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

Members Present:
Ameri, S.    Cohen, S.    Johnson, D.    Napolitano, M.    Scea, P.
Atkins, C.   Collins, A.   Juckett, G.   Nath, C.       Selin, S.
Bagby, M.    Driver, R.    Kenney, P.    Nelson, C.     Sencindiver, J.
Beichler, J.  Elmore, S.   Krainak, P.   Pearson, T.    Simmons, G.
Bergner, G.  Famouri, P.   Kuhlman, J.   Perry, J.      Stack, S.
Bilgesu, H.  France, K.    Larrabee, J.   Petronis, J.   Townsend, C.
Brady, L.    Garbutt, K.   Lastinger, M.  Pyle, E.       Urbanski, J.
Brister, C.  Hanson, R.    Mays, M.      Rafter, W.     Wenger, S.
Brooks, R.   Helmondollar, R.  McDiarmid, M.  Rauch, H.     Wilcox, G.
Brown, Jo    Hornak, L.    McGinley, P.   Raynes, R.     Williams, Jennifer
Bryan, W.    Hornsby, G.   Meit, S.      Riley, W.      Woloshuk, J.
Buchanan, T.  Hummel, M.   Milhoan, P.    Rosen, K.      Yancey, M.
Campbell, K.  Iskander, W.   Mulkeen, P.    Ruscello, D.   Yeater, R.
                Yelton, D.

Members Absent:
Almond, C.   Clark, K.    Howell, R.    McGrath, J.    Stamatakis, M.
Badzek, L.   Cooper, B.   Hurst, M.     McNatt, S.     Stanton, B.
Behling, R.  Culberson, J.  Jones, R.   Miles, T.     Stark, L.
Blackwood, A.  Davis, L.   Justice, A.   Morgan, D.     Stolzenberg, A.
Branch, D.   Fones-Wolf, E.   Kolar, M.    Morris, T.     Valentine, S.
Brown, G.    Freeman, B.   Loudin, B.    Muchant, D.   VanCamp, R.
Brown, James  Gibson, L.   Loyd, B.     Palmer, J.     Ward, H.
Cercone, J.  Graber, G.    McFadden, D.   Peri, J.      Williams, Janet
                  Sherwood, L.     Wright, F.

2. Professor David Yelton, Health Sciences Center, asked why faculty from the HSC have not yet received new contracts. Professor Biddington, Associate Vice-President, HSC, said the contracts have been mailed; they were held up because of 9 and 12-month faculty arrangements and workload issues with the EBO.

3. Chair Cohen encouraged senators to stay involved with budget applications.

4. John Weete, Vice-President for Research and Economic Development, reported on the following issues:
   - A research magazine has been developed that gives funding statistics from previous years; it is distributed to schools, colleges, administrative offices, alumni, political constituents, etc. If anyone would like a magazine, let him know.
   - The measure of research enterprises depends on money coming in from external sources; external funding has increased by 123% over the last four years, which has been the highest in history for the University.
- A grant program was implemented a number of years ago to change investments over a 5-year period; from that change, $3.75 million dollars was put into WVU research, which was called the “750K” program. Beginning this year, those “750K” dollars will be divided into two pools; one pool will be for an incentive program, which will be for submitting proposals and awarding grants, and the second pool will be to stimulate interdisciplinary research. Two to three awards will be given per year for a 2 to 3-year period.
- Research investments include: better start up packages for researchers, enhancement of library funding, and the merge between computer science and computer engineering.
- A new program has been implemented to help fund undergraduate students to work in research laboratories.
- Bill Pollock was hired October 1, 2002, as the new consulting director for the Technology Transfer and Economic Development Office, which was established 3 years ago, and has had an enormous increase of activity.
- Russ Lorince has been hired as director of economic development for the Research Corporation. He will oversee the “Research Park.” The plan for the property development will be available within the next month.
- A “Research Task Force,” comprised of faculty, has been formed and approved by the Board of Directors. Its charge is to implement a human resources system that will be separate from the state.
- Colleen Langford was hired to develop the “Research Corporation System”, which will be implemented July 1, 2003. The System will be in compliance with all federal regulations and procedures and will give research flexibility to human resources.
- People who will be eligible for this system are the 400 supported by external funds. Newly hired people can also be part of the WVU Research Corporation.

Professor Wilkinson, Chair-elect, voiced the following 3 concerns:

1. Level and nature of support of research in the arts and humanities at WVU.
2. The inequities that exist in higher education.
3. Colleagues in science and technology can count on external support in both the private sector and government, but arts and humanities do not have as much external support. He suggested the Research Corporation designate someone to assist arts and humanities in finding external funding.

Dr. Weete said there is much pressure to build technology, and there are not many opportunities for funding. He said one of the things needed to be done is to increase revenues for contracts. He said the research office would be glad to work with arts and humanities in submitting grants, as well as work with researchers in all fields.

5. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the November 11, 2002 minutes with the following correction on the second page of item four; change the spelling of “Weety” to “Weete.” Motion carried.

6. Professor Famouri moved for approval of the following Curriculum Committee reports:
Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Six word changes were made to the “Direct Integrated Communication” courses. **Motion carried.**
Annex II, Prefix Change. **Motion carried.**
Annex III, Proposed Minor for Resource Management. **Motion carried.**
Annex IV, Capstone Report. **Motion carried.**
Annex V, Alteration Report was presented for information.

7. Professor Lastinger moved for approval of the Liberal Studies Report. **Motion carried.**


9. Chair Cohen gave an update for the “Sunnyside UP” project. He said the committee is still working on membership, and he will e-mail the list when it is available.

10. Chair Cohen said Tom Long, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, has provided a brochure that lists upcoming Legislative sessions. He said if anyone has questions or comments, e-mail Professor Long by December 15, 2002.

11. Professors Bill Rafter and Marcello Napolitano led a discussion concerning the parking plan. The plan has been placed on the internet for review, and faculty are encouraged to support it.

12. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene Monday, January 13, 2003.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary