



Meeting Minutes

Date: July 24, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM – via Zoom

#	STATUS		NAME	INSTITUTION
	Present	Zoom		
1		x	Amine Oudghiri-Otmani	Marshall University
2		x	Andrea Kent Andrea.Kent@mail.wvu.edu	WVU Institute of Tech. Beckley
3		x	Barbara Ladner, <i>Webmaster</i>	WV State University
4			Todd Clark Todd.Clark@fairmontstate.edu)	Fairmont State University
5		x	Stephanie Mounts Stephanie.mounts@southernwv.edu	Southern WV CTC
6		x	Douglas McCall Douglas.mccall@westliberty.edu	West Liberty University
7		x	Eloise Elliott	West Virginia University
8		x	Heather Hussell Hussell8@mctc.edu	Mountwest CTC
9			Holley Ralston	Blue Ridge CTC
10		x	Joel Farkas	WVU at Parkersburg
11			Joseph Allen, <i>Legislative Coordinator</i>	Concord University
12			Karen Berneburg, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	New River CTC
13		x	Kathy Herrington, <i>Secretary</i>	WV Northern Community College
14		x	Matthew Williams mwilliams2@osteو.wvsom.edu)	WV School of Osteopathic Med.

15		x	Kandas Queen (Kandas.Queen@glenville.edu)	Glenville State College
16		x	Max Guirguis	Shepherd University
17			Mike Lilly	Bluefield State College
18		x	Anthony (Tony) Anobile (aanobile1@pierpont.edu)	Pierpont CTC
19			Shirley Murphy	Eastern WV CTC
20		x	Lana Andreat	Bridge Valley CTC
21			Tom Sydow	Potomac State College of WVU
22		x	Corley Dennison	HEPC

I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

A. Meeting called to order

B. 15 members present – constitutes a Quorum.

C. Minutes from April 28, 2023 read and approved with no corrections or additions

II. Discussion items:

A. Miscellaneous

We welcomed our new representatives and discussed the purpose & function of ACF as it is defined in WV Code, and members thanked Joel Farkas, outgoing Chair for doing such a wonderful job keeping us involved and focused and running the meetings.

B. TENURE - Continued our discussion of tenure. Background: According to Code which was passed during the inception of Eastern CC, Community Colleges can have “no more” than 20% of their faculty tenured. Since then, tenure has “gone away” from many of the community colleges, even if they still have a promotion/tenure policy. The # of faculty at CC with tenure has been drastically reduced since that time. Consensus was administration tosses it back to faculty to propose a new policy/procedure. We feel that its important for continuity of programs and competition to attract & retain qualified faculty, especially in certain departments/disciplines, and for employment stability for faculty to have tenure or at least multi-year contracts.

Series 9 spells it out pretty well for 4 year schools, and Corey suggested we look at that document for guidance on preparing something collectively; Joel contacted Kristen Bogg (attorneys) to ask if she thought we could get the Boarss to support a minimum % of faculty being tenured since current code only says “no more than 20%” and she said no. K. Herrington offered to have folks (CC or 4 year) send their current tenure policies (if they have one) to her and she will try to put something together regarding tenure in CC (some require things regarding professionalism, participating in assessment, etc.) Since the meeting, K. Herrington has received from Pierpont, Bridge Valley and WVU-P. Please send what your institution currently has in place well before the next meeting if you want her to include it and she will also review Series 9

C. Great Teacher’s Seminar

Barbara Ladner reported that 22 people attended the GTS at Northbend State Park in June. It was unfortunate that faculty from WVU were not able to attend due to the travel ban and we hope they are able to be represented next year. Barbara recommended that some of the new people try to attend next year so they have personal experience and can recruit other faculty from their institutions to attend in the future, and thanked Corley for his help. It is a great opportunity to meet with other faculty to talk about and share ideas about just teaching! Corley thanked Barbara (who is taking over for now but will need someone new in the near future) and Mark Goldstein (who has retired) for their work and keeping this great seminar going. Douglas McCall said he may be interested in working on this project.

