MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
MARCH 12, 2007

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

Member Present:
Almond, C.
Ameri, S.
Banta, L.
Behling, R.
Bergner, G.
Bilgesu, I.
Bonner, D.
Bowen, E.
Branch, D.
Brooks, R.
Brown, P.
Bryan, W.
Clark, N.
Cottrell, L.
Cottrell, S.
Howard, S.
McDiarmid, M.
Sand-Jecklin, K.
Ameri, S.
Cumming, J.
Iskander, W.
McNerney, K.
Sedgeman, J.
Banta, L.
D’Souza, G.
Jacknowitz, A.
Miller, M.
Shelton, E.
Behling, R.
Dillis, C.
Jones, R.
Murthy, K.
Sherwood, L.
Bilgesu, I.
Dixon, S.
Kershner, R.
Mutz, C.
Steranka, P.
Bonner, D.
Garbutt, K.
Kuhlman, J.
Nestor, P.
Townsend, C.
Bowen, E.
Griffith, R.
LaGodna, B.
Napolitano, M.
Stockdale, T.
Branch, D.
Hall, D.
Lake, M.
Nutter, R.
Urbanski, J.
Brooks, R.
Hartman, K.
Lastinger, M.
Peace, G.
Valenti, J.
Brown, P.
Hill, R.
Long, K.
Richards, A.
Verlinden, S.
Bryan, W.
Hoey, J.
Mancinelli, C.
Riemenschneider, S.
Weinman, L.
Clark, N.
Hornak, L.
Mandich, M.
Robbins, J.
Wilcox, G.
Cottrell, L.
Hornsby, G.
Mays, M.
Royall, B.
Woloshuk, J.

Members Absent:
Abbott, J.
Anderson, R.
Atkins, C.
Bagby, M.
Brown, G.
Bryner, R.
Buchanan, T.
Campbell, L.
Cohen, S.
Cook, L.
Culberson, J.
Davari, A.
Dedhia, H.
Douglas, W.
Fitch, C.
Gerbo, R.
Gladwin, M.
Graeber, J.
Grose, K.
Held, J.
Hurst, M.
Kleist, V.
Latimer, M.
Lively, M.
McGinley, P.
Melton, P.
Morgan, D.
Mullett, C.
Nuss, M.
Olson, K.
Petronis, J.
Price, S.
Putman, H.
Riley, W.
Selin, S.
Shambaugh, N.
Siegrist, J.
Stolzenberg, A.
Stuchell, R.
Temple, J.
Valentine, S.
Vona-Davis, L.
Walker, E.
Wright, F.

2. President Hardesty reported on the following issues:

- He is not disappointed that the WVU basketball team did not make it into the NCAA tournament this year because the team exceeded expectations and did it with the right values and the right group of coaches and students. The President said he was proud of the team and its achievement.
- The President said it is too early to comment on the legislative session, so he will give his comments at the April meeting.
- Home rule powers were granted in some fashion or form to cities like Morgantown on a pilot basis; if it is true, then it is an historical event in the history of West Virginia because it has always had a highly centralized government. Roy Nutter, ACF representative, participated in the legislative process this year, and he kept the Faculty Senate informed of what was taking place.
- The President read excerpts from a report written by Professors George Hammond and Tom Witt, College of Business & Economics, “Annual Economic Outlook for West Virginia as Forecasted for the Morgantown MSA,” (Monongalia and Preston Counties), which
are highly integrated economic areas. The article reflects the importance of WVU in the area and throughout the state, and it shows where many issues will be in the years to come. The report will be distributed throughout the University.

- Potomac State College has done a tremendous job recruiting; many of the recruits are being forwarded to them from WVU. They are at the highest enrollment ever, and the College will likely exceed that record this year.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2007 meeting with the inclusion of the following statement at the end of item 8, “Professor Branch asked each senator to go back to their constituent group and get opinions about the 2.0% across-the-board raise component.” Motion carried.

4. Chair Famouri reported on the following issues:

- A new Faculty Senate seating arrangement will be implemented soon
- An election will be held in May for the Faculty Senate Chair-elect; the Chair encouraged senators to step forward to take the leadership. He said perks include a WVU parking permit that allows you to park in any WVU parking area; chair-elects get 25% reduction in their academic load as well as one month’s salary (nine-month appointment) from the Provost’s Office, and Faculty Senate chairs receive 75% reduction in their academic loads. If anyone is interested, they should contact the chair or an Executive Committee member. The election for Faculty Senate Chair-elect will be held on May 14, 2007.
- An election for the Advisory Council of Faculty representative will be held on May 14, 2007.
- The presidential search committee met last week. Initially, 50 applicants responded to the presidential position; the pool was reduced to a manageable number and reference checks have been done. Members of the search committee were assigned about 2 references each. The remaining applicants will be reduced to 3-5 candidates for campus interviews and public announcement. The search committee will give the list of candidate’s names to the Board of Governors for its review then the search committee’s job will be over.
- Monday, March 19, 2007, 12:00 p.m., Health Sciences Center’s Grand Rounds will host Dr. William L. Chameides, from Climate and Air Program of Environmental Defense (formerly the Environmental Defense Fund), to speak on, “Global Warming.” The presentation will be televised at the NRCCE, and senators are encouraged to attend.

5. Ken Gray, VP for Student Affairs and David Stewart, Dean of Students, gave a power point presentation concerning strategic planning. An overview was given concerning goals, guiding principles, objectives and key indicators. Vice-President Gray said the foundation of the plan flows from student affairs task force report that President Hardesty commissioned in 1995. He said this set the tone for student-centered programs that now exist. Four of the programs discussed include: resident faculty-leader program, Up All Night program, Parents Club and Adventure WV. The goals include: increase enrollment to 30,000 students by 2010; enhance the programs and services to serve and retain the 30,000 student population; utilize assessment to enhance the student learning and personal development of students; strengthen partnerships with academic colleges to expand a student-learning environment; and create additional innovative learning opportunities. The latest version of the plan goes through 2010,
and it can be reviewed at Ken Gray Presentation Mar 12, 2007.ppt. David Stewart discussed their focus of providing more contact between students and faculty. Lincoln Hall, the new residential college has been very successful meeting this focus area. Additional residential colleges are being planned. Study abroad opportunities have been expanded to include Italy and England. Adventure WV has been a very positive program for the first-year experience even if it is only able to reach about 500 students at this time. A challenge course being developed in collaboration with the Davis College, will allow 35% of the first-year students to participate.

Professor Nutter (CEMR) asked VP Gray how WVU-IT students will be merged into student numbers once it becomes a division. VP Gray said he was not familiar with their student numbers, but he expected that their addition would put WVU over the 30,000 target. Professor Bergner (Eberly College of Arts & Sciences) asked about the commitment to recruit and retain more minority students particularly African-American students. VP Gray stated that they are committed to that and it is part of their overall plan. Professor Hornak (CEMR) asked if the plan included recruitment of graduate students. VP Gray said that this was also part of the focus and his office will be collaborating with the Provost’s Office and Academic Affairs to further this focus.

6. Alan Martin, Director, Office of Sponsored Programs, and John Kuhlman, Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, reported on, “Export Control Issues within an Academic Environment.” Director Martin said the laws have been in place since WWII, but since 9/11 they are being enforced. WVU is trying to come to grips on how to manage the control issues in an academic environment. He said the purpose of the export control laws is to restrict the export of goods or technologies that could assist the military of US adversaries. They are in place to advance US foreign policies and economic goals and to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction. He said there are 3 federal agencies that are responsible for overseeing the laws – the state department, which regulates military or defense related goods or technologies; the commerce department, which regulates commercial or dual use products or technologies through the export administration regulations and the treasury department, which regulates the transfer of goods and services in a whole range of activities to the countries that are on the embargo list. He encouraged faculty to retain full publication rights of any sponsored agreements so any technology will not become subject to export control which would lead to having to develop export control plans. He said there are some export controls in place for projects on campus that involve: who will work on the project, how the data will be restricted, how it will be locked up, what the restrictions will be for publication, who has to review and approve any publications. Professor Martin said that a comprehensive manual is currently being developed for areas of research and outside of research. Professor John Kuhlman is assisting faculty and assessing technologies for the Office of Sponsored Programs, and he is the contact person for questions about proposals. Professor Kuhlman discussed the handout that was distributed, which can be reviewed at: Export Controls March 2007.pdf. He discussed a situation listed on the report about a “plasma physicist falls foul of US export controls.” Discussion ended with Professor Martin cautioning faculty to take every step possible in determining if their research falls under any export control laws.
7. The following Curriculum Committee reports and the General Education Oversight Committee Report were moved for approval from the consent agenda:

New Courses and Course Changes listed in Annex I. Motion carried. 
Minor in Child Development and Family Studies listed in Annex II. Motion carried. 
Revisions to Minor in Advertising listed in Annex III. Motion carried. 
Capstone Experience for BN 487 listed in Annex IV. Motion carried. 
Modification of BSCS Curriculum listed in Annex V. Motion carried. 
Group Fitness Minor listed in Annex VI. Motion carried. 
The Alteration Report was presented for information in Annex VII.

The General Education Oversight Committee Report listed in Annex VIII. Motion carried.

8. Professor Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, reported that last month a bill for a 2.50% one-time-across-the-board pay raise was being discussed, but that bill was thrown out and replaced with a 3.50% pay raise that was put in the budget plan. Professor Nutter said it has not been determined if this is new money or not. He said Senate Bill 336 was discussed which was a clean-up bill for higher education, and it included the Promise Scholarship. He said this bill did not make it through the session; therefore, he believes because there was not any agreement between the House and the Senate concerning the bill it died. Professor Art Jacknowitz, alternate ACF representative will report at the April 9th Faculty Senate meeting because Professor Nutter will not be able to attend the March ACF meeting.

9. Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary, said that the honorary plaque that lists all faculty senate chairs from 1979-1980 will be placed in the downtown library near the Melano Reading Room. Mary will work with the libraries to set up a reception for the unveiling of the plaque. A facsimile of the name plate was shown.

Mary said that ballots for the faculty senate election will be distributed to faculty via electronic mail.

10. Professor Bryan made a motion that the Faculty Senate asked the Athletic Department and President Hardesty not to schedule WVU football games on any day with regularly scheduled classes except Saturday without permission of the Faculty Senate. It was duly seconded. Motion failed.

Professor Bryan said he had 2 major reasons for presenting the motion. One reason is that both the day of the game and the day after the game are basically gone. Also, the academic calendar has a great affect on the academic programs; it is an issue for the Faculty Senate body, so it should rule on the motion.

Provost Lang said that WVU is part of the Big East Conference, so it has contractual obligations as a member. Those obligations tell WVU that it has to participate with athletic events that take place during the week on or off campus, and those are obligations that the University must abide by. He said next year’s calendar has been posted, and he will make sure that everyone has a copy of it. Provost Lang said classes have not been canceled because
of games, and faculty has been encouraged to use their best judgment. He said there is a respect for the mission of the Institution.

11. Professor Roy Nutter introduced John Neubert, sophomore major in geology/geography, and a member of the Sierra Coalition Club. Chair Famouri said the Club submitted an article to the Executive Committee concerning a detailed list of environmental issues; the Executive Committee reviewed the list and realized that many of the issues were already being practiced at WVU, so the Chair asked that Greg Belnip take the list and find out what is being done and what is not being done at WVU concerning environmental issues and come up with suggestions for improvement. This was the latest recommendation to the Sierra Coalition Club. John said the Club took the recommendation given to them by the Executive Committee, and it is seeking to meet with Joe Fisher, VP of Facilities. John said he is presently working with the Adventure, West Virginia program, which is a life-changing experience, and he suggested that the Faculty Senate encourage Dean Stewart to expand the program.

12. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, April 9, 2006.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary