1. Professor Robert Griffith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:20 PM in Assembly Room A/B, NRCCE Building.

Members present:

Atkins, C.  D’Souza, G.  Knight, R.  Orndorff, J.  Urbanski, J.
Badzek, L.  Edwards, A.  Larrabee, J.  Perry, J.  VanCamp, B.
Bowen, E.  Gebremedhin, T.  Loudin, B.  Schmidt, R.  Wenger, S.
Calzonetti, J.  Griffith, R.  Malanga, C.  Sencindiver, J.  Wilcox, D.
Cercone, J.  Gelmondollar, R.  Mandich, M.  Smith, L.  Wilcox, G.
Clark, N.  Hoey, J.  Mays, M.  Stamatakis, M.  Wilkinson, C.
Cohen, S.  Howell, R.  McCormick, R.  Stitzel, R.  Woloshuk, J.
Crisp, E.  Justice, A.  Nadler, S.  Sypolt, L.  Yelton, D.

Members absent:

Baylis, C.  Culberson, J.  Hawkins, A.  Mimmich, T.  Sherwood, L.
Bendena, M.  Dedhia, H.  Hill, R.  Morgan, D.  Stack, S.
Birkle, D.  Ducatman, B.  Hogan, T.  Nestor, P.  Stanton, B.
Blackwood, A.  Elfenbein, A.  Hornak, L.  Nieuisma, G.  Stanley, C.
Bonanno, S.  Finkel, M.  Keyes, G.  Reece, W.  Treanor, L.
Bower, M.  Gibson, L.  Khakoo, R.  Robbins, J.  Weaver, M.
Bruner, J.  Graeber, J.  Lewis, R.  Ruscello, d.  Williams, D.
Bull, L.  Graf, D.  Maxey, A.  Sceo, P.  Williams, J.
Cooper, B.  Hanson, R.  McDiarmid, M.  Schlunk, J.  Woodrum, D.

2. President Hardesty said there is only enough money in the current tax base to maintain the status quo. If the Legislature passes the Smokeless Tobacco Tax and the Gray Machine tax, Governor Wise wants to use the revenue to fund the Promise Scholarships. And the Legislature wants to use the revenue for funding of SB 653.

Professor Wilkinson said an alternative to funding Promise Scholarships is a loan program that would forgive balances for students who remain in the state for a certain period of time in areas of demonstrated need.

Mr. Rotruck, Director of Economic Development and Senior Advisor, discussed the role of WVU faculty in West Virginia's economic development.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2001 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Professor Griffith reported that the Committee on Committees is currently establishing committees for the next academic year. He asked senators wishing to serve on a committee to contact the Faculty Secretary’s Office or a member of the Committee on Committees.

5. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the Curriculum Committee Report -- New Courses and Course Changes, Annex I. Motion carried.

The Curriculum Committee Report - Course Alterations, Annex II, was presented for only information.

6. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the proposal from Student Instruction Committee making orientation (UNIV 101) a required course, Annex III. Motion carried.

7. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee Report - School of Pharmacy Policy on Academic and Professional Standards Governing the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree Program, Annex IV. Motion carried.

8. Professor Griffith said that currently there are no candidates for Faculty Chair-elect. He asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

9. Professor Clark, Advisory Council of Faculty Representative, reported that the Council's Legislative Committee is meeting on March 13 to discuss bills that have been developing. He said he will report on the bills at the next Senate Executive Committee.

Professor Clark said that the tenure document that was circulated has been appended to the reports that currently exist.

Professor Clark said that personally he believes that WVU should not assume that its funding picture under SB 653 is good for two reasons:

- The emphasis that is being placed on community colleges
- Peer funding

10. New Business:

1) Professor Nadler apologized to the Senate and took back his vote in favor of the new parking measures that have been instituted because there were two things that he did not know at the time the measures were brought before the Senate. First, he did not know that staff would be charged the same amount for parking as faculty. Secondly, he did not know that people who are charging other WVU employees for parking do not pay for parking because the Prete Building is not a University building.
Professor Nadler said that he hoped that the Senate would do something to correct this situation and give staff a rebate on parking fees.

Professor Ward moved that the Senate ask Mr. Fisher and his department to provide a statement explaining why it is not possible to have staff parking fees prorated so that people with lower salaries do not have to pay the same high rates as full-time faculty. Professor Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Professor Malanga said that although faculty make more money than staff, faculty salaries are lower than those of major administrators. He recommended that parking fees be prorated from the top down.

Mr. Fisher said his department intends to study the issue of graduated fees this summer. They are currently gathering data on the number of employees at WVU and their salaries. He said that if they can do a graduated fee, there would be a bottom floor and a cap. He said that charging more than the market rate in downtown Morgantown would not be beneficial. He added that he has checked with other colleges and universities, and they charge a flat fee.

Professor Nadler asked, since the Parking Department has not yet looked at graduated fees, why are the staff now paying this increased fee, and can this increase be stopped and put on hold with a reimbursement until the matter has been examined.

Mr. Fisher responded, no because offices are moving into One Waterfront Place, and the Parking Office has an obligation to pay for 450 spaces in the parking deck. He said that the obligation could not be met without the new increase. He said that considering the implementation of the new pre-tax benefit, it is a very small increase to all parkers, except for the ones that are at the Prete Building right now. And when the offices are moved to the Waterfront, they are all going to pay.

Professor Wilkinson stated that WVU does not know the economic circumstances of its counterparts in other institutions, but it is obviously acutely aware of the limited compensation of its overworked staff. He said that that should guide its decision. Professor Griffith called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried.

2) Professor Turton asked the administration, in light of the decreased funding and Professor Clark's dismal ACF Report, to give feedback regarding SB 653 and the proposed compacts based on SB653.

Provost Lang said that Professor Clark's analysis might have validity. He said that the new chancellor is now reviewing the compacts, so the University will have to wait for his response on those compacts and the legislative session's impact on the future of the University's budget before a response is given to a particular situation.

Provost Lang said he would return to the Senate in a two months to give an update on these issues.
11. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary