**West Virginia Northern Community College Classified Staff Council**

**ACCE Report**

**February 12, 2015**

**Remarks from President of BridgeValley CTC, Dr. Jo Harris**

Dr. Harris spoke about their Advanced Technology Center as a strong partnership with private industry. Area businesses schedule training for their employees and donated $ to name labs. Recruiters take corporate employees from area businesses to high schools with them to talk with students about their need for employees who have a higher degree.

**Liaison Report from Patricia Clay, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, HEPC**

* 2014 Annual Personnel Report available.
* VCHR believes since she’s trained in class and comp that the HEPC don’t need to hire another CCP. ACCE believes the need to pay constant attention to our class and comp system would merit a full time CCP. VCHR intends to recruit for a position by the end of January.
* ACCE leadership suggested both Chancellors attend the next ACCE meeting to account for the failure to release a draft RFP. Draft was due before Christmas and the legislature identified SB 330 implementation as the Council/Commission’s highest priority in 2 resolutions.
* WVU will be included in the market studies even though they’ve done several of their own. VCHR asserted if a school is fully funded they can promulgate their own rule and set their own salary schedule, but ACCE pointed out that the law states the BOG can only do this *as long as it is within the parameters of the SB 330 rule, which has not been written.*
* VCHR made the suggestion that we move forward with the classified staff market study alone, citing budget constraints. ACCE vehemently disagrees. If studies are not done at the same time, they will not be comparable and RME will not be achievable. ACCE has been bringing the issue of funding to the attention of the Commission, Council, and Legislature since before the RFI was released and was assured they were aware and working to make sure this market study was done in its entirety and done right.

**Discussion on New Legislature**

* 28 new senators serving this year, many of whom have no legislative experience. ACCE will reach out to education committee members in our districts to suggest that ACCE be consulted for input on bills involving higher education.

**Brooks McCabe State Journal Article**

* ACCE will request from the Chancellors that they make a formal response to the inaccuracies in a recent article printed in the State Journal by Brooks McCabe on 12/18/14.

Respectfully Submitted,
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