1. Professor Steve Kite, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

Member Present:

Ameri, S.  
Anderson, R.  
Banta, L.  
Bowen, E.  
Brooks, J.  
Brooks, R.  
Brown, G.  
Bryner, R.  
Campbell, L.  
Clark, N.  
Cottrell, L.  
Cottrell, S.  
Campbell, L.  
Clark, N.  
Cohen, S.  
Cotter, L.  
Cotter, S.  
Culberson, J.  
Culberson, J.  
Davari, A.  
Davis, S.  
DiBartolomeo, L.  
Dillis, C.  
Etzel, E.  
Fitch, C.  
Garbutt, K.  
Griffith, R.  
Hall, D.  
Hartman, K.  
Hendrickson, J.  
Hermosilla, P.  
Hornak, L.  
Hornsby, G.  
Howard, S.  
Iskander, W.  
Jacknowitz, A.  
Kershner, R.  
Kirby, B.  
Kleist, V.  
LaGodna, B.  
Lake, M.  
Lastinger, V.  
Long, K.  
Malarcher, J.  
Mandich, M.  
McDiarmid, M.  
Murthy, K.  
Mutz, C.  
Napolitano, M.  
Nath, C.  
Nester, P.  
Peace, G.  
Perone, M.  
Petronis, J.  
Plein, C.  
Price, S.  
Rauch, H.  
Robinson, C.  
Ruscello, D.  
Sand-Jecklin, K.  
Sedgeman, J.  
Sheridan, M.  
Sherlock, L.  
Sherwood, L.  
Spleth, J.  
Sternaka, P.  
Stockdale, T.  
Stolzenberg, A.  
Tallaksen, R.  
Tauger, M.  
Temple, J.  
Turton, R.  
Urbanski, J.  
Valenti, M.  
Walker, E.  
Walls, T.  
Watson, J.  
Webb-  
Weidman, L.  
Wilcox, G.  
Woloshuk, J.  
Members Absent:

Almond, C.  
Atkins, C.  
Bagby, M.  
Behling, R.  
Blaydes, S.  
Bonner, D.  
Chetlin, R.  
Comer, P.  
D'Souza, G.  
D'Editha, H.  
Fredette, H.  
Frum, K.  
Gerbo, R.  
Hessl, A.  
Hurst, M.  
King, J.  
Latimer, M.  
Lively, M.  
Mancinelli, C.  
McClellan, A.  
McCombie, R.  
McGINley, P.  
Miller, M.  
Moffett, K.  
Richards, A.  
Riemenschneider, S.  
Riley, W.  
Robbins, J.  
Ryan, K.  
Selin, S.  
Shelton, E.  
Siegrist, J.  
Stack, S.  
Townsend, C.  
Vona-Davis, L.

2. Chair Kite acknowledged and thanked Barbara Dunn and Linda Cunningham as the support staff to the Faculty Senate and Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary.

3. President Garrison discussed the following issues:

- WVU will build a childcare facility on campus; the implementation team for the facility will be co-chaired by Heather Garrison and Joe Fisher. Proposal is due in the spring. The facility will help in recruiting and retaining faculty.

- Gatherings were held last month at Blaney House for new and newly tenured faculty, and all resident faculty leaders and their families. New faculty orientation was a discussion item.

- The President met with the University Social Justice Committee as well as the Black Faculty Association to discuss diversity issues. WVU needs to be open and receptive to all the campus issues starting at the president’s level and working through the various campuses.
• The dual-career program for new faculty and their spouses/partners was announced in September. This will add another level to our competitiveness. The suggestion came directly from the faculty.
• A discussion concerning salaries and other important issues was held last week; information gathered will be helpful and meaningful in implementing new policy.
• A contract has been signed for a text messaging service to be put in place. This campus security initiative will allow all members of the campus to provide a cell number where they can be reached in case of an emergency situation. Tests will be held concerning the initiative at the end of the week.

4. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

5. Chair Kite discussed the following issues:
• A resolution will be presented to President Emeritus Hardesty at the November 12th Faculty Senate meeting to thank him for his leadership and for his 12 years of cooperation with the Faculty Senate.
• Faculty Senate Chair-elect Virginia Kleist will chair a 10 member work group on, “Faculty-Shared Governance.” One slot remains to be filled.
• The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is working on a “Survey of Faculty Issues and Priorities.” The purpose of the survey is to articulate what is important to faculty – both positives and negatives. The results will help our representatives and the administration better explain our needs to the BOG and legislature.
• The chair has been directed by the Executive Committee to form an ad hoc committee on writing requirements. Are the current requirements as now practiced addressing the needs of our students? The secondary charge will be to refine the GEC curriculum rules. The committee will be allowed to focus on the “W” requirements.
• The committee for, “curriculum procedures” is making progress concerning the on-line submission. Sara Bishop, from OIT, is heading up the process, and she will make presentations to the General Education Committee on Tuesday, October 9th and the Curriculum Committee on Thursday, October 11, 2007. Sara may be able to present the process to the Faculty Senate in November. Volunteers will be accepted for a beta test.
• Narvel Weese, VP Administration and Finance, will give a WVU budget summary in November; Provost Lang will discuss enrollment at the same meeting.
• Ed Pastilong, Director of Athletics, will give a presentation in December concerning the WVU athletic program.
• Chancellor Noland will discuss the HEPC legislative agenda in December.
• An Executive Session will be held in December to vote on honorary degrees; nominations need to be received by October 29, 2007.
• A reception will be held at the Blaney House on Monday, December 10th immediately following the Faculty Senate meeting.

Dr. Kershner, from Medicine, asked that the writing committee address classes that require lab reports, since a different type of writing is needed.
6. Professor Cottrell, Curriculum Committee Chair, moved for approval of Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried. The Alteration Report was presented for information. Professor Cottrell said Admissions & Records has a list of special topics courses that need to be implemented as new courses; therefore, a short approval process has been extended for these courses.

7. Professor Nutter, ACF representative, WVU-Morgantown, read the list of ACF representatives for the regional campuses: James Hoey, WVU-Potomac State Gary Wagner, WVU-Parkersburg, John David, WVU-Institute of Technology, Mike Ditchen, WVU-Community and Technical College, John Linton, WVU-Health Sciences Center, Charleston, WV.

Professor Nutter reported that a work session was held in September and a presentation was given by John Unger concerning, “how to deal with the legislative process.” A presentation was given by Dr. Bruce Flack concerning the annual retention conference scheduled for March 18th; faculty involvement is needed for this conference. Professor Nutter said the master plan for the 4-year campuses 2007-2008 will be called, “It All Adds Up.” A new compact report will be forthcoming for every campus. Chancellor Noland met with the representatives to lead a discussion concerning retirement contributions, and Professor Nutter said that the HEPC budget meeting will be held October 26, 2007.

8. Professor Kershner read the following resolution that she and Professors Sedgeman and Jacknowitz prepared to honor the late Robert E. Stitzel:

“The Faculty Senate recognizes the extraordinary efforts of Robert E. Stitzel, PhD, and offers appreciation for his collaboration with the governance of West Virginia University in service to students, faculty, and the institution. During his many years at WVU, he inspired everyone he touched; he expressed compassion, good will, and wisdom in everything he did. His contributions to his department, the School of Medicine and the University will impact generations to come.

On this date, October 8, 2007, the Senate hereby extends its gratitude and honors Dr. Stitzel’s contributions in research, education and service.

Professor Kershner moved to accept the resolution, and it was duly seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

9. Chair Kite moved to suspend the rules of order to rearrange the agenda by placing new business before a presentation. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

10. Chet Parsons, Director, Greater Morgantown Planning Organization, and Stephen LaCagnin, Chair, Monongalia County Commission Advisory Board, gave a power point presentation concerning a service fee for those working in the county, recently allowed by the legislature. Mr. Parsons said an advisory committee studied the feasibility of implementing a $2.00 per week fee for everyone who works in Morgantown, WV. He said the fee has been approved by the West Virginia government as Senate Bill 673. A vote to implement the fee will be
held for all Monongalia County voters and the County will become the project “model” for other counties. Mr. Parsons said the various projects will be completed in phases. Discussion ended with a question and answer session.

11. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene Monday, November 12, 2007.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary