Members Present:

Abate, M.  Carpenter, R.  Hash, K.  Miller, M.  Siegrist, J.
Abraham, R.  Chalupa, C.  Higgins, C.  Miltenberger, M.  Spleth, J.
Ahern, T.  Clark, B.  Hileman, S.  Nath, C.  Steranka, P.
Ameri, S.  Cottrell, L.  Hornsby, G.  Nestor, P.  Stuchell, R.
Atkins, C.  Cottrell, S.  Huffman, V.  Olson, K.  Tallaksen, R.
Bastress, R.  Davis, S.  Insch, G.  Parks, E.  Tower, L.
Behling, R.  DiBartolomeo, L.  Iskander, W.  Peace, G.  Tuninetti, A.
Bergner, G.  Elmore, S.  Jacknowitz, A.  Perry, J.  Turton, R.
Bilgesu, I.  Famouri, P.  Jones, D.  Rafter, J.  Urbanski, J.
Boyles, J.  Fredette, H.  Kirby, B.  Rockett, I.  Walls, T.
Branch, D.  Funk, A.  Kleist, V.  Ruscello, D.  Watson, J.
Brazaitis, M.  Graber, S.  Kuhlman, J.  Sand-Jecklin, K.  Wilcox, G.
Bredheoft, T.  Hall, D.  Mancinelli, C.  Schwartz, S.  Wilson, M.
Bryner, R.  Harner, J.  McDiarmid, M.  Scott, H.R.  Woloshuk, J.
Campbell, L.  Hartman, K.  Meckstroth, R.  Sherlock, L.  Zimmerman, P.

Members Absent:

Banta, L  Connors, J.  Hunter, S.  Mucino, V.  Whiteman, C.
Blaydes, S.  Hazard, H.  Latimer, M.  Paul, S.
Chetlin, R.  Hessl, A.  Mandich, M.  Phillips, J.
Comer, P.  Hogan, T.  McCombie, R.  Pierskalla, C.

Members Excused:

Anderson, J.  Edwards, B.  Perone, M.  Ryan, K.
Anderson, K.  Hermosilla, P.  Petronis, J.  Schreurs, B.
Brooks, C.  Hutson, Z.  Petty, T.  Stack, S.
Davari, A.  Oberhauser, A.  Plein, C.  Wenger, S.

FS Officers Present:

Clark, N.  Griffith, R.  Nutter, R.  Stolzenberg, A.

1. Professor Nigel Clark, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A/B, NRCCE.

2. Chair Clark moved, and it was duly seconded, to approve the minutes from the Monday, January 11, 2010 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion carried. There was no meeting in February due to the University being closed.

3. The President reported on the following issues:

- Dave Miller has been tracking the personnel/governance/research corporation bill that is currently in the Legislature. There are things in the bill that he likes and things he does
not like because one size does not fit all; the institution is different from others in the
state and highly complex.
• Bill Hutchens was hired as the General Counsel; he will begin his post on March 15,
2010.
• WVU will construct a new bio-medical research facility based on a $14.5 million dollar
competitive award. This news was announced last week by the National Institute of
Health. The grant is the largest to date received by WVU under the American Recovery
and Reinvestment Act. The funds will be used to construct a 22,000 square foot building
adjacent to the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center. The building will help with
infrastructure needs, house biomedical researchers, and be used in the study of human
diseases and treatments.
• Last week it was announced that WVU will receive $2.35 million dollars in matching
funds; gift funds will also be matched by the state’s research trust fund. The total
including matches will be approximately $12 million dollars.
• A recent gift included $1 million dollars from the Maier Foundation to establish the
William J. Maier, Jr. Chair of Research, and it was matched by $1 million dollars from
the State.
• Another gift of $1 million dollars was donated by George Bennett, WVU alumni, to
support research and energy. Several other big gifts are in the pipeline.
• Two weeks ago, the President went to Washington, D.C. to participate in a panel
discussion at the National Academy of Sciences about innovative clusters.
• Google recently announced that they want to some communities to test high speed
broadband, so we are working with Mayor Bill Byrne, and multiple units across campus
to put together a proposal. If WVU is selected as a city for Google to test, it will be good
for the campus. Several university departments are working with the city on an
application that is due later this month.
• Dr. Carolyn Atkins, faculty in Speech Pathology and Audiology, was recognized as one
of five finalists for the 2009 Professor of the Year by the WV Faculty Merit Foundation.
• Twenty national merit finalists have listed WVU as their first choice, which is an increase
from last year’s 12 applications.
• The rifle team won the Great American Rifle Conference Championship, and next week
it will go to Texas to defend the national championship.
• WVU continues to do well in funding; $119 million dollars was secured in external funds
for research last month compared to the $104 million dollars last year. We were at $42
million dollars in competitive grants last month compared to $25 million dollars last year.
• The time is right to move forward with the Strategic Planning process with Provost
Wheatly and Chancellor Colenda taking the lead. We want a lot of input from the various
campuses. Last week the Provost met with the Senate Executive Committee to get input
and identify faculty to participate. The process will be long term, and we will focus on
the big items. We will close out the 2010 strategic plan, so it is the perfect time to launch
the next strategic vision.

4. Provost Wheatly said the University is in the midst of promotion and tenure; we have done the
sabbatical process and we have a lot of accreditation of programs that are coming into
conclusion.
Two dean searches are underway for Eberly College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Business and Economics. Two new lines have been approved, so we are searching for faculty. Things are busy this time of year, and we are entering the season of recognitions.

The Provost and Chancellor Colenda will lead the Strategic Planning process for the University. There will be an integration of the general University, Health Sciences, Potomac State, and the Institute of Technology. The University will come to the table to speak with one voice for a collective vision.

The Provost said she has talked with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Staff Council, and Student Government about a methodology that has been agreed upon by the senior leadership team. The next couple of months will be a time of gathering input from a variety of sources. She said the President wants to create a “think tank,” and it will take place next month. We are in the year of 2010 so the last plan is coming to a conclusion. It showed a partnership between administration and the Faculty Senate. The last Strategic Plan leaves much to celebrate, but the next plan will be more inclusive as it goes across the various parts of the University. The Hardesty administration placed the student at the center, but now it is time to look outward. We should continue to place the students at the center, but we also need to define the role that the University plays in the global arena. In addition to the think tank, a Strategic Planning Council will be formed to include representation from the major constituents within the University. Chair Clark and the Senate Executive Committee have been asked to identify 30 faculty members who have areas of expertise in research, teaching and service. Other areas include international activities, growing the research operation and creating a community of practice. Provost Wheatly said the Council should be in place by the end of the month, and it will be tasked to gather input and identify goals that would be acceptable to all campuses. In addition to the Strategic Planning Council, three workgroups will be put in place to focus on research, structures and systems, internationalization and looking at an inclusive campus. The committees will be populated and ready very soon. A series of discussions will be held across campus to gather input in a variety of ways. President Clements posted a visionary exercise on the web; other opportunities will be developed for faculty to be involved in as well.

5. Chair Clark reminded faculty that the list of inactive courses, soon to be dropped, are posted on the website; it is the second round, so faculty should examine the list and forward any requests or corrections to chair-elect Stolzenberg.

The Provost has requested that the Senate Executive Committee gather names of faculty to work on the planning process for a “think tank” for the planning Council and workgroups. Members of the Senate Executive Committee will meet after the Faculty Senate meeting today to gather names for the list, which will include faculty with long term experience in governance. The Chair said WVU will compete globally in the national market and show efficiency and adaptability.

The President spoke about Senate Bill 480, which is a complex Bill that has been through several amendments. It is now in the House; it has passed through House Education and bypassed the House Finance Committee. The Bill contains language that removes faculty flexibility and adds more control by the Commission in Charleston, as well as more control of tuition/fees and
personnel. A concern is a cap on the number of and the definition of non-classified employees. WVU has excelled even though it has constrained resources, and faculty salaries are down 3% on average.

As a flagship institution, WVU plays a different role in the State than other institutions; a single management for structure for all institutions is not a key to success. The strategic plan will determine how we can serve the State and succeed among peers. Implementation of the strategic plan will benefit by having flexibility to the Board and administration.

The Chair said there is a Board policy up for comment on the WVU BOG website relating to the smoking policy at the Health Sciences Center. Last week, the Chair went to a Department of Energy meeting, which is the advanced research project agency for energy.

The Senate Executive Committee will meet on March 15th this month instead of March 22, 2010.

Candidates for Faculty Senate Chair-elect are Lesley Cottrell and Marjorie McDiarmid. Both candidates are members of the Senate Executive Committee. Chair Clark asked for additional nominations from the floor; none were given. The candidates will give a brief presentation at the April 12th Faculty Senate meeting and an election will be held.

Chair Clark said four presentations will be given today by: Narvel Weese, Jonathan Cumming, Danny Camden, Rehan Khan, Sara Bishop and Alan Martin. Steve Kite will present the Constitution.

6. Narvel Weese, VP Administration and Finance, gave a presentation concerning the annual financial statements for FY 2009. He shared some critical financial issues that the University is facing.

7. Associate Provost for Graduate Education Jonathan Cumming discussed graduate curriculum activities. He said to date there is a new on-line application portal for graduate education. He explained the overall process of how the new system works. He said the system will allow students to come to WVU for training. Teacher workshops will be set up in May. The graduate committee is reviewing University-wide Fellowships, which will have a designated $1 million dollars for students.

8. Danny Camden, Emergency Planning and Response, discussed the various things the department is doing to enhance preparedness on campus and an overall campus emergency plan. He said an alert system has been added, and a website is available for training resources. If anyone has questions, they should contact the department.

9. Sara Bishop, OIT, gave a presentation concerning system forms, and she demonstrated using the electronic blue sheets. Sara’s presentation can be reviewed at: https://ebstest.wvu.edu. If faculty have questions or need assistance, they can contact the Office of Sponsored Programs.

10. Ilkin Bilgesu, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following Curriculum Committee reports:
Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes for February, 2010 March. Motion carried.
Annex II, New Courses and Course Changes for March, 2010 March. Motion carried.
Annex III, Modifications to the Printing Management +2 Program. Moved to table because senators from Institute of Technology were not available.
Annex IV, The Alteration Report was submitted for information.

11. Beverly Kirby, Chair, General Education Committee, moved for approval of Annex V, GEC Actions. Motion carried. Annex VI, Successful Audits Report, was presented for information.


13. Roy Nutter, ACF representative, said 32 Bills have moved from the Senate to the House. He recommended Senate Bill 480 be reviewed because of the various issues that affect faculty.

14. Steve Kite discussed revisions to the Constitution. He said overall, 8 drafts of the Constitution were submitted to the Senate Executive Committee. The Constitution was tabled until next month for further discussion.

15. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. to reconvene Monday, April 12, 2010.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary