

March 3, 2017

Faculty Senate Meeting

Meeting Led by Dr. Picanco

Note Taker/ Secretary Dr. Bonnie Reese

In attendance: Stephanie Musick, Karen Grogan, Adem Ozyavas, Geoff Hunter, Dharshana Arachchi, Darrell Thompson, Rod Montague, Norman Mirsky, William J. Bennett, Shannon Boling, Melissa Haye, Amanda Quesenberry, Debbie Tenelri Amanda Matoushek

Non-Members in Attendance: Dr. Krotseng

1. Minutes approved

2. Dr. Picanco brings up the problem of overloads. It is cheaper to hire an adjunct. He proposes to calculate the average total number of students then calculate the overload as a total number of students.. This would not be based on students enrolled in an individual classes. Can we make this an acceptable agreement? Do we need permission to present this to the Provost to preserve our overloads.

\*There was a unanimous agreement by the Faculty Senate for Dr. Picanco to take this to the Provost

3. Assessment Committee- Reports there needs to be another curriculum meeting before things can move forward.

5. ACF- Bills introduced House Bill 2542 – Mike Lilly reports the Board of Governors can act without HCTP. The Board can institute faculty changes within 30 days- non classified to classified and he defined bumping means if you have a vacancy in a classified position the person who is losing the job can be moved into that position if qualified by seniority. This could affect Tenure. There is an online link to see all the Bills online.

6. Mike Lilly reports on Higher Education Day- They are working on this project and they are recruiting students.

7. DOG recognized the golf team. Report was given to the DOG on enrollment numbers and things are improving for the fall of this year. The master plan is proceeding. Auditor gave details of the budget. Dr. Sims gave a report on title 9. The Board approved the metro rate to different counties. Dr. Robinson presented enrollment goals for 2017.

8. Dr. Mirski reported on the Budget committee meeting - we are able to meet obligations for this year.

Dr. Krotseng reported on a meeting with Mercer County Finance Committee-reporting there are no cuts that would concern Bluefield State. The Govern issued a revised budget and it does not do anything different than his original proposed.

8. Jeff Bolton and Dr. Krotseng reported on our online learning environment.

9. Jeff Bolton recommends we will move to Moodle and transition everyone almost by summer. All course shells will be switched over. Massive surge over spring break to switch over to Moodle. Faculty will be trained individually. Promises to take care of faculty. Black Board contract expires and this is the time to make a change. Moodle is cheaper. There is a help desk that you can get a response in 10-15 minutes.

Dr. Montague asks if there will be a designated specialist. The black board staff is now the staff for Moodle. They will hire a Moodle Specialist. There will be a staff of 5 people who will be Moodle support. Summer classes are first priority to be trained.

WVRocks will still be housed on black board

In the school of business Mike Lilly reports concerns and Jeff says the Moodle will integrate with the issues in the School of Business.

10. Dr. Picanco comments about our office hours and reported to the Provost to change the office hours to fewer hours.

11. Dr. Picanco brings to the Provost the question concerning the number of students per class-how many students necessary to make a class viable and the Provost will get back to us on this issue.

12. Dr. Picanco reports the meeting with the cabinet was interesting and a good meeting. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.