Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes                                    Friday, Sept. 18, 2015  11 a.m.

Attendees: Lucianno Picanico, Steve Bourne, Roy Pruett, Michelle Cofer, Dr. Connor, Rodney Montague, Norm Mirsky, Dharshana Arachchi, Adam Ozyavas, Mike Lilly Shelia Gates, Tina Nicholson, Debbie Tonelli, Tamara Ferguson, and Darrel Malamisura.

I. Call to Order

II. Steve Bourn moved to approve last month’s meeting minutes with corrections and Roy Pruett Seconded.

III. Dr. Connor explained he was attending as a visitor and would answer questions.

IV. Old Business

Darrel Malamisura explained that a video of Dr. Krotseng’s presentation from Thursday, Sept. 17 is available on the college’s web pages. Mike Lilly recommended that Senate should meet with legislators to discuss WVU’s move to Beckley. A short discussion followed and Mike Lilly made a motion that the senate create a select committee to arrange a conference of the BSC Faculty Senate and a delegation of southern WVA delegates to discuss the WVU-Beckley issue. Luciano Picanico seconded the motion and all were in favor. Dr. Connor recommended faculty look at enrollment trends of the State, but he couldn’t remember the name of the web site. Darrel Malamisura asked for volunteers to serve on the committee to meet with delegates; he, Mike Lilly, Lucianno Picanico, and Roy Pruett volunteered to meet and develop plans for the session. Roy Pruett explained WVU plans to get 5,000 enrollment from Beckley. Darrel Malamisura explained the increase in enrollment is designed to enable WVU to join the big 12 conference. Mike Lilly explained WVU Tech facilities were in poor shape and moving was cheaper. Steve Borne explained the manifesto for Beckley was well done and difficult to argue with because of the logic. Debbie Tonelli explained that people still do not know BSC is in Beckley. Darrel Malamisura said BSC has already lost out and now must focus on mitigating damages; we must be proactive and not reactive. Steve Bourne asked what the Board of Governors is saying. Norm Mirsky said that the Board will discuss it in the November meeting. Darrel said we should explore a media appreciate day like New River. Steve Bourne said we lack marketing and should be spending 2-3% of our budget on marketing which was presented to BoG last Spring. Darrel Malamisura explained we’ve done all we can to get the Administration and BoG to do something. Rodney Montague explained we are the representatives of the school and the administration is the head, but as representatives, there’s nothing wrong with saying these are our concerns and we are representatives.

V. Committee Reports

Academic Appeals has not met. Mike Lilly As we approve ACF issues as defined in the handout. Michelle Cofer seconded the motion which then carried. Mike Lilly explained the first meeting will be in Charleston in October and he will talk with Chancellor Hill and HEPC to determine how things look. On November 22 the ACF will meet at BSC and meetings will be open. Mike Lilly said Curriculum will meet next week for proposal review and he expects one from Dr. Robinson. Norm Mirsky explained that curriculum proposals should come
from faculty and not Student Affairs. Shelia Gates is looking at digital submissions for Promotion and Tenure. Dr. Mirsky explained the BoG will meet Oct. 15. Mike Lilly asked if Academic Appeals will review transfer credit appeals. Darrel Malamisura explained that we had issues with this last year. Steve Bourne said the appeals should go through the school first. Norm Mirsky said the appeals process should only be used is the school denied credit in the waiver process. Darrel Malamisura said he would explain this to Jeff Bolton. Faculty Salary Pay Plan did not meet; Technology Committee did not meet.

VI. Tamara Ferguson explained the goals of the Communications Committee which include branding, marketing, and web site uses. Darrel Malamisura said the contract with the consultants was part of the Facilities Management. Mike Lilly expressed concern that questions submitted for the president were not included in the presentation. Darrel Malamisura explained that we can compare questions submitted with the presentation. Darrel Malamisura explained that the low pay rate for faculty is a serious concern. Tina Nicholson explained that we are unable to hire adjuncts at the current rate for clinicals in Beckley. Debbie Tonelli explained that she earned more as a 2 yr degreed nurse than she does as a professor. Mike Lilly said that we’d been unsuccessful to get PEIA to visit campus. Darrel Malamisura asked Dr. Connor to look into salary problems and retirements over the next 5 years, how will we replace those retiring, and the current equity gaps. Roy Pruett explained that Mt. View may have a negative impact on our retention. A short discussion followed. Steve Bourne explained we’ve worked on an articulation agreement with New River for years and Dr. Connor explained that it should be signed soon.

VII. Lucianno Picanco motioned we close the meeting. Roy Pruett seconded. All were in favor.

As of Thursday, October 8 Faculty Senate had 10 emailed votes of yes for the curriculum proposals (Bourne, Cofer, Ferguson, Picanco, Bolton, Pruett, Arachchi, Stiltner, Martin, Malamisura). This is a majority and enables us to move forward with the following proposals: Additional Specialization in Multicategorical Special Education k-6; Sped 312, 313, 314, and 315; and SETC Curriculum Changes.