Following President Hardesty’s “State of the University” address, Faculty Senate Chair, Christopher Wilkinson, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM in Assembly Rooms A&B, NRCCE.

Members Present:

Ameri, S.  Brown, Jo  France, K.  Lastinger, M.  Pearson, T.  Stark, L.  
Behling, R.  Bryan, W.  Hanson, R.  Lively, M.  Perry, J.  Townsend, C.  
Beichler, J.  Buchanan, T.  Hill, R.  Long, K.  Rafter, W.  Ullrich, I.  
Bendena, M.  Burton, J.  Hornak, L.  Meit, S.  Riley, C.  Ward, H.  
Blackwood, A.  Campbell, K.  Hornsby, G.  Mulkeen, P.  Ruscello, D.  Weihman, L.  
Bowen, E.  Clark, N.  Howell, R.  Napolitano, M.  Selin, S.  Wilcox, G.  
Branch, D.  Elmore, S.  Johnson, D.  Nutter, R.  Sherwood, L.  Williams, J.  
Brooks, R.  Famouri, P.  Jones, R.  Outterson, K.  Stack, S.  Yelton, D.  
Brown, James  Fones-Wolf, E.  Larrabee, J.  Panaccione, D.  Stamatakis, M.  

Members Absent:

Almond, C.  Freeman, B.  Kolar, M.  McGrath, J.  Raynes, R.  Voelker, J.  
Always, S.  Graf, D.  Krummel, D.  McNatt, S.  Rezaei, A.  Wright, F.  
Bagby, M.  Gross, S.  Kuhlman, J.  Milhoan, P.  Riley, W.  Yeater, R.  
Brister, C.  Harris, B.  Lewis, R.  Morgan, D.  Rosen, C.  
Brown, G.  Helmondoller, R.  Loyd, B.  Morris, T.  Rosen, K.  
Clark, K.  Hurst, M.  McCutcheon, T.  Ogershok, P.  Scea, P.  
Culberson, J.  Kenney, B.  McFadden, D.  Petronis, J.  Urbanski, J.  
Fleisher, R.  Kershner, R.  McGinley, P.  Pyle, E.  Valentine, S.  

2. President Hardesty received questions concerning his University address.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2003, meeting. Motion carried.

4. Chair Wilkinson reported on the following issues:
   - Attended a BOG meeting on Friday, October 3, 2003, and 3 action items were approved.
   - The Faculty Welfare Committee will submit a report concerning the cost of PEIA health benefits at the December 8, 2003 meeting.

5. Professor Garbutt moved to approve the following Curriculum Committee Reports:
   - Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
   - Annex II, Name Change - From: BSF in Wood Industries - To: B.S. in Wood Science and Technology. Motion carried.
   - Annex III, Name Change for Minor – From: Wood Industries – To: Minor in Wood Science and Technology. Motion carried.
   - Annex IV, Capstone Report. Motion carried.
   - Annex V, The Alteration Report was submitted for information.

6. Professor Peri moved to approve Annex VI, LSP Report. Motion carried.
7. Chair Wilkinson reported that he attended an ACF meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2003, and he believes the ACF faces the following two challenges:

   Diversity of academic missions from the various institutions reduces the common ground for amenity and action; teaching and research are dominant issues at WVU.

   Leadership – there’s reluctance for anyone to be proactive in presenting positions to the body for adoption.

The Chair said he believes a representative from WVU needs to participate on the ACF, so these 2 issues and future initiatives can be addressed; therefore, he proposed a motion to endorse the Legislative agenda of the ACF. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

The Chair said the process to select an ACF representative was altered in SB 653; the policy says during the month of April, a ballot is presented to the Faculty Senate to elect one faculty member to serve as the ACF representative for a two year term to begin the first day of July in odd numbered years. Since the current ACF representative, Tom Long, has resigned the ACF position, the newly elected representative will serve his remaining term through June 30, 2005. Professor Nigel Clark asked Chair Wilkinson if he would be interested in serving as the ACF representative; he said he would be interested in serving but would appreciate e-mails concerning the best strategy. The issue will be discussed at the October 27th Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting, and a proposal will be presented to the November 10th Faculty Senate meeting.

8. Chair Wilkinson reported that several meetings have been held concerning the General Education Curriculum proposal. He said that he will be meeting with faculty from the Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences as well as the Student Government Association on Wednesday, October 15, 2003. An editorial concerning the Gen Ed proposal was published in the Daily Athenaeum. The Chair submitted a letter, that was published the following day, addressing a misunderstanding from the original editorial. The Chair said the Gen Ed proposal has been revised to include two tables showing current LSP courses, and the revised proposal will be linked to the Faculty Senate Homepage by the end of October.

Professor Stan Cohen led a question and answer session for the General Education Curriculum Proposal.


Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary