

**CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2015, 9 A.M.**

Cumberland Room - Student Center

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Brian Hammond

Present: Nancy Cowherd, Brian Hammond, Ken Harbaugh, Paula Wamsley, Peg Swisher, Karen James, Marian Willauer, Marie DeWalt.

Brian called for the approval of the minutes from the CEC meeting of September 21, 2015: The minutes were moved, seconded and passed with the notation that a reference to the WV State Code Chapter 18B – 9A appearing in the 9/21/15 minutes was added after the meeting for the purpose of providing a fuller explanation for employees of SB 439.

REPORTS

ACCE (Advisory Council of Classified Employees):

Ken Harbaugh

ACCE met at WVU Parkersburg. Issues discussed included the Mercer market study, the next legislative session and the issues that may be addressed, the state economy, and the call by PEIA (WV State Employees Health Insurance) for dramatic increases in the next year. Susan Kelley, an AFT (American Federation of Teachers) representative, spoke to the ACCE members about the increases that the PEIA Board is calling for. ACCE is trying to make inroads with key WV legislators on behalf of higher education and Classified Employees.

ACCE meet next week at Fairmont State University.

Board of Governors: Ramona Kissel

BOG Representative Ramona Kissel was not able to attend the council meeting in person to give her report. She sent her report via email and it can be [viewed here](#).

Staff Development: Marian Willauer

Of the allocated FY2016 Budget, \$4708.00 had been expensed and there is a remaining balance of \$9,543.00.

Scholarship: Theresa Smith

Committee did not meet.

Legislative: No Chair

Committee did not meet.

Special Events: Virginia Haddock and Peg Swisher, Co-chairs

The committee is looking at possible dates for a Holiday Party for employees.

Safety/B & G: Brian Hammond

Committee did not meet. Brian said that a new Director of Facilities has been hired and will start in

November. Convening a meeting will be his responsibility.

Unfinished Business:

There has not been much communication about the Mercer Market Study, but Ken Harbaugh will start sending HEPC updates out to council members.

New Business:

The University Budget Advisory Council will be convened later today to discuss cost-cutting strategy in light of the recent 4% mandatory state budget cuts called for by Governor Tomblin. Chair Brian Hammond and Vice-Chair Paula Wamsley are both members of the council and will be attending the meeting.

A motion was MSP for Chair Brian Hammond to send an email out to employees informing them of the CEC website and the information available on it.

Meeting Adjourned: MSP 11:10 a.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Nancy Cowherd, Secretary