Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
March 22, 2004

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

Members present:
Biddington, R.  Famouri, P.  Larrabee, J.
Brady, L.  Hardesty, D.  Strife, M.
Cohen, S.  Hornak, L.  Torsney, C.
Dean, R.  Jones, R.  Wilkinson, C.
Elmore, S.  Lang, G.  Wilson, C.B.
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2. President Hardesty said he thought the curriculum discussions concerning the GEC proposal were healthy; the new curriculum will not only be good for the University, but the students will reap the rewards.

The President discussed the following issues and budget concerns:

- Budget Bill 165 includes flexibility measures and Budget Bill 448 includes governance changes.
- The budget for WVU was cut 2-1/2%, which came off last years 1-1/4% budget cut, or approximately $5 million dollars.
- The reduction of the expected 9-1/2% was achieved with one time funding; if similar funding is not found for next year, the University will face another cut.
- The budget for the Health Science Center was modestly increased because of needed expenses.
- The Legislation will give monies toward research, which will go to EPSCoR and WVU will apply for it.
- One of the bills will allow tuition to be increased to 11% for in-state residents, which will help some of the campuses.
- A line item was put in to reinstate WVU’s rifle team; Legislature will give money toward reinstatement.
- Senate Bill 165 was passed, which allows WVU to consolidate fees from around 100 to 4; this will save $200,000.
- Senate Bill 448 relates to creating a community college system. A new council was created to govern institutional matters related to community college education; concerns; various Institutions will have either a governing board or a Board of Advisors.
- Two board members have been added to the BOG, which include the chairman of the Board of Advisors at the Institute of Technology and the chairman from Parkersburg Community College.
- WVU’s regional campuses will stay on-line with WVU, and they will have a new level of regulation from the council on community college matters; the
Community College at Institute of Technology will have a separate budget, and its Provost will now be called president. The new president will be part of the WVU subsystem.

- A summary of the bill will be forthcoming.
- A board retreat will be held April 2, 2004.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the February 23, 2004 minutes. **Motion carried.**

4. Chair Wilkinson said that in the next few days he will set up appointments with Garrett Ford and Ed Pastilong to discuss Intercollegiate Athletics at WVU and “graduation rates.” The Chair will gather information concerning these issues and present a report at the May 10th Faculty Senate meeting.

Nomination and election for the Advisory Council of Faculty representative will take place at the April 12, 2004 Faculty Senate meeting. Professor Hornak recommended Chair Wilkinson to continue to serve as the representative.

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

   - **Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.**
   - **Annex II, Proposal for Modification of Curriculum Committee Rules for Addition or Deletion of Prerequisites or Co-requisites. Proposal was Placed on Hold; the concern was focused on the 4th item about distributing memorandums saying how changes will impact student’s ability to graduate.**
   - **Annex III, Minor in Africana Studies. Minor was Placed on Hold. Clarification of number MUSC 475 is needed.**
   - **Annex IV, Minor in Food Science and Technology. Editorial revision included adding a “1” to the footnote for FDST 308, which was changed from 307. Motion carried.**
   - **Annex V, The Alteration Report, was submitted for information.**

6. Professor Peri moved for approval of the LSP report listed on Annex VI. **Motion carried.**

7. Result of the 2004-2005 Faculty Senate election was presented for information.

8. Associate Provost Torsney distributed an overview of the Self-Study Report created by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Professor Nick Evans, HLC Self-Study Coordinator, lead a discussion concerning the study. He said the visiting team, which consists of 12 members, will make unannounced visits throughout the campuses, and attend various faculty meetings. Chair Wilkinson encouraged all members to attend the Monday, April 19th meeting that will be held with the Commission in the Mountainlair and to invite students and staff members. Professor Evans said
articles concerning the visit will appear in the Mountaineer Spirit. Associate Provost Torsney distributed a summary of the study that was written by Professor James Brown, which includes strengths and challenges of the self-study report and includes names of the steering committee.

9. Professor Hornak said Professor Lastinger has volunteered to put his name on the nomination ballot for Faculty Senate Chair-elect. The Chair will e-mail the faculty senators to announce that one candidate has volunteered, and he will ask for additional candidates. The election will be held at the May 10th Faculty Senate meeting.

10. The Chair said he and Professor Hornak met last week to transform the second objective of the approved amendment of the GEC proposal, and he distributed the revision. Additional changes included adding the words “credit hours” to the appendix and changing the credit hours from “43 to 44”. It was moved and duly seconded to ask the Faculty Senate for its endorsement of the change. Motion carried.

11. Anita Mayer, Director of Advising, will initiate a process to implement the GEC proposal. Professor Hornak moved that Chair Wilkinson chair a 10-member task force because of his dedicated work to the GEC proposal. It was duly seconded. Motion carried. Task Force members will consist of faculty and administrators; the chair will e-mail the committee as soon as those names are available. The Chair will meet with the Provost to discuss the financial implementation.

12. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. to reconvene Monday, April 26, 2004.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary