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**NEWS RELEASE**

**WVU Tech Revitalization Committee launches online survey and  
announces initial meeting**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (Commission), in conjunction with West Virginia University Institute of Technology (WVU Tech) and on behalf of the WVU Tech Revitalization Committee (Committee), today launched an online survey to solicit feedback regarding ideas and strategies to assist WVU Tech in meeting the needs of today's students and providing a highly skilled workforce for the jobs of today and tomorrow. The survey is available at [www.hepc.wvnet.edu/wvutechsurvey](http://www.hepc.wvnet.edu/wvutechsurvey). A link to the survey is also located on the main home pages of the Commission ([www.hepc.wvnet.edu](http://www.hepc.wvnet.edu)) and WVU Tech ([www.wvutech.edu](http://www.wvutech.edu)).

The online survey can be completed anonymously; however, individuals are encouraged to provide their name and e-mail address. Such information will only be utilized if Committee members, Commission, or institution staff have follow-up questions regarding any of the information provided by the respondent.

The feedback obtained from the online survey will be reviewed by the Committee as they work to examine WVU Tech's operations and develop a strategy to revitalize the institution. An overview of the results of the survey will be provided as part of an upcoming on-campus meeting. This on-campus meeting, which will serve as the Committee's initial meeting, will be held on Thursday, March 15 beginning at 1:30 PM in the Tech Center Ballroom. Members of the campus

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community, the media, and the general public are encouraged to attend and actively participate in this meeting, which will include an opportunity for open discussion.

Dr. Paul Hill, the Commission's Chancellor said, "On behalf of the Commission, I am pleased to report that progress at WVU Tech has continued since the recent appointment of Carolyn Long as Campus Executive Officer and the formation of the Committee. Several energy upgrades have been installed or will be installed with funding from the West Virginia Division of Energy through the use of stimulus funding." Long added, "With approximately \$465,000 in federal funding, new HVAC controls were installed in Vining Library in December 2011, while new boilers will be installed in the Engineering Lab and the Tech Center next month. These investments will result in savings for the institution and marked improvements to campus facilities. We've also announced the addition of men's and women's collegiate swimming to begin next fall. This will not only enhance campus and student life, but also support our critical recruitment initiatives. On behalf of the institution, I am pleased with the continued support of our campus as we collectively work to build a new and exciting future."

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