1. Professor Roy S. Nutter, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President’s Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

Members present:

- Biddington, R.
- Hanson, R.
- Nutter, R.
- Cohen, S.
- Hardesty, D.
- Strife, M.
- Elmore, S.
- Lang, G.
- Wilkinson, C.
- Famouri, P.
- Long, T.
- Woodrum, D.
- Griffith, R.
- McDiarmid, M.

Members absent: Guests present:

- Woloshuk, J.
- Bergner, G.
- Haggert, R.
- Jones, R.
- Wilson, C.B.

2. Professor Griffith, Chair, Free-Speech Committee, distributed a draft of the free-speech policy. He said there will be a two-week comment period for the policy; it will be discussed at the Faculty Senate meeting, revised, and resubmitted for approval to the Executive Committee at its April 22, 2002 meeting.

The free-speech draft will be placed on the internet at www.wvu.edu/freespeechpolicy.html; the Faculty Senate web page at www.wvu.edu/~facultys/; the student “Mix”; Mountaineer E-News and the Daily Athenaeum. Professor Wilkinson commented that the committee did extraordinary work on the policy.

3. President Hardesty said the original Free-Speech policy was written to give a place for people to do protesting. He said the new policy will replace the original policy.

President Hardesty said he is not sure how the H.E.P.C. will allocate funds among the campuses. He said there will be increases for the following: tuition/fees, health care costs, and BRIM. The President said Blue Cross and Blue Shield will not be renewing its program for the 2003 benefits year. He said he would find out if there has been a replacement at the next management meeting.
4. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2002, meeting. **Motion carried.**

5. Professor Jones moved, and it was duly seconded, to approve the following Curriculum Committee Reports:

   *Annex I*, New Courses and Course Changes. **Motion carried.**
   *Annex II*, Capstone Report. **Motion carried.**
   *Annex III*, The Alteration report was presented for information.

6. Professor Hanson moved, and it was duly seconded, to approve the following Reports for the Liberal Studies Program:

   *Annex IV*, Course Recommendations. **Motion carried.**
   *Annex IV A*, Establishment of a Global Issues Component to the Liberal Studies Program. This item was tabled for continued discussion.

6. **Annexes V, VI, and VII** were tabled because a representative was not available to present them.

7. The Chair moved, and it was duly seconded, to approve the following Committee on Committees’ Reports:

   *Annex VIII*, Annual Report. **Motion carried.**
   *Annex IX*, Goals. **Motion carried.**

8. **Annex X**, Results of the Faculty Senate Election was presented for information.

9. Professor Long, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, reported on the following items from the March 14, 2002, ACF meeting:

   - The Board of Governors will delegate money issues to the presidents.
   - One faculty member from each of the following three colleges will be selected to write the administrative evaluation policy: Potomac State, WV Institute of Technology and West Liberty.
   - Discussion of evaluation process for the Chancellor.
   - Discussions concerning TIAA/CREF continue.

   Professor Long will send the Advisory Council of Faculty minutes to all senators as an e-mail attachment.

10. Professor Wilkinson said six faculty members have been selected to work on a revised parking plan. He said the members were chosen from the following campuses: downtown, Evansdale, Law, and HSC. Professor Wilkinson moved that the parking committee be accepted. It was duly seconded. **Motion carried.**
Professor Wilkinson will send a thank you to the volunteers who were not chosen to serve, and Chair Nutter will contact the members selected to inform them of the first meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2002, at 5:00 p.m.

11. Professor Gwen Bergner was asked to present her proposals for a new Senate process for selecting honorary degree recipients.

The Bergner Proposal:

a. An interval of time be set aside between when candidates are presented to the faculty and when faculty are asked to vote. Professor Bergner suggested the committee’s recommendations be distributed to faculty by confidential mailing one week before the Senate meeting.

b. There would be two parts to the discussion of candidates in the Closed Session before the vote. First, the representative of the nominating committee would stand for questions and discussion. Then the nominating committee member would leave, and the Faculty Senate would discuss the nominees in a truly Closed Session with only Senators present.

c. The vote be a confidential written ballot.

Provost Lang presented a summary of a survey his staff had completed concerning how other institutions handled this process.

Professor Hanson moved that the Faculty Senate continue to vote as a whole on the honorary degree candidates and use provisions “b” and “c” from the “Bergner Proposal” as a standard procedure for doing so. It was duly seconded. There was a tie vote. The chair broke the tie in support of the motion. Motion carried. An amendment to the motion included awarding an honorary degree to every governor. The vote failed for lack of a second.

12. The revised constitution will be distributed at the April 8, 2002, Faculty Senate meeting. Provost Lang moved that the majority of senators present vote on the constitution. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

13. Associate Provost Haggett said the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges will be coming to the University in 2004. She will identify the members of the Steering Committee at a later date.

14. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, April 22, 2002.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary