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

Members Present:
- Ameri, S.
- Banta, L.
- Bonner, D.
- Bowen, E.
- Brooks, J.
- Brown, G.
- Bryner, R.
- Campbell, L.
- Chetlin, R.
- Clark, N.
- Cohen, S.
- Culberson, J.
- Cumming, J.
- Davari, A.
- Davis, S.
- Dedhia, H.
- Dillis, C.
- Etzel, E.
- Fredette, H.
- Griffith, R.
- Hall, D.
- Hartman, K.
- Hermosilla, P.
- Hessl, A.
- Hornak, L.
- Hornsby, G.
- Howard, S.
- Iskander, W.
- Jacknowitz, A.
- Kershner, R.
- Kirby, B.
- Lake, M.
- Malarcher, J.
- Mancinelli, C.
- Mandich, M.
- McCombie, R.
- McDiarmid, M.
- Miller, M.
- Murthy, K.
- Mutz, C.
- Napolitano, M.
- Nutter, R.
- Olson, K.
- Peace, G.
- Perone, M.
- Plein, C.
- Richards, A.
- Riemenschneider, S.
- Ryan, K.
- Selin, S.
- Shelton, E.
- Sherwood, L.
- Stack, S.
- Steranka, P.
- Stolzenberg, A.
- Stuchell, R.
- Tallaksen, R.
- Turton, R.
- Valenti, M.
- Walker, E.
- Walls, T.
- Watson, J.
- Webb-Dempsey, J.
- Woloshuk, J.

Members Absent:
- Almond, C.
- Anderson, R.
- Atkins, C.
- Bagby, M.
- Behling, R.
- Brooks, R.
- Cook, L.
- Cottrell, L.
- Cottrell, S.
- D'Souza, G.
- DiBartolomeo, L.
- Edwards, B.
- Fitch, C.
- Frum, K.
- Garbutt, K.
- Gerbo, R.
- Hendrickson, J.
- Huffman, V.
- Hurst, M.
- Kleist, V.
- LaGodna, B.
- Lastinger, V.
- Latimer, M.
- Lively, M.
- Long, K.
- McGinley, P.
- McNerney, K.
- Moffett, K.
- Morgan, D.
- Nath, C.
- Nestor, P.
- Petronis, J.
- Price, S.
- Riley, W.
- Robbins, J.
- Robinson, C.
- Russello, D.
- Sand-Jecklin, K.
- Sedgeeman, J.
- Sherlock, L.
- Siegrist, J.
- Stockdale, T.
- Tauger, M.
- Temple, J.
- Townsend, C.
- Urbanski, J.
- Vona-Davis, L.
- Weihman, L.
- Wright, F.

2. There was no report from the President’s Office.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Chair Famouri welcomed the newly elected senators; he said the Faculty Senate is a great body to be part of because they will learn the ins and outs of how the institution works. He suggested that senators let part of their service be to the Senate because it is an important entity and an important mechanism for faculty voice to be heard.

The Chair thanked Stan Cohen for being instrumental in the installation of the “Faculty Senate Chair’s plaque. A reception, to unveil the plaque, was held in the Milano Reading Room, Downtown Campus Library, on Friday, May 4, 2007.

Chair Famouri said that one item that he did not have time to address while being a Senate Chair was to report on the state of WVU Athletics in regard to student athletes’ academic
performance. This issue came up three years ago and again this academic year for the WVU Senate to join the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA). As the Senate recalls four years ago, then Senate Chair Chris Wilkinson prepared a report for the Senate and recommended not to join COIA. Chair Famouri indicated that the key players in the WVU athletics have not changed and he doesn’t anticipate major changes since Wilkinson’s report. He, therefore, recommended the Senate not join COIA; however, he encouraged future chairs of the Senate to keep abreast of Athletics.

Professor Famouri said serving as Faculty Senate Chair has been a good experience for him because he has been able to meet more people, and he has been able to interact with more faculty members. He said the Senate has been a more deliberative body and discussed certain items such as: dead week, merit raises versus across the board raises and the presidential search discussions.

This year, President Hardesty suggested a new seating arrangement be made for the senate meetings; the Chair asked Chair-elect Steve Kite to pursue this suggestion.

The Chair said in order for faculty to move up in rankings, faculty salaries will be one of the main issues of discussion. He said that without competitive salaries, WVU will not attract the best faculty. The institution is an international market for faculty and students, so it will need to move forward in many areas, which includes rank. Professor Famouri said it has been a pleasure to serve such a distinguished body.

The Chair announced the new Faculty Senate Executive Committee members for 2007-2008:

Kristina Olson, Nigel Clark, Ann Richards, Marjorie McDiarmid, William (Guy) Hornsby, Arthur Jacknowitz, and Edward Etzel.

5. The Chair asked the committee chairs or committee members to stand and give a brief overview of what their committees worked on this year.

The annual report and goals for the Curriculum Committee and General Education Committee were removed from the consent agenda.

6. Professor Steve Kite discussed the General Education Oversight Committee’s Annual Report, listed in Annex X and the Committee’s Goals for 2007-08 listed in Annex XI. It was moved and duly seconded that the reports be approved. Motion carried. Professor Kite said next year, for clarity, the GEC will present a document to the Faculty Senate explaining the various “terms” that are used on the GEC application form.

Professor Kite said the CCCP, Ad hoc Curriculum Committee, was put in place to review curriculum committee practices and procedures. The group will continue to meet during the fall semester to help implement an on-line course application process. The new process will include the submission of courses and when they are finalized and entered into the Banner System.
7. Professor Griffith discussed the Curriculum Committee’s Annual Report for 2006-07 listed in Annex VI and the Committee Goals for 2007-08 listed in Annex VII. It was moved and duly seconded that the reports be approved. Motion carried.

8. The following Committee Reports were approved by consent:

Curriculum Committee Reports:

New Courses and Course Changes listed in Annex I. Motion carried.
Request for 3 new prefixes for B&E listed in Annex II. Motion carried.
Management Curriculum Recommendations listed in Annex III. Motion carried.
2 Capstone Requests listed in Annex IV. Motion carried.
Proposal for a New Major in Design Studies listed in Annex V. Motion carried.
Alteration Report listed in Annex VIII was presented for information.

General Education Oversight Committee Report:

Course Recommendations listed in Annex IX. Motion carried.

9. Student Instruction Committee Report:

Professor Banta moved for approval of the, “Petition to Administer an Examination in the Last Week of Classes in Undergraduate Courses” listed in Annex XII. He said the proposal will allow instructors to submit a petition to the chair of their department or division requesting a test be given during the week before finals – commonly referred to as “dead week” or “the last week of classes.” Professor Banta said any tests given during the last week of classes would not be permitted to be a substitute for a final exam and/or a project.

Professor Kershner made a friendly amendment that, “without exception” be added to the last sentence of the petition. Professor Clark suggested the language, “within the first week of classes” be included in the statement as well so it would ensure that students have information about the examination on the course syllabus before they receive it. With the revised language, the last sentence of the petition will state, “This petition must be submitted to and approved by the chair of the department or division prior to the end of the first week of classes, and if approved, the examination must be indicated in the syllabus, without exception.” It was duly seconded. A hand count vote was taken; results included 44 votes in favor of the motion and 11 opposed. Motion carried.

Professor Banta said this year the committee presented a request to the Faculty Senate requesting a “warning grade” be implemented so it could be given to graduate research students who are doing poorly in class. This proposal was deferred for more discussion. The committee also presented a “standard syllabus format” to the Faculty Senate in May, 07.

10. Public Service Grants Committee Report:
Professor Jacknowitz gave an overview of the Committee’s 2006-07 Annual Report and 2007-08 Goals listed in Annex XIII. Motion carried.

11. Faculty Welfare Committee Report:

Professor Cohen thanked the committee members for serving this year and he gave an overview of the Committee’s 2006-07 Annual Report and 2007-08 Goals listed in Annex XIV. Motion carried.

12. Student Evaluation of Instruction Report:

Professor Cohen gave an overview of the Committee’s 2006-07 Annual Report and 2007-08 Goals listed in Annex XV. He said the Committee continues its efforts in customizing the student evaluation form (SEI). He said both the electronic form and printable form are available for faculty. The committee will continue the “syllabus project” which is putting syllabi on-line for student review. Motion carried.

13. Research and Scholarship Committee Report:

Professor Napolitano gave an overview of the Committee’s 2006-07 Annual Report and 2007-08 Goals listed in Annex XVI. Motion carried.

14. Committee on Committees, Membership & Constituencies Report:

Professor Woloshuk gave an overview of the Committee’s 2006-07 Annual Report and 2007-08 Goals listed in Annex XVII. Motion carried.

15. Work Group on Faculty Shared Governance

Chair Famouri said he consulted with the Senate Executive Committee to develop a charge for the “Work Group,” which was approved by the Faculty Senate on May 14, 2007. The motion was made by Professor Larry Hornak to form the “task force” but the name was changed to “Work Group” by the Senate Executive Committee. The Group will include approximately 11 members from the following areas: a past faculty senate chair, 5 faculty, 2 members from the new administration, 2 members from the BOG, and 1 member from the Governor’s office or the Higher Education Policy Commission.

The Chair stated that,

“As per the Faculty Senate May 14th resolution that was passed and the recommendations from the Senate Executive Committee forming a Work Group to assist on improving communications and shared governor issues with the University administration, the following charge was developed:

“Establish specific goals to enhance faculty participation and communications with the University leadership and governance. Specifically, the Work Group will focus on
establishing strong communication between faculty and President-elect Garrison and his administration, as well as the WVU BOG; establishing specific goals of the faculty to enhance the core missions of WVU in the areas of teaching, research, and service and to work with the new administration to achieve the same, and to increase faculty participation in University affairs in general."

The Chair said that the “Work group” will work to enhance faculty participation and communication with the new administration and the BOG. He said the preliminary response has been positive.

16. As past Faculty Senate Chair, Professor Famouri will serve as the Executive Committee representative to the Graduate Council.

17. Chair Famouri presented Faculty Senate Chair-elect Steve Kite with the University all-area parking permit. Professor Kite will assume the Faculty Senate responsibilities as Chair in fiscal year 2007-08. Professor Kite presented Chair Famouri with the traditional commemorative gold and blue plaque for his distinguished service and an engraved gavel. He honored the chair by stating that he served in a difficult year, and he thanked him for presiding over the Faculty Senate and rising above his personal interests so the senators could have a voice.

18. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, September 10, 2007. The Faculty Senate does not meet in July and August.

Barbara Dunn, Committee Secretary