1. Chair, Larry Hornak, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President’s Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

**Members present:**

Clark, N.  Hornak, L.  McDiarmid, M.
Dean, R.  Jacknowitz, A.  Nutter, R.
Elmore, S.  Lang, G.  Strife, M.
Hardesty, D.  Lastinger, M.  Wilkinson, C.
Held, J.  McCutcheon, T.  Wilson, C.B.

**Members absent:**

Larrabee, J.  Torsney, C.

2. President Hardesty said he met with Governor Manchin to present the case for further deregulation of higher education. He said the Governor will look at this in the general session, because presently, he is looking at the following four agenda items: premiums for workman’s compensation; pension plans; ethics; and boards and commissions. Provost Lang said Professor David Satterfield will be returning to the University faculty to teach on executive leadership in the public sector to best use his experience in state government.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2004, meeting. **Motion carried.**

4. Chair Hornak reported that most of the faculty who have been asked to serve on the steering committee and subcommittees have agreed to do so; members of the steering committee will meet on February 2nd to work with Chair Hornak, Provost Lang, and the Continuous Learning Group representatives to set the groundwork for the strategic planning that will take place this semester. Chair Hornak said subcommittee chairs and co-chairs will meet with overall sub-committees later in February so the framework can move forward; the main workout session will be held March 3-4, 2005. The Chair said that one way that Faculty Senate committees are connected through chairs of the committees and faculty members, both senators and non-senators, will be discussed at the February 14th Faculty Senate meeting. Provost Lang said a webpage will be set up so members of the subcommittees and the steering committee can be listed, along with the committee charge, power point slides, etc. When the workout session is completed, a draft will be posted to the website by early April for feedback. It was recommended that the opportunity for the document to be submitted to a review group be made available.

5. Professor Clark moved for approval of the following Curriculum Committee reports:

   Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Revisions include: replace, “School” with “College” on page 2 for College of Engineering and Mineral Resources; on page 2, third sentence of the rationale, replace, “There exists little” with “There exist few”; and on page 2, replace, “AOE” with “Area of Emphasis” in the rationale for POLS 362. **Motion carried.**

   Annex II, Minor in Pest Management. **Motion carried.**

   Annex III, Minor in Soil Sciences. **Motion carried.**

   Annex IV, Minor in Environmental Protection. Professor Clark will check on the prerequisites. **Motion carried.**
Annex V, Minor in Horticulture. Motion carried. Associate Provost Dean will provide a statement for the WVU catalog and on the website that states what the upper division hours should be for minors.
Annex VI, Minor in Speech Pathology and Audiology. Motion carried.
Annex VII, The Alteration Report was submitted for information.

6. Professor Held distributed a summary of 40 audits received by the LSP committee. He said departments will be contacted about the courses that have been denied so requirements can be met. Professor Held said the committee will submit an official report to the Senate Executive Committee next month.

7. Professor Wilkinson gave a Graduate Council Liaison report. He said reviews of all 20+ programs will be completed by March, and in April, he said it is customary to identify programs of excellence.

8. Professor Wilkinson gave a GEC update. He said there are still a number of questions among members of the assessment task force; therefore, he recommended further conversation take place among members so the best approach in implementing the 9 general education objectives can be met. He said discussions took place on January 14th and the task force met today to consider questions that have been raised. Provost Lang suggested adding additional initiatives to strengthen the foundational support and promote stability. The Provost recommended bringing a couple of individuals to the campus to discuss specific aspects of assessment that are being done in other places and hold open discussions to help faculty understand why the GEC is needed.

9. Chair Hornak moved for approval of the formation of an Ad hoc Committee on Senate Organization for Research and Graduate Education Engagement. Chair Hornak said every 5 years it is required by the Constitution that the Senate Executive Committee renew standing committees. He distributed the charge of the Ad hoc committee, and a list of members, which include the following: Chair Hornak, will serve as chair, Nigel Clark, Pat Callery, Roy Nutter, William Riley, Chris Wilkinson, Tim Sweet, Robert Stitzel and Alan Martin. It was duly seconded to approve the Ad hoc committee. Motion carried.

10. Provost Lang reported on comments he received concerning the proposal for the salary enhancement for academic professors. Professor Wilkinson moved to endorse the salary enhancement for continued academic achievement plan. It was duly seconded. Motion carried. (http://intranet.wvu.edu/provost/ - select Salary Enhancement for Productive Faculty)

11. Provost Lang distributed a memorandum recommending WVU continue to recognize local autonomy for occupational programs to other campuses. He said such degrees are not transferable to WVU. It was moved and duly seconded to endorse the memorandum. Motion carried.

12. Professor Lastinger said he will e-mail Professor Wilkinson and certain members of the Curriculum Committee and LSP Committee to set up a meeting date to discuss the implementation of a more feasible form to fit curricular issues for both committees.

13. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 28, 2005.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary