MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
JANUARY 14, 2002

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

Members Present:
Bergner, G.     Famouri, P.     Karther, A.     Orndorff, J.     Strife, M.
Bowen, E.       Hill, R.       Larrabee, J.     Petronis, J.     Trajkovski, G.
Bruner, J.      Hoey, J.       Malanga, C.     Reece, W.       VanCamp, R.
Bull, L.        Hornak, L.     McDiarmed, M.    Ruscello, D.     Wasson, N.
Cohen, S.       Hummel, M.     McGrath, J.      Sencindiver, J.  Wenger, S.
Edwards, A.     Jones, R.      Nutter, R.       Stanley, C.      Woodrum, D.
                                  Styer, T.        Styr, C.       Wilton, D.
                                  Yelton, D.

Members Absent:
Badzek, L.      Dedhia, H.    Keyes, G.       Miles, T.       Stanton, B.
Baylis, C.      Elfenbein, A. Killefer, J.     Morgan, D.      Stark, L.
Birkle, D.      Elmore, S.    Kolar, M.       Muchant, D.     Turton, R.
Bonanno, S.     Gebremedhin, T. Krainak, P.     Nadler, S.       Urbanski, J.
Brady, L.       Gibson, L.    Lastinger, M.   Palmer, J.       Ward, B.
Branch, D.      Graber, G.    Lewis, R.       Perry, J.       Ward, H.
Brown, J.       Graeber, J.   Loudin, B.     Raynes, R.      Wilcox, D.
Cercone, J.     Helmondollar, R. Mays, M.       Riley, W.       Wilcox, G.
Clark, K.       Hissom, J.    McCormick, R.   Scea, P.        Williams, J.
Cooper, B.      Hogan, T.    McFadden, D.    Simmons, M.     Wright, F.
Davis, L.       Howell, R.    McGinley, P.    Stack, S.
Davis, T.       Juckett, G.   Meding, T.      Stamatakis, M.

The Chair noted that there was not a quorum. The actions taken today will be presented for approval at the February 11, 2001 meeting.

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

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2001 meeting with the following correction: add “LSP report” to Annex III. Motion carried.

4. The Chair reported that a draft of the constitution will be e-mailed to all senators in the next few days, and the green space committee has been placed on hold.

5. The Chair reported on the following issues from the January 11, 2002 Board of Governor’s meeting:

   - Version of Series 9 was approved by the Board of Governors
   - Article in Chronicle of Higher Education misquoted information about the Sydney-Banks Institute and that it should be listed as a secular not a religious institution.
   - Approval of multi-categorical education program by BOG (will be submitted to the Higher Education Policy Commission)
Approval of master plan for Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center
Approval of accreditation letter for WVU-Tech
Approval of new facility and change in master plan for Parkersburg campus
Approval of faculty fee waivers for fall semester
Website link for the Higher Education Policy Commission (www.hepc.wvnet.edu)

6. Professor Jones moved approval, and it was duly seconded, for the following Curriculum Committee Reports:

- Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
- Annex II, Course Additions for Disability Studies Program. Motion carried.
- Annex III, Capstone Report. Motion carried.
- Annex IV, Presented for information.

7. Professor Hornak moved approval of Annex V, LSP Report. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

8. There was no report from the Advisory Council of Faculty.

9. Anita Mayer, Director, McNair Scholars Program, gave an overview of the program and distributed information. She asked senators to encourage qualifying students to apply to the program before the January 31, 2002 deadline.

New Business

Professor John Kuhlman asked for an update concerning the plus/minus grading. Associate Provost Rosemary Haggett, said the Student Instruction Committee reviewed the request. She said it was a BOT policy now adopted by the HEPC. The reason it was a BOT policy is that credits and grades transfer between West Virginia public higher education institutions and therefore the State wants to keep the meaning of grades consistent across the colleges and universities.

Professor Wilkinson suggested the Faculty Senate give thought to abandoning WVU’s current plus/minus grading because it does not impact the grade-point average. The proposal was given to the Student Instruction Committee for review.

10. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M to reconvene on February 11, 2002

11. Executive Session for senators followed the Faculty Senate meeting.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary