

Staff Meet & Confer

November 19, 2020

President's Auditorium

Attendance in person: Chelsea Stickelman, Ashley Nicholas, Michele Lang, Teresa Sterns, Dr. Manchin, Dr. Morris, Bert Jedamski, Jason Gum and Jason Yeager

Attendance via Teams: Cheyenne Carr, Ashley Knight, Tisha Underwood, Ann Reed, Rita Helmick, Jonathan Griffin, Rachel Clutter, Brittany Benson, Alecia Martin, Cameron Woods, Joyce Riddle, Kristen Cosner, Trae Sprague, Robin Meadows, Heather Moyers, Tegan McEntire, Stacy Adkins, Katie Morris, Hannah Rexroad, Denise Ellyson, Rachel Adams, Kathy Gilbert, Mari Clements and Jim Tatman

- There is one new case of Covid
- Dr. Manchin expanded the President's Cabinet to include Faculty Senate Chair, Staff Council Chair and SGA President
- Staff are concerned with the new Appalachian Studies major and how many students will enroll in it
 - GSC is not investing more money into this program, but relocating resources
 - Dr. Darby will move to the Social Science department
 - Some new courses will be created, while others in Social Science will be taken out of curriculum
 - There are only 2 Appalachian Studies majors in the country. Others are grad programs.
 - Job prospects are in the service industry, museums, tourism, social work and library science
 - Chelsea asked if all of campus can be informed of this information
 - Marshall is interested in partnering with GSC, they have a Master's program in Appalachian Studies
- During the last ACCE meeting, Michele was notified that a concealed carry (for campuses) bill was going through legislation and wanted feedback from faculty and staff
 - Dr. Manchin does not want the bill passed
 - Dr. Manchin will be going to legislative sessions to advocate for all issues affecting GSC
 - The last time this bill went through, no higher education president was for open-carry
 - Michele reported that ACCE was also concerned with funding models, PEIA funding and compensation
- There are no changes or updates to Commencement
- Jason asked about Meet & Confer meetings being merged (faculty, staff and students)
 - Dr. Manchin said his door was always open
 - More communication will be started when Chelsea begins attending Cabinet meetings
 - Dr. Manchin is leaving Meet & Confer meetings up to staff, to see if they are needed monthly, or if they can be combined.
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