MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
JANUARY 8, 2007

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

Member Present:
Ameri, S.  Cottrell, S.  Hornsby, G.  Mullett, C.  Shelton, E.
Atkins, C.  Culberson, J.  Howard, S.  Mutz, C.  Sherwood, L.
Bagby, L.  Cumming, J.  Iskander, W.  Napolitano, M.  Steanka, P.
Banta, L.  D’Souza, G.  Jacknowitz, A.  Nath, C.  Stolzenberg, A.
Bergner, G.  Davari, A.  Jones, R.  Nestor, P.  Stuchel, R.
Bilgesu, I.  Dillis, C.  Kershner, R.  Nutter, R.  Tauger, M.
Bonner, D.  Dixon, S.  Kite, S.  Olson, K.  Temple, J.
Bowen, R.  Douglas, W.  Kleist, V.  Peace, G.  Townsend, C.
Brooks, R.  Etzel, E.  Kuhlmaj, J.  Petronis, J.  Valenti, M.
Brown, G.  Fitch, C.  LaGodna, B.  Price, S.  Verlinden, S.
Bryan, W.  Garbutt, K.  Lake, M.  Putman, H.  Vona-Davis, L.
Bryner, R.  Gladwin, M.  Lastinger, M.  Richards, A.  Weihman, L.
Buchanan, T.  Griffith, R.  Long, K.  Riley, W.  Wilcox, G.
Campbell, L.  Hartman, K.  Mancinelli, C.  Royall, B.  Woloshuk, J.
Clark, N.  Hill, R.  Mandich, M.  Sandecklin, K.  
Cohen, S.  Hoey, J.  McGinley, P.  Sedgeman, J.  
Cottrell, L.  Hornak, L.  McNerney, K.  Selin, S.  

Members Absent:
Abbott, J.  Gerbo, R.  Lively, M.  Riemenschneider, S.  Valentine, S.
Almond, C.  Graebner, J.  Lively, M.  Robbins, J.  Walker, E.
Anderson, R.  Grose, K.  Mays, M.  Shambaugh, N.  Wright, F.
Behling, R.  Hall, D.  Melton, P.  Siegrist, J.  
Branch, D.  Held, J.  Miller, M.  Simile, R.  
Cook, L.  Hurst, M.  Morgan, D.  Stockdale, T.  
Dedha, H.  Latimer, M.  Nuss, M.  Urbanski, J.  

2. President Hardesty spoke about athletics and its long tradition at WVU. He reiterated why we have athletics.

He said that athletics is still a way for young people to get an education. Not only do some of them get their tuition paid, but also in terms of an education on playing by the rules and competition and physical well being. Many are outstanding student leaders.

President Hardesty said that intercollegiate athletics has gained great entertainment value. Both men’s football and basketball are recognized nationally. The messages we give and care about, such as excellence in academics, travel on this visibility. At this year’s bowl game, WVU lifted up the work of Linda Carson to fight obesity among young people; CBS covered it, it was in the Jacksonville papers, and it’s been all over West Virginia. Last year we lifted up forensics in the bowl game. Free ads are gotten in basketball games in the Big East, etc., ads that are put on television.

Economic enterprise is also developed around athletics. Jobs are created. Businesses may be located here because of the availability of the athletics, the Creative Arts Center, and the University itself.
The Athletic Department pays tuition for students. Waivers were cut out several years ago. The department functions as an auxiliary unit that generates its own funds. Tuition paid by the department to the University to support its academic enterprises has gone up from 3.1 to 5.7 million dollars a year in the past five years because of tuition and fee increases.

Funds come from student fees, ticket sales, prize money, donations, bowl proceeds, etc. WVU receives money from the conference. These monies are used for many expenses, including salaries, facilities, and tuition.

WVU’s percentage of athletic expenditures as a percentage of the budget has remained in the same 4-4.5 percent range over the past several years. Because the University’s budget is growing, because of student growth, the University is still in a range under five percent. He doesn’t feel WVU is in a danger point. President Hardesty feels there are two dangers with the rise of intercollegiate athletics expenditures:

1) The danger to academic progress. WVU is not taking money from the academic budget in an imprudent way to support athletics. Should the revenues drop, athletics will be expected to maintain their budget.

2) The greater danger is the danger of commercialism that the amount of money put into athletics will impugn the values of the University. He doesn’t think that WVU is at a danger point, but it is watched carefully.

President Hardesty said that there is an appropriate balance. WVU is highly competitive on the national scene, probably a top 25 program, a source of great pride, and getting the job done while being in compliance with the rules of the game.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Chair Famouri thanked President Hardesty for hosting the holiday reception at his Blaney House home. He also congratulated the student athletics for winning the Gator Bowl; as well as all the other athletic teams for their winning season.

Chair Famouri said that the presidential search is underway. To date, close to 70 applications have been received. Chair Famouri will begin reviewing applications within the next couple weeks. The search committee will meet on January 19, to touch base, and then on February 9 with the consultant firm.

Ken Gray, VP for Student Affairs, will speak to the Faculty Senate at its March meeting.

5. The following Curriculum Committee and General Education Oversight Committee Reports were approved from the consent agenda:

Curriculum Committee Reports:
- For Approval – New Courses and Course Changes – Annex I
- For Approval – Broadcast News Curriculum Update – Annex II
- For Approval – News Editorial Curriculum Update – Annex III
- For Information – Alteration Report – Annex IV

General Education Oversight Committee Report:
6. Professor Nutter, ACF representative, said that the Legislative session is beginning. LOCEA (Legislative Oversight Committee For Education Accountability) is meeting; ACF is trying to have a representative at these meetings. Professor Nutter has not been able to attend these meetings, but colleagues from WVU-Tech have been attending the meetings.

7. Nancy Lohmann, chair of the Transportation and Parking Committee, reported on the progress of a 5-year parking and transportation plan.
   - The committee is looking at both transportation and parking. The committee is looking at how transportation interacts with parking and what might be done to provide access to campus.
   - The committee is made up of representatives of faculty, staff, students, and administrators, representing constituencies and campuses.
   - The committee is planning in the context of other things going on in Morgantown. Representatives have attended MPO meetings to make certain that plans are not made in isolation, only to find that another governmental body is making plans to undercut committee efforts.
   - The committee is starting with planning assumptions rather than “how much should we charge for this lot”. They’re looking at the general principles that guide the decision about how much to charge to park in a particular lot.
   - The plan can be found at: http://www.wvu.edu/~adminfin/WVUTrans-ParkAssum20AEDD.pdf Comments and feedback are invited through January and can be sent to planpark@mail.wvu.edu.

8. Chair Famouri said the Ad Hoc Committee on Curriculum Committees’ Procedures charge is:

   The charge to the committee is to provide recommendations on all aspects of curriculum approval issues. Specific charges include the following:
   - Examine the current practices used by these committees and evaluate if they are transparent, efficient and effective.
   - If changes are warranted, recommend mechanisms to best utilize the time of all faculty involved in various application processes dealing with these committees. Explore new ways to streamline the process.
   - Make recommendations regarding ways in which the application process would be more transparent and efficient to the University as a whole. Explore the use of technology to achieve this goal.
   - Assess staff resources required to achieve the committee’s recommendations.

   The Committee’s recommendations must be consistent with the policies, goals and objectives of the University as they relate to curriculum issues.

9. After much discussion on the issue of the last week of classes, or dead week, it was decided that:
   1. Policy in place needs to be clarified, understood and followed.
   2. When the policy is violated, consequences need to be applied.
3. This week is needed for lab classes.
4. Finals during dead week, except for evening classes, need to be discouraged.
5. A thorough review of the entire policy is in order.
6. Deans need to impress on chairs the importance of following the policy as it is. Administration needs to make sure the deans understand the importance of consequences.
7. Any email comments should be sent to Mark Tauger, Chair of the Student Instruction Committee.

It was moved and duly seconded to send the matter back to the Student Instruction Committee for further review. **Motion carried.** Comments/suggestions should be e-mailed to Mark Tauger, Committee Chair, at mtauger@wvu.edu. It was moved and duly seconded that administration, through the deans, impress upon the chairs the need to have consequences for giving an exam in dead week until such time as we change the rules and regulations of dead week. Also, recommend that the Senate hear at some point the nature of those consequences that are dealt to faculty who have done this. **Motion carried.**

10. There was no new business.
11. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 12, 2007.
12. An executive session was held immediately after the meeting to discuss honorary degrees.

Mary Strife  
Faculty Secretary