

WV Advisory Council of Faculty

Report by Barbara Ladner, ACF Representative, to the WVSU Senate Meeting of March 1, 2019

Legislative Session:

ACF spent two separate days at the Capitol meeting with legislators who could spare us the time. Much of the effort was devoted to opposing 2519, "The Campus Self-Defense Act," commonly known as the 'campus carry' bill. However, where possible, we also addressed the ACF issues for this year, especially letting the legislators know which services/functions now provided by HEPC are essential to the functioning of our institutions. These include bringing workshops on 'best practices' like co-requisite courses for students in need of remediation. Some ACF members are there today talking to senators about 2519.

ACF Issues for 2018-19

Continue to provide a high quality and affordable education for West Virginians, and to recognize the continuum of state supported learning, from Pre-K through college.

For the WV Legislature:

1. Provide a steady supply of revenue for the higher education of WV students.
2. Fund PEIA to meet the growing needs of WV public employees for affordable and accessible healthcare.
3. Support the critical work of the HEPC and CCTCE to ensure transparency and oversight at colleges and universities in administering higher education.
4. Include faculty in planning and decision making processes that affect the higher education of WV students.
5. Preserve the autonomy of the Boards of Governors to regulate the safety and security of the campus community.
6. Promote ethical behavior and due process for faculty in higher education.