Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
February 23, 2004

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

2. Members present:
   
   Biddington, R.    Famouri, P.    Lang, G.    Torsney, C.
   Brady, L.         Garbutt, K.    Larrabee, J.  Wilkinson, C.
   Cohen, S.         Hardesty, D.  Peri, J.      Yeater, R.
   Elmore, S.        Hornak, L.    Strife, M.   

   Members absent:  
   Dean, R.  
   Jones, R.  
   Wilson, C. B.  

   Guests:  
   Burton, J.  
   Jacknowitz, A.  
   Lastinger, M.  

3. President Hardesty discussed the budget, reporting that legislation is getting quite complex. Senator McCabe issued a report last week of the anticipated shortfall created between the growth of revenues anticipated and the state budget growth of spending needs as anticipated. Due to economic cycles, it is a number which is quite large and grows over the next several years before it turns around. The Legislature is looking for one-time monies to get through this election cycle, giving more time to determine what steps to take.

   President Hardesty does not expect a resolution on the budget until a few days after the end of the end of the session. It is possible that the budget session will be postponed until after the May primary.

   Two items in the Flexibility measures (administrative measures) Bill has become controversial:
   - The naming of four more Universities “in name only”. There is concern of what that might mean for financial demand in the future; and
   - Bumping rights for staff.

   WVU’s official position is “Give us what you can; don’t get hung up on the total package.”

   A related bill called Fee Simplification is believed to have been passed. This bill will save several hundred thousand dollars a year in accounting and auditing costs and will allow us to group fees up into one or a few accounts.

   Education legislation for this session has been dominated by a bill that originated in the House to sever the community and technical colleges from their host institutions. The idea would be to create a new Board of Governors and a new Higher Education Policy commission called a Council for the Community Colleges. This would create another seven-eight schools in the state. This becomes controversial because:
• It will increase administrative costs on those campuses that have mixed admissions (Fairmont estimates 5 million dollars to do the separation);
• Concerns of WVU and other campuses that don’t have mixed admissions because there’s fear that money will be taken from their budgets to make this change; and,
• In some cases (Parkersburg and Tech included) is the impact of taking the WVU logo off their buildings and doing away with their affiliation with WVU.

Bluefield and Fairmont are against this Bill; WVU and others have expressed reservations. Marshall is for the Bill.

President Hardesty said that the Governor is actively working on the issues of tourism funds and money for research. A few years ago, tourism was given $800,000 a year to run ads, now it is over 20 million dollars and the Governor is considering moving some of the money into research.

4. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the January 26, 2004 Minutes with the following correction: # 10 should read: Chair Wilkinson discussed a five-page framework document created by the Coalition on Inter-Collegiate Athletics, not Chair Wilkinson said he attended a conference in October concerning a five-page framework document. Motion carried.

5. Chair Wilkinson said that since he circulated an e-mail message to all senators regarding his February 13th report to the WVU Board of Governors he has had conversations with Sam Ameri, Chair of the Athletic Council, and Brad Cox, Compliance Officer for the program, concerning the agenda of the Coalition on Inter-Collegiate Athletics. He anticipates conversations with Garrett Ford and Ed Pastilong. The Chair discussed the incident at the University of Colorado noting that there has been a 10% drop in applications because of the scandal involving the football team.

6. Professor Garbutt moved, and it was duly seconded, to approve the following Curriculum Committee reports:
   • Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. The report was revised with the following change: Replace “Hebrew” with “Christian” in the last sentence of the course rationale for RELG 303. Motion carried.
   • Annex II, Proposal for Modification of Curriculum Committee Rules for Addition or Deletion of Prerequisites or Co-requisites. Motion failed. Professor Garbutt will take the Proposal back to the Curriculum Committee for revisions.
   • Annex III, Proposal for Modification of Curriculum Committee Procedure Concerning Course Drops. Motion carried. It was agreed that this Annex will be presented to the Senate at its April meeting.
   • Annex IV, Alteration Report was submitted for information.

7. Associate Provost Torsney moved for acceptance of a New Suspension Policy, Annex V. The new policy allows students who are in academic trouble to not be suspended from the University. They will have lost their financial aid, but they can enroll for one-semester, at
their own expense, to bring their grades up. Motion carried. It was agreed that this Policy will be presented to the Senate at its April meeting.

8. Associate Provost Torsney moved for acceptance of a Revised Policy Concerning Days of Special Concern, Annex VI. Associate Provost Torsney said that the current Policy is not effective and does not include enough days of special concern to suit the student body. Motion carried, as edited. It was agreed that this Policy will be presented to the Senate at its April meeting.

9. Chair Wilkinson reported that several issues need to be addressed regarding the General Education Curriculum presentation at the next senate meeting:
   - Materials to be made available for the meeting.
   - Discussion and action protocol using parliamentary procedures.
   - Discussion of preliminary implementation issues.

Professor Larrabee made a motion, and it was duly seconded, for unanimous support of the GEC Proposal in its current unamended form to be implemented no earlier than the Fall Semester 2005. Motion carried.

It was agreed that Chair Wilkinson will introduce the Proposal, Professor Cohen will moderate developments, and Professor Peri, Chair of the LSP Committee, will speak on behalf of the LSP Committee.

10. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m. to reconvene Monday, March 22, 2004.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary