



ADVISORY COUNCIL OF FACULTY 2008-09 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 25-26, 2008: ACF held the annual retreat at Hawks Nest State Park. Reports and discussion were held with Chancellor Skidmore of CCTC and Chancellor Noland of HEPC. Next a review of the vision and mission for ACF for the coming years was discussed. A long discussion and future effects of Vision 2020 took considerable time. Elected officers for 2007-08 were Roy Nutter, Chair (WVU), Betty Dennison, Vice Chair (Marshall C&TC), Leslie Lovett, Secretary (Pierpont C&TC), Mike Ditchen, Webmaster (WVU Tech Community and Technical College), Jim Hoey (WVU Potomac State), List Serve Manager, and Sylvia Shurbutt, Legislative Advisory Committee Chair (Shepherd U). Meeting schedules were set for 2008-2009. The Legislative issues were discussed at length and reviewed for further discussion at later meetings.

September 18, 2008: The September ACF meeting was held at HEPC in Charleston. A report from Dr. Bruce Flack, HEPC, involved the Global Studies Project, Seamless transition from HS to College, and college based mathematics. Sylvia Shurbutt gave an up to date report on the legislature. (WVU) Mountaineers for Integrity and Responsibility and the LOCEA meeting in Bridgeport were discussed.

October 16, 2009: ACF meeting was held at Marshall with the generous hosting by Betty Dennison and the Marshall U. administration. The ACF 2009 legislative agenda was discussed with Senator Plymale and a beginning made on the 2009 slide show and tri-fold brochure.. Topics considered were Sick Leave Policy, Mandated Duties at Potomac State, a Faculty Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), a Senior Professor Policy, and International Student Recruitment

November 20, 2009: ACF meeting was held in Charleston. Bruce Walker reported on the issues related to sick leave policy for faculty, on TIAA/CREF and increase of opportunity for retirement benefits, the Issue of faculty not having the right to serve in the legislature, and the HEPC web site. Sylvia Shurbutt reported on the activities of the legislature, the tri-fold status, and the Faculty Study Report. Mark Goldstein reported on the Great Teacher Seminar and the new flyer was shared with ACF. Chancellor Noland reported on HEPC activities including budget plans and a number of other areas. Dr. Flack, HEPC, gave a report. PEIA changes were discussed at length with plans to influence them.

February 19, 2009: ACF meeting at HEPC Headquarters in Charleston. Senator Oliverio updated ACF on activities of the legislature during this session. These included faculty salaries, facilities costs, changing composition of BoG, PEIA funding, economic stimulus money, and coal revenues. In addition, discussed were HEPC and CCTC issues. ACF then discussed sick leave policy action, the faculty study and action, Great Teachers Seminar, gearing up for the baby boom retirement re faculty, and a report from Dr. Flack of HEPC. The issue of Post tenure review at West Liberty, tuition waivers for dependents, and new legislation for WV Legislature to consider.

March 27 2009: ACF meeting held at HEPC in Charleston. Dr. Flack reviewed the “low productivity program” report that HEPC is dealing with and adult learners task force. Bruce Walker reported on the end of the legislative session and its effects on higher education. Other items were the Great Teachers Seminar, Professor of the year award and how to deal with this from ACF , sick leave policy, and other items.

April 23, 2009: ACF meeting at the HEPC Headquarters. Major issues were sick leave policy, Post Tenure Review issue at West Liberty, dependent tuition waiver, lack of action on SB-743 (HEPC/CCTC membership for ACF, report on task force for adult learners, a report from Dr. Bruce Flack on HEPC activities, Chancellor Noland’s wish for a “Faculty Accomplishments Award,” a report from Bruce Walker on legislative session final, student evaluations, second majors issues, and the faculty salary increase issue.

June 2009: ACF sponsored the “2009 Great Teacher’s Seminar” for higher education teachers in West Virginia.

July 17-18 2009 : ACF retreat planned at WVU to determine Higher Education ACF agenda for 2008-09.

Legislative Agenda 2009

1. **Provide Advisory Council of Faculty voting representation on HEPC andCTCC.**
(There is currently no formal mechanism to provide for the legislative mandate that the ACF advise the CTCC and HEPC). Bill written, 2009 SB-743
Not on committee Agenda

2. **Increase State Budget Funding for Higher Education to the NATIONAL AVERAGE**
[Some Progress made (budget increased) More work needs done]

3. **Legislation to Allow Higher Education employees the right to serve in the legislature**
[Discussions held with legislators. More work needs done.]

Entire Year of 2008-2009: MANY members of ACF were very visible by attending HEPC, WVCCTC, LOCEA, and legislative committee meetings and functions during the year. For more information, see www.wvacf.org

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, ☺

Few of the items important to the ACF were passed by the 2009 West Virginia Legislature.

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