D. Retreat, 2 nights, November 3-5, 2023 (Fri – Sun)

Eloise Elliot sent a link to members of ACF to use to make their reservations for this event at Stonewall Resort (***please try to reserve the room on or before October 1***). It is written in WV Code that we will have a retreat once a year and the colleges have to provide funding for travel, lodging, and food for their representatives to attend ACF meetings and retreats (we would like everyone to attend in person – it makes a difference!) Rooms are \$159 per night (\$320 for 2) + \$15 per room per night = \$174/night + meals + travel costs. Discussion ensued regarding some folks may not

want to stay 2 nights if we are done by 5 on Saturday and suggested maybe we meet 3:00-5:00 Friday and 8:00-3:00 or 4:00 Saturday for those who want to drive home Saturday. Those who are travelling further or wish to leave Sunday morning will be welcome to do so. Thanks to Eloise for taking care of this!

E. Upcoming meetings

HEPC is scheduled to meet 9/15/23 and 12/15/23 (Fridays) and the **WVCTCC** is scheduled to meet 8/17/23, 10/12/23, and 12/7/23 (Thursdays). ACF members are encouraged to attend in person or via zoom if their schedules permit so we can have input and know what's being discussed

F. Election of officers for 2023-24 year

Chair – Tony Nobile nominated Eloise Elliot for Chair; seconded by Barbara Ladner. Motion passed, congratulations Eloise!

Vice-chair – Karen Berenburg is the current vice-chair; past practice is to switch 2 year with 4 year schools every other time for Chair, and since Joel is from a 2 year school, the new Chair should be from a 4 year school. Kathy Herrington nominated Karen for a second term as Vice-Chair, seconded by Barbara Ladner, motion passed, meaning she will serve as Vice Chair for the 2023-24 year if she agrees to this, and takes over as Chair for 2024-25.

Secretary – Kathy Herrington volunteered to serve as Secretary for another year; she took over a vacated spot last year. Eloise Elliott nominated, Barbara Ladner seconded. Motion passed.

Webmaster – Eloise nominated Barbara Ladner to continue in this position. Seconded by Kathy Herrington, motion passed

Legislative Coordinator – Kathy Herrington nominated Joe Allen to continue in this position, seconded by Douglas McCall. Motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding expectations of each office and putting something together so individuals know what each position entails, and perhaps updated the constitution & by-laws to specify expectations.

G. Legislative Session

Discussion that maybe the letter from WVU and Marshall's Presidents helped with concessions to the Campus Carry Bill. Discussed the importance of choosing our words and requests carefully and taking a moderate position rather than an adversarial position when speaking to legislators this year. When the parties and power balance changes it may affect their responses to us; if we offer to help them with things that affect education, we may have some impact. An election year is coming up. Corley encouraged us to try to attend the LOCEA (Legislative & Oversight Committee on Educational Accountability) meeting in December as proposals may be coming in early on some issues and changes have to be reported to LOCEA as well as the House & Senate Education committees

H. HEPC – Corley Dennison

Early College - Corley reported that Early College is coming together, \$4 million, guaranteeing the state HEPC office will provide \$75/credit hour but only 475 students will be allowed to register from each school. Will apply to both 2 year and 4 year schools, although the Community Colleges have been doing a lot of this already. He thinks we will see dual enrollment being pushed. We need to talk about microcredentials and certifications that will become more important, and "alternative pathways" including apprenticeships will be more common. He hopes the WVDE will work with us and encouraged folks to look at HB 2005. Question regarding credentials of high school faculty who are teaching college courses, and Corley reported it looks like HLC may be relaxing some of their requirements for college level faculty and allowing experience, continuing education, and related instruction to count toward being qualified to teach certain college courses.

Other:

III. Next meeting – Friday-Sunday, Nov 3-5, 2023, tentatively starting at 3:00 p.m. Friday and meeting from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday in person. Eloise will send out something closer to the meeting with agenda. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE OCTOBER 1!

IV. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Herrington, Secretary