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

Member Present:
Ameri, S.  Hanson, R.  Komisaruk, A.  Myers, T.  Sedgeman, J.
Bilgesu, I.  Hornak, L.  Kuhlman, J.  Nath, C.  Selin, S.
Bowen, E.  Iskander, W.  Lastinger, M.  Nelson, C.  Shambaugh, N.
Brooks, R.  Islam, S.  Lively, M.  Nutter, R.  Sherwood, L.
Bryan, W.  Jacknowitz, A.  Long, K.  Panaccione, D.  Stolzenberg, A.
Buchanan, T.  Janson, D.  Mandich, M.  Perry, J.  Urbanski, J.
Clark, N.  Johnson, D.  Mays, M.  Rafter, W.  Weihman, L.
Cumming, J.  Kenney, B.  McDiarmid, M.  Riemenschneider, S.  Wilkinson, C.
Dixon, S.  Kershner, R.  McGrath, J.  Rosen, K.  Yelton, D.
Garbutt, K.  Kite, S.  Miller, M.  Royall, B.  
Graeber, J.  Kleist, V.  Mullet, C.  

Members Absent:
Almond, C.  Culberson, J.  Hornsby, G.  Napolitano, M.  Ullrich, I.
Atkins, C.  Douglas, W.  Howell, R.  Nuss, M.  Valentine, S.
Bagby, M.  Elmore, S.  Hurst, M.  Ogershok, P.  Vitaglione, G.
Behling, R.  Farina, L.  Jackson, K.  Olson, K.  Voelker, J.
Bergner, G.  Fones-Wolf, E.  Larrabee, J.  Outterson, K.  Wilson, R.
Branch, D.  France, K.  Loudin, B.  Putman, H.  Woloshuk, J.
Brister, C.  Freeman, B.  Loyd, B.  Rezaei, A.  Wright, F.
Brown, G.  Gladwin, M.  McCutcheon, T.  Riley, W.  Yeater, R.
Brown, P.  Grose, K.  McNatt, S.  Robbins, J.  
Burton, J.  Harris, B.  Meit, S.  Rosen, C.  \nCampbell, K.  Held, J.  Milhoan, P.  Sexstone, A.  
Campbell, L.  Hill, R.  Morgan, D.  Stack, S.  

2. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the February 14, 2005, minutes. Motion carried.

3. Chair Hornak gave a report concerning the Strategic Planning and Assessment. Since the last Faculty Senate meeting, the committee covered significant ground in the framework development process. On Friday, February 18, the Chair, Provost Lang and John Dale from the Continuous Learning Group (CLG) did briefings for the entire committee. One-hundred individuals including faculty, staff, administration and student representatives had homework assignments consisting of identifying initial objectives that would be necessary to achieve the five goals of President Hardesty’s charge (outlined at the February meeting). On the evening of Thursday, March 3rd and all day Friday, March 4th each subcommittee worked through a process that ended in their recommendation of approximately 5 objectives per subcommittee goal.

The subcommittee members received communication from Chair Hornak and Provost Lang describing the first phase of the synthesis process that will result in a unified set of 3-5 objectives for each of the five institutional goals from the entire committee in the coming
weeks. This set of objectives will be one of three components of the draft framework for strategic planning and assessment, which will be released for the university community and public comment in April. The other two components will be the corresponding measures or milestones for each objective with which progress will be assessed. Chair Hornak said the three components to the framework will be at different levels of maturity in the draft document. The link to the site for the Committee on University Strategic Planning and Assessment can be found at, “intranet.wvu.edu/provost.”

4. Chair Hornak said as part of an on-going process that consists of reports from major administrators, reports will be given from time to time to the Faculty Senate. Today, a report will be given from Ed Pastilong, WVU Athletic Director, and Brad Cox, WVU WVU’s NCAA Compliance Officer. Chair Hornak said the motivation that includes such reports took place from discussions in last year’s Executive Committee. Due to the efforts of then past chair, Stan Cohen, the Executive Committee became aware of the activities of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics or (COIA) (www.coia.umd.edu). The group is concerned with seeing that institutions maintain the proper balance between intercollegiate athletics and their academic missions. He said Chris Wilkinson undertook an evaluation of the WVU Athletic Department last spring relative to the basic tenants of the COIA document. Chair Hornak read an e-mail that was written by Professor Wilkinson dated April 30, 2004 to Bob Eno, Head of the Coalition, summarizing his findings.

5. Ed Pastilong, WVU Athletic Director, and Brad Cox, WVU’s NCAA Compliance Officer gave a presentation and stood for questions.

6. Professor Nigel Clark, Chair, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried. Annex II, The Alteration Report, was submitted for information.

7. Professor Mike Lastinger, Executive Committee Liaison to the LSP Committee, moved for approval of Annex III, LSP Report. Motion carried.

Professor Lastinger said the GEC, LSP and SCC committees have been working to streamline the course approval process for courses that will be submitted to the GEC at the same time they are created. He discussed the application form presented in Annex IV.

8. Professor Wilkinson gave a Graduate Council report. He said the Council completed its review of 22 masters and doctoral programs, and the final reports were submitted and acted upon last week; all of these reports will be reported to the BOG at its April meeting. He said the Council is concerned about the nature of the evaluation instrument for graduate programs; this issue will be discussed at the May, BOG meeting.

9. Chair Hornak said Sid Morrison, WVU Associate Provost for Information Technology, attended the February 28th Senate Executive Committee meeting to discuss the document listed in Annex V, “Electronic Mail Services at WVU.” The Chair said concerns have been expressed by a number of faculty and Executive Committee members regarding the longevity and future of the wvu.edu e-mail account. He said Sid Morrison provided a document of information, which included the following projects that have been put into action:
1. Install Group-wise and establish accounts for all users.
2. Move the wvu.edu domain from WVNET to WVU without disrupting mail services.
3. Provide security, virus protection, and SPAM filtering.
4. Eliminate all student accounts from wvu.edu and move them to mix.wvu.edu.
5. Eliminate all unused or unneeded administrative accounts from wvu.edu and forward the remaining accounts to a standard system.
6. Devise a way to consolidate the standard systems.
7. Move the domain wvu.edu to the consolidated Group Wise system as an alias.

Chair Hornak said the document provides a comprehensive roadmap past, present and future of institutional plans for e-mail systems and addressing, and he recommended the information be shared with constituents.

10. Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary, said she discussed an electronic voting process with VoteNet, which is the same group that the student body uses for their elections. A representative for VoteNet has assured her that an election conducted among various colleges/schools is feasible. Ms. Strife has recommended that a trial test be done in the Fall 2005 and full implementation be done in Spring 2006. She will also investigate the possibility of an on-line nomination process.

Professor Mays asked if an on-line course evaluation process could also be adapted. Chair Hornak said the SEI committee is presently reviewing the on-line teacher evaluation process. He said Brad Forbes attended the February Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting to discuss the possibility of implementing such a web-based tool.

11. New Business

Professor Henry Gould, Mathematics, had a concern about how a journal article’s importance is measured. He strongly recommended that faculty move very slowly and recommend to deans and chairman to not rush too hastily in using an impact ratio measurement which determines the importance by citations to articles in that journal. Journals with low impact numbers may be of significance in the field. He said that the sole use of the journal impact factor is to determine research/scholarship worth is not the way to encourage, to award, to recognize and support scientific research or creative writing in general.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, April 11, 2005.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary