of the Senate Executive committee met with Dr. Hemphill and Dr. Ruhnke will make his responses available.

- V. **Elections.** Program Review – elect two at large members: Drs. Hailou and Niu.
- VI. **BOG Policy 61.** Dr. Guetzloff stated that his five years on the board there have been no procedures written for evaluation of the WVSU President. He asked that faculty review Sections 1-5 and send comments to Ashley Schumaker.

Susan Marrash-Minnerly asked for clarification about fees, for example, the Communications Fee and the Cultural Activities Fee. Dr. Guetzloff said the Cultural Activities Fee is part of tuition, and he isn't sure about the Communications Fee. Sherri Shafer expressed concern that we are over the set amount for RBA Fee, which is established by the WVHEPC. Dr. Hemphill said he will look into it.

- VII. **Revitalizing Developmental Education.** This resolution came out of the last Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Ruhnke met with Vice President McCarthy last week

regarding this issue, and reiterates that it is important that we make investments in this area.

Resolution: Whereas the WVSU Faculty Senate resolves that it is essential for the purposes of student retention that the University provide financial support for English and Mathematics centers with adequate staffing, supplies, and equipment for each (Dr. Harris moved, Dr. Ladner seconded) Motion carried.

VIII. Faculty Evaluation of Chairs and Deans: Dr. Magan cautioned against developing a policy. In the past this issue caused divide amount the faculty, and should be done carefully. Dr. Ruhnke said there is more input into the Chair position as opposed to the Dean. Dr. Ladner and Dr. Fultz said this type of process can alert supervisors about strengths and areas to improve on. There was additional conversation on if members of the Academic Affair Office should be included. Motion: To authorize Executive Committee to review approaches to this issue that might be workable. (Dr. Magan moved and Dr. Harris seconded) Motion carried.

IX. Recycling: Faculty were unclear as to whether the institution was continuing to continuing a recycling effort. There was discussion about the process and the cost. Dr. Harris said it is State law for State Agencies to recycle. Dr. Ruhnke will look into this.

X. Cal Bailey Resolution. Dr. Magan introduced a resolution honoring Cal Bailey for his distinguished service to WVSU. The resolution is as follows: Be it resolved that the Faculty of West Virginia State University honor Mr. Calvin Bailey for his many years of service to the institution. Cal's record on the baseball diamond speaks of a commitment to excellence that is worthy of emulation by all at WVSU. His commitment to the academic success of his players has been greatly appreciated by the Faculty of WVSU. Dr. Magan moved the resolution and Dr. Guetzloff seconded. Resolution was approved unanimously.

XI. Adjournment: There being no further business or announcements, a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.