



ADVISORY COUNCIL OF FACULTY 2007-08 REPORT CARD

The Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) was established by the West Virginia Legislature as an advisory board to:

- The WV legislature,
- The Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) and the Council for Community and Technical College Education (CCTCE),
- Local Boards of Governors, and
- Faculty constituents.

Faculty issues and concerns are discussed among the members of the ACF, with institutional Senates and Assemblies, and with faculty constituents. All major issues are approved by Faculty Senates and Assemblies (visit www.wvacf.org for more). The following is a brief overview or “report card” on ACF activities during the academic year 2008-09.

July 29-30, 2007: ACF held the annual retreat at Canaan Valley Resort. A discussion of the “Great Teachers Seminar was held to determine its future for 2008. ACF membership duties were reviewed and the 2006 accomplishments reviewed. The “Faculty Issues Study Committee reported upon its findings (see web site for a copy of the report.) ACF By-Laws were reviewed. Elected officers for 2007-08 were Roy Nutter, Chair (WVU), Betty Dennison, Vice Chair (Marshall C&TC), Leslie Lovett, Secretary (Pierpont C&TC), Ann Rose, Webmaster (West Liberty State U), and Sylvia Shurbutt, Legislative Advisory Committee Chair (Shepherd U).



Meeting schedules were set for 2007-2008. The Legislative issues were discussed at length and reviewed for further discussion at later meetings. The HEPC Master Plan was presented by Mark Stotler. Chancellor Noland shared his thoughts and visions a number of master plan issues, faculty salaries, and many other things regarding higher education in WV. Chancellor Skidmore then shared the CTC budget and goals with the ACF.

October 18, 2007: ACF meeting was held at HEPC headquarters in Charleston. The ACF 2008 legislative agenda was discussed and a beginning made on the 2008 slide show and tri-fold brochure.. Dr. Flack reported on the master plan and issues regarding it. Tuition waivers for faculty and staff were discussed as an issue.

November 29, 2007: ACF meeting was graciously hosted by Glenville State College. The main issue was review of the issues and the power point presentation. The Great Teachers Seminar flyer was shared with ACF from Mark Goldstein.

November 30, 2007: The ACF Power Point presentation was given to the HEPC at Glenville..

December 12, 2007: The ACF Power Point presentation was given to the WVCCTC in Charleston

December 25, 2007: Several members of ACF attended the WVCCTC meeting and the HEPC meeting in Charleston. Legislator contact was also made at this time.

January 2008: The ACF Power Point presentation was given to the LOCEA in Charleston

February 21, 2008: ACF meeting at HEPC Headquarters in Charleston. ACF discussed a number of the bills pending in the legislature and as well used the opportunity to visit with legislators at the capitol.

March 20, 2008: ACF meeting held at HEPC. Considerable discussion about the output of the legislature and its effects on faculty and higher education. Report from Dr. Flack regarding master plan implementation issues. Chancellor Skidmore discussed the implications of the legislation on the complete separation of the CTCs from the 4 year schools.

April 17, 2008: ACF meeting at the HEPC Headquarters. Final review of legislative impacts from 2008 session of the legislature.

June 23-26, 2008: ACF sponsored the “2008 Great Teacher’s Seminar” for higher education teachers in West Virginia. The 2008 seminar increased participation from 2007 by 50% by including participation from 12 of our state institutions of higher learning. Over 260 years of teaching experience participated in the 2008 seminar.

July 25-26 2008: ACF retreat planned at Hawks Nest State Park to determine Higher Education ACF agenda for 2008-09.

Legislative Agenda 2008

1. Change the wording of HEPC Policy regarding: Award a minimum 10% base salary increase upon faculty promotion in rank. **Legislation Passed !**
2. Change Legislation regarding Tuition waivers for faculty and staff **Option given to each BoG** **Legislation Passed !**
3. Change Legislation regarding Increase State Retirement contribution from 6.0% to 7.5% **Option given to each BoG** **Legislation Passed !**
4. Increase State Budget Funding for Higher Education to the NATIONAL AVERAGE **[Some Progress made (budget increased) More work needs done]**
5. Legislation to Allow Higher Education employees the right to serve in the legislature **[Discussions held with legislators. More work needs done.]**

Entire Year of 2007-2008: MANY members of ACF were very visible by attending HEPC, WVCCTC, LOCEA, and legislative committee meetings and functions during the year.

Thanks to the commitment of faculty to these meetings and the support of the 2 year and 4 year schools as well as the chancellors and their staffs, most of the agenda items important to the ACF were passed by the 2008 West Virginia Legislature !!