MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
February 14, 2005

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

Member Present:
Almond, C. Dixon, S. Kite, S. Milhoan, P. Royall, B.
Ameri, S. Douglas, W. Kleist, V. Miller, Michael Sedeream, J.
Atkins, C. Garbutt, K. Komisaruk, A. Myers, T. Seling, S.
Behling, R. Gladwin, M. Kuhlman, J. Napolitano, M. Stack, S.
Bowen, E. Hanson, R. Lastinger, M. Nutter, R. Townsend, C.
Brister, C. Hill, R. Long, K. Otterson, K. Valentine, S.
Brooks, R. Hoey, J. Louden, B. Perry, J. Weihman, L.
Brown, G. Hornak, L. Loyd, B. Putman, H. Wilkinson, C.
Bryan, W. Hornsby, G. Mandich, M. Rafter, W. Woloshuk, J.
Buchanan, T. Iskander, W. Mays, M. Rezaei, A. Yelton, D.
Burton, J. Jacknowitz, A. McCutcheon, T. Riemensneider, S.
Campbell, K. Johnson, D. McDiarmid, M. Riley, W.
Campbell, L. Kenney, B. McGrath, J. Robbins, J.
Clark, N. Kershner, R. Meit, S. Rosen, K.

Members Absent:
Bagby, M. Fones-Wolf, E. Jackson, K. Oggershok, P. Vitaglione, G.
Branch, D. France, K. Janson, D. Panaccione, D. Voelker, J.
Brown, P. Freeman, B. McNatt, S. Rosen, C. Wilson, R.
Cook, L. Graeber, J. Morgan, D. Ruscello, D. Wright, F.
Culberson, J. Harris, B. Morris, T. Sexton, A. Yeater, R.
Cuming, J. Howell, R. Mullett, C. Shambaugh, N.
Elmore, S. Hurst, M. Nath, C. Ullrich, I.

2. President Hardesty said Mr. Charles Bayless has accepted the position of Campus President at WVU Tech effective April 4, 2005; he said the vote was unanimous. In the future, the President said he would be glad to yield his time to the new president so he can say hello. The President said Governor Manchin will be submitting a bill for reforms in higher education governance that will give more operational authority to the BOG; WVU supports this bill, and he encouraged favorable review of it when it comes up. The President said tough operational decisions should be made at the level closest to the Institution, which includes the BOG because of its representation to faculty, staff and the student body. The President said he will submit information as soon as it is available.

Professor Yelton requested lighting to be placed at all student crosswalks. Professor Hardesty said he believes orientation programs defining pedestrian and driver responsibilities when nearing crosswalks would be helpful as well as more lighting. He said this issue had been brought up by student safety, and he will look into the request.
3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the January 10, 2005 minutes with the following correction located at the bottom of page 3, the first line of the last paragraph, revise the following sentence, “…professor rank currently at 80% of those at peer institutions” to read, “….professor rank currently are at 80% of the mean of peer institutions”. Motion carried.

4. Chair Hornak asked the senators to thank their constituents for the response he has received in gathering information for a state-wide resource directory. He said this request was made by the ACF; it will be posted to both the ACF and the Faculty Senate home page. Chair Hornak said approximately 50% of all the tenure track faculty have responded; faculty can still submit their name, title, area of expertise, and contact information through e-mail.

Chair Hornak said the Strategic Planning and Assessment remains on schedule; he and Provost Lang have finalized the organization and membership of the committees, and an external review group has been added. He said the membership of the 15-person steering committee was introduced at the January, 2005, Faculty Senate meeting, and after the meeting, 88 additional faculty, staff, and student members were contacted and asked to serve on subcommittees. He said all but a couple of people agreed to be part of the membership; a handout listing the steering committee as well as the 5 subcommittees was available.

Chair Hornak said an intranet site will be sourced to the Provost’s website and a link to the Faculty Senate website will be made available, and all the generated information will be posted to the website. The subcommittees will include faculty, administrators, staff, and student representatives. The representation includes connections to the Faculty Senate, through the key committees, chairs of those committees, past chair, current chair and chair-elect. Chair Hornak reported that he and Provost Lang and members from the Continuous Learning Group met with the steering committee on March 2nd to receive President Hardesty’s charge, and to discuss the process that lay ahead of them. On Friday, February 18th, Chair Hornak and Provost Lang will provide briefings for the sub-committee members as a prelude to the workout sessions which will be held on March 3rd and 4th. The Chair said a copy of the President’s charge is listed on the handout that was with the agenda, and he requested senators read the charge carefully because he said it outlines the rationale for the theme of the planning cycle. He concluded his remarks with an excerpt from President Hardesty’s charge, and said he will give a report at the March meeting concerning the workout sessions.

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

- **Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes.** Professor Clark said the department requested PUBH 519 be removed from the report. Motion carried. It will be resubmitted at a later date.
- **Annex II, Minor in Pest Management.** Motion carried.
- **Annex III, Minor in Soil Science.** Motion carried.
- **Annex IV, Minor in Environmental Protection.** Motion carried.
- **Annex V, Minor in Horticulture.** Motion carried.
- **Annex VI, Minor in Speech Pathology and Audiology.** Motion carried.
- **Annex VII, The Alteration report was submitted for information.**
6. Chair Hornak said the Faculty Senate Executive Committee endorsed the policy listed in Annex VIII concerning faculty control of occupational programs for the community and technical colleges. He said the policy has been brought to the Faculty Senate for information and so the endorsement can be reflected in the minutes.

7. Professor Wilkinson said one of the major BOG actions was the appointment of Charles Bayless for the President of West Virginia University of the Institute of Technology. He said the honorary degree candidates selected were approved by the BOG, and two reports were submitted and discussed. Professor Wilkinson included, “sources of revenue as of December 31, 2004” as part of his report.

Professor Wilkinson said an “outcomes assessment” report was submitted to the BOG, which was written and reviewed by Professors Larry Hornak, Mike Lastinger, and Elizabeth Jones. He will forward the report electronically to all senators.

8. Professor Wilkinson said a catalog copy concerning the General Education Curriculum has been submitted. He and Associate Professor Cheryl Torsney will proof the copy and return it to publications by March 18, 2005. Professor Wilkinson said the plan for GEC assessment is still being discussed, and when it is complete, a proposal will be submitted to the Senate Executive Committee for comments and discussion. He said the assessment initiative will be brought before the Faculty Senate for endorsement in April or May, 2005, and if changes to the GEC proposal are needed before its endorsement, they will be met.

Professor Lastinger said an Ad hoc committee, which included Professors Lastinger, Clark, Mays, Held, and Wilkinson met to discuss the process of course approvals for both the Faculty Senate Curriculum and LSP Committees. He said the Ad hoc committee is working on a new process and a new form that will help in streamlining course approvals; a new form will be drafted by the Ad hoc committee and submitted to the Senate Executive Committee for review.

9. Professor Wilkinson said the Graduate Council continues its work in evaluating and reviewing 22 graduate programs. He said the work is to be completed by its March meeting, and at the April meeting, programs which requested to be identified as programs of excellence will be evaluated, and recommendations will be forwarded to the BOG.

10. Chair Hornak said the Senate Executive Committee has approved the formation of an Ad hoc committee to re-evaluate the Faculty Senate’s organization relative to research and engagement of graduate education. He said the committee will meet shortly and should complete discussions by the end of this semester.

11. At the January 10th Faculty Senate meeting, Provost Lang gave a presentation for the salary enhancement for the continued academic achievement proposal, a website was created for feedback regarding the policy. Provost Lang discussed the comments he received concerning the policy; he said most comments were supportive. One question asked was if the proposal applied to the regional campuses. The Provost said the program could apply to the regional campuses, but it depended on whether the regional campus budget could sustain the program.
He said it was up to the campus president and the campus administration to do an analysis. The Provost said he can oversee the budget in Morgantown, and he will not let the ability to implement the program be limited by the regional campuses; he said they can adopt the program anytime they feel that it will be applicable to their campuses. He said a pool of funds would be made available to support the program on an annual basis. The Provost said that the implementation would be by those who were at the rank the longest and had a 3-year phase to accommodate both with regard to time necessary by colleagues as well as by the finances needed to bring the program on line, then, he said, the program would become self-sustaining.

It was moved and duly seconded to endorse the salary enhancement program for continued academic achievement. Motion carried.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, March 14, 2005.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary