

**West Virginia Advisory Council of Faculty  
Report to the WVSU Faculty Senate  
For Meeting of September 6, 2019  
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Every year the WV Advisory Council holds a retreat (mandated in WV Code), this year at the Chief Logan Conference Center. There we discuss and decide on priorities for our work informing and advising the WV Legislature. For the last few years, we have also invited legislators, especially from the education and finance committees of both houses. Only a few have attended, but these conversations have helped identify which issues are most likely to come up and which issues are most appropriate for our efforts.

The ACF hopes to receive endorsement from all faculty senates or assemblies for the issues we have selected.

The priorities we have identified this year are:

1. Increase funding for higher education to prepare our students for the dynamic needs of West Virginia.
2. Fully fund PEIA and explore alternatives to meet the needs of state employees for affordable and accessible healthcare.
3. Include faculty representation in higher education planning and decision making.
4. Ensure transparent, fair, and equitable employment processes for higher education faculty and staff.
5. Preserve the autonomy of Boards of Governors to regulate the safety and security of their campuses.