West Virginia State University   
Academic Affairs

Faculty Senate Report

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The Provost and Academic Affairs office welcomes another year of cooperative shared   
governance with the Faculty Senate. The Senate represents the full faculty in its deliberations.   
We look forward to achieving mutual goals for our students, staff, and faculty. This year our   
goal should be to focus on a unified university concept.

Together we started the academic year with approximately 120 full-time faculty members, and   
97 adjunct faculty members who offer courses to more than 2,700 students. With the hard   
work of our enrollment management staff and increased retention efforts, the future looks   
bright as we deliver a quality education for more students who seek a higher education.

This year our administrative area has many goals to accomplish as outlined below:

1. To make a significant contribution to Vision 2020;
2. To ensure readiness for our reaffirmation with the Higher Learning Commission;
3. To develop more budget transparency;
4. To increase retention initiatives;
5. To increase student, faculty, and staff academic services;
6. To increase communication within and among academic areas;
7. To work toward promoting a "One University Concept";
8. To increase international recruitment and student services;
9. To increase academic services for all students; and   
   10. To document academic guidelines and procedures.

The Faculty Senate Chairperson and I continue to meet as needed to promote and address the   
needs of our faculty and staff. We both recognize the need for a review of the Faculty   
Handbook. I would like the Faculty Senate to appoint three members to work with three   
appointed members to recommend necessary adjustments.