

NETWORKING 101

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WVROCKS' ENROLLMENTS INCREASE

WVROCKS' enrollments increased significantly for the Spring 2013 semester which began on January 22, 2013. To date, WVROCKS has a total of 202 enrollments for both sessions. Students may still enroll for the second session which begins on March 18, 2013. Three new courses were added for the Spring 2013 first session: HUM 300 Ethical Leadership, RTM 300 Management of the Service Industry, and ENG 301 Bible as Literature. One new course was added to the second session: ENG 300 Short Story. Demand for courses was so great that multiple sections were added for four of the courses. (For a complete list of Spring 2013 courses, go to learn-wvrocks.wvnet.edu.) We attribute the increase in interest and demand to the success of the Fall 2012 pilot. The WVROCKS Fall 2012 pilot generated 55 total course enrollments. Of those 55 enrollments 78% who registered for WVROCKS courses attended their online classes, and 88% of those who attended completed their courses, while 87% of the students who completed their courses passed.



Bluefield State College, Fairmont State University, and Marshall University continue to maintain their partnership with WVROCKS to offer RBA students online courses. Registration begins in late March at most participating institutions. Interested parties should contact the RBA Coordinators at these institutions for more information on how to enroll and register for classes. At BS, contact Dr. Felicia Wooten Williams by phone (304) 327-4212, or by email at fblanks@bluefieldstate.edu. At FSU, contact Pamela Stephens by phone (304) 367-4709, or by email at Pamela.Stephens@fairmontstate.edu or advise@fairmontstate.edu. At MU, contact Andrew Gooding by phone (304) 696-6400, or by email at gooding@marshall.edu. Other institutions interested in joining WVROCKS for the Fall 2013 session should have their chief Academic Officer or RBA Coordinator contact Dr. Roxann Humbert by phone at (304) 293-5192 x270, or by email at rhumbert@hepc.wvnet.edu.

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Faculty interested in teaching on the portal must be employed by a baccalaureate institution in West Virginia and hold a terminal degree in their field. In addition, new WVROCKS faculty should have completed the Quality Matters "Applying the QM Rubric," training. Thanks to a WV State Broadband Council Grant, QM training is available free to interested faculty online or face to face. In addition, new WVROCKS faculty will have the opportunity to complete two online courses taught on the WVROCKS portal for a Certificate of Online Teaching. The COT Program was underwritten by a second grant from the West Virginia Broadband Council. For more information on becoming a WVROCKS faculty member, contact Dr. Roxann Humbert.

WVNET continues to host the WVROCKS.org website and the Blackboard 9.1 portal for course delivery while providing 24/7 Help Desk support, system administration, instructional design, graphic design, and training support. WVNET also provides an office and administrative support for the Statewide Director of eLearning, Dr. Roxann Humbert. For more information about WVROCKS, contact Dr. Roxann Humbert or contact Dr. Mary Stewart by phone at (304) 293-5192 x231, by email mstewart@mail.wvnet.edu.

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WVU CIO Visits WVNET



Associate Provost for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer at West Virginia University Dr. John Campbell visited WVNET on January 28. Dr. Campbell's WVU appointment was effective that same day. As Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer at WVU, Dr. Campbell will oversee a staff of 150 and manage an annual budget of \$21 million. He will be charged with helping the university attain national research prominence by 2020 by better defining IT services, improving institutional alignment, completing the IT infrastructure and enhancing technology solutions and modernizing customer services.

Campbell has participated in many externally-funded projects focused on the development and support of new cyberinfrastructure for the campus community. His grants total approximately \$20 million over the last 12 years. He has also published book chapters and journal articles largely on analytics and learning design, and has presented extensively at professional meetings.

Dr. Campbell earned an undergraduate degree in mathematics education, a masters degree in educational technology, and a doctor of philosophy degree in higher education administration, all from Purdue.

From the Director



Recently I've had the opportunity to talk with the Presidents of the Community & Technical Colleges and the HEPC Board about WVNET. Preparing for talks like that force me to get out from the trees and get up high enough to see the whole forest.

WVNET is now hosting Blackboard for 13 different schools plus DHHR and the Kanawha County Schools. We have implemented DegreeWorks for 14 schools. This allows a clear path to a degree for students and lets colleges project what classes will be needed when. DegreeWorks has demonstrated a positive impact on retention and on-time degree completion.

WVNET has also implemented Argos, an analytics tool which helps schools pull reports right out of their Banner data.

Finally, after the Derecho and Hurricane Sandy, WVNET has invested almost \$2M in Disaster Recovery equipment. We are currently running virtual servers for Mountwest CTC. Additionally we have purchased massive amounts of data storage equipment to help schools with off-site storage of their critical data.

Thank you for choosing WVNET as your trusted partner. We appreciate each and every one of you.

—Dan O'Hanlon, Director

Kudos to WVNET Employee Barb Long



"Recently, WVNET contacted WVNET with a large number of requests surrounding our Degree Works installation that needed addressed in a very short amount of time to meet our internal needs. Barbara Long worked diligently to get all of these requests handled in an expedited manner to meet our needs. Thanks Barb!"

—Pam Woods, Director of Institutional Research
West Virginia Northern Community College (pictured)