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

Member Present:
Ameri, S.  Burton, J.  Howell, R.  Lastinger, M.  Nelson, C.  Sherwood, L.
Atkins, C.  Campbell, L.  Hurst, M.  Lively, M.  Nutter, R.  Stack, S.
Bendena, M.  Clark, N.  Iskander, W.  Long, K.  Olson, K.  Stolzenberg, A.
Bergner, G.  Cook, L.  Islam, S.  Loudin, B.  Outerson, K.  Weihman, L.
Bilgesu, I.  Culberson, J.  Jacknowitz, A.  Mandich, M.  Perry, J.  Wilkinson, C.
Bowen, E.  Cumming, J.  Jackson, K.  Mays, M.  Putman, H.  Wilson, R.
Branch, D.  Fones-Wolf, E.  Johnson, D.  McCutcheon, T.  Rafter, W.  Woloshuk, J.
Brister, C.  France, K.  Kenney, B.  McDiarmid, M.  Riemenschneider, S.  Yelton, D.
Brooks, R.  Garbutt, K.  Kershner, R.  Meit, S.  Riley, W.  
Brown, G.  Gladwin, M.  Kite, S.  Miller, M.  Robbins, J.  
Brown, J.  Hanson, R.  Kleist, V.  Mullett, C.  Royall, B.  
Brown, P.  Hoey, J.  Kuhlman, J.  Napolitano, M.  Russello, D.  

Members Absent:
Bagby, M.  Elmore, S.  Janson, D.  Morgan, D.  Rosen, K.  Vitaglione, G.  
Behling, R.  Freeman, B.  Komisaruk, A.  Morris, T.  Sextone, A.  Voelker, J.  
Bruner, J.  Graeber, J.  Krummel, D.  Nuss, M.  Shambaugh, N.  Wright, F.  
Buchanan, T.  Grose, K.  Loyd, B.  Ogershok, P.  Townsend, C.  Yeater, R.  
Campbell, K.  Harris, B.  McGrath, J.  Panaccione, D.  Ullrich, I.  

2. Provost Lang reported on the following issues:

- The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) issued an official letter to WVU confirming accreditation for ten more years; no citations were given. WVU can offer programs throughout the state without going back to the HLC for further approval, and programs can continue to be delivered off campus.

- The Board of Governors met Friday, November 5, 2004, to move forward with capital plans for the University. Such plans include: completion of the purchase of the Saint Francis property; purchase of Summit Hall and surrounding land; creating new residence halls on both the Evansdale and downtown campuses; renovation of both Allen and Percival Halls; renovation of Brooks, Ogleby and Colson Halls; a fire academy at Jackson’s Mill; and a large infrastructure upgrade on the downtown campus. Totals include $150 million dollars of revenue bonds by WVU; $50 million dollars in bonds from the HEPC; and $10 million dollars in private funding. The total project will cost approximately $212 million dollars. Over the next 5 or 6 years, construction will take place; WVU needs an attractive campus which offers both high academics and living facilities for its students.
The campus compact was approved by the Board of Governors on Friday, November 5, 2004, and it was forwarded to the HEPC. WVU is the only institution in the state that has been recognized by the Commission for having an excellent compact for the last 2 years. All goals, except one, have been achieved. Retention rate, this year, was 81% for freshman moving into their sophomore year. This is the indicator that the institution will meet the 60% graduation rate in a couple of years.

National searches are underway to fulfill the two dean vacancies for the Eberly College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Business and Economics. Searches also continue for a provost at Potomac State College and a president for the WVU School of Technology.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

4. The Chair's Report was presented. Chair Hornak said the following reports will be given: Report on Strategic Planning and Assessment (Mike Lastinger). Report on implementation of the GEC (Chris Wilkinson). Interface of the Faculty Senate (reports from key administrators). Report from the Graduate Council liaison (Chris Wilkinson).

5. Professor Chris Wilkinson said the BOG met on November 4 and 5, 2004, and three major issues were discussed; the next meeting will take place in February.

6. Gary Rogers, VP for Administration, Finance, and Human Resources, reported on the financial condition of the University. He said WVU reports to an audit committee, chaired by Hank Barnett, former chairman of BOG; then the report is taken to a business affairs committee and, finally, the full board. Vice-President Rogers said the appropriate steps were taken and the process concluded on Friday. He said the auditors have given a “statement of acceptance” for the financial statements; therefore, the statements have been submitted to the BOG, and they will be posted to the web.

7. Professor Nigel Clark, Chair, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried. The Alteration Report, listed in Annex II, was submitted for information.

8. Professor Paul Brown, Chair, Liberal Studies Committee, moved for approval of Annex III, LSP Report. Motion carried.

9. Professor Nutter, Chair, Committee on Committees, submitted the Faculty Handbook Committee membership list.

10. Professor Wilkinson reported that the Graduate Council is concerned with the approval of new graduate curricula and 5-year reviews for 22 graduate programs.
11. Chair Hornak said the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Advisory Council of Faculty endorsed the, “West Virginia Education Concerns: Accountability, Access, Retention, Equity, and Assurance of Quality” document. The Chair moved for Faculty Senate endorsement of the proposal. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

12. Professor Wilkinson said forms for both the GEC and LSP are available on the Faculty Senate homepage; but at the end of the year, the LSP will become the GEC. He said on Wednesday, November 10, 2004, letters will be sent to faculty who have not yet submitted applications to let them know the deadline has been extended by one month. Professor Wilkinson said three workshops will be held to ensure maximum user-friendly training for everyone responsible for record keeping of curriculum change requirements.

13. Professor Michael Lastinger reported on issues concerning the Strategic Planning and Assessment Ad hoc Committee. He said reports, minutes and agendas of the committee are located on the Faculty Senate homepage.

14. Under New Business, Professor Nigel Clark stated that the chair mentioned in his earlier presentation that the three faculty representatives to the Research Corporation Board were not related to the Faculty Senate Research Committee. He asked if the Faculty Senate Executive Committee could consider ratification of the appointments be contingent on membership of the committee. Chair Hornak said the Senate Executive Committee will look at the logistics and report back to the Faculty Senate.

15. The committee adjourned at 4:45 p.m. to reconvene Monday, December 13, 2004.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary