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

Members Present:

Badzek, L. Edwards, A. Jones, R. McDiarmid, M. Riley, W. Wenger, S.
Bergner, G. Elmore, S. Killefer, J. Muchant, D. Scea, P. Wilcox, D.
Brown, J. Hanson, R. Larrabee, J. Nutter, R. Stamatakis, M. Woloshuk, J.
Bruner, J. Hill, R. Lastinger, M. Orndorff, J. Stanley, C. Woodrum, D.
Cohen, S. Howell, R. Loudin, B. Pearson, T. Sypolt, L. Yelton, D.
Collins, A. Hummel, M. Malanga, C. Perry, J. Urbanski, J. Wasson, N.
Davis, L. Iskander W. Mays, M. Petronis, J. Ward, B. Yasek, V.
Dixon, S. Johnson, D. McCormick, R. Raynes, R. Ward, H.

Members Absent:

Baylis, C. Cooper, B. Helmondollar, R. Keyes, G. Miles, T. Smith, L.
Bonanno, S. Davis, T. Hissom, J. Kuhlman, J. Morgan, D. Stanton, B.
Brady, L. Dedhia, H. Hoey, J. Lewis, R. Nadler, S. Stark, L.
Branch, D. Elfenein, A. Hogan, T. McFadden, D. Palmer, J. Strife, M.
Bull, L. Gebremedhin, T. Hornak, L. McGinley, P. Ruscello, D. Trajkovski, G.
Cerceone, J. Gibson, L. Juckett, G. McGrath, J. Sherwood, L. Turton, R.
Clark, K. Graber, G. Karther, A. Meding, T. Simmons, G. VanCamp, R.

2. President Hardesty addressed the Faculty Senate concerning the following two issues:

The University has recently hired basketball coach, Dan Dakich. The President said the new coach will represent the University well because he values both discipline and academic performance of his students. He said those involved in the search carefully analyzed and investigated each candidate that was considered. The President explained that coaches are paid a base salary and that salary can be compensated through endorsements or incentives of other kinds.

President Hardesty said the officials of the United States Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.) oversee the 4-H program, and they have found practices that center around Native American traditions questionable. President Hardesty said the University has requested written instruction of the U.S.D.A., and issues will try to be straightened out this week. The President said the 4-H practices scheduled for June 1st will continue.

Scott Kelley, Vice-President of Administration, Finance, and Human Resources, spoke on the following issues concerning health insurance:

- Basic health package includes several HMO’s and P.E.I.A.
The supplemental health insurance provider, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, informed the University last year that they were losing money and intended to cancel the benefit. The University asked them if something could be worked out to prevent canceling the coverage, so they opted to raise premiums. During this time, a request went out to other vendors to try to find a replacement, but no other vendors were interested in providing coverage that was similar to Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield will not be renewing the supplemental health insurance for the 2003 benefits year because they said they were still losing money; other options are being looked into, but to date, no other replacements have been found.

New health care rates are listed in the insurance booklets. The web site for P.E.I.A is located at: [www.wypeia.com](http://www.wypeia.com).

Consider enrollment in the Medical Flexible Spending Account, (FSA) that allows pre-tax contributions.

Attend benefit sessions.

Benefit information will be posted on the web and in the Mountaineer Spirit.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes for the March 11, 2002, meeting with the following revision to be inserted to the third page and last sentence of the 6th paragraph, “Professor Bergner moved that the proposal be approved. It was duly seconded. Professor McDiarmid recommended the proposal be remanded to the Senate Executive Committee for review. Motion carried.

4. The chair reported that the Board of Governor’s meeting is Thursday, April 11, 2002.

5. Professor Jones moved approval of the following Curriculum Committee Reports:

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

6. Professor Lastinger moved approval of the following Liberal Studies Report:

   Annex IV, LSP Committee Course Recommendations. Motion carried.

7. Professor Mays moved acceptance of the following Committee on Committees’ Reports:

   Annex V, Committee Report. Motion carried.
   Annex VI, Committee Goals for 2002-2003. Motion carried.

8. Professor Long, Advisory Council of Faculty representative, reported on the following issues from the March 14, 2002, ACF meeting

   - PEIA will continue.
   - North Central approves graduate programs.
   - Chancellor Mullen recommended adding more schools to the peer listing, which may help reflect economic situations.
   - Budget cuts for the coming fiscal year will be left to each institution’s president and Board of Governors.
   - Committee will be formed to rewrite the proposal for evaluating administrators.
9. Professor Griffith, Chair, Free-Speech Ad-Hoc Committee, reported that the draft of the revised free-speech policy has been available for review on the Faculty Senate homepage, student “Mix”, Daily Athenaeum, and Mountaineer E-News. Professor Griffith said 15 comments have been received. He said the policy will be revised and sent to the Senate Executive Committee in April and to the Faculty Senate on May 13. Professor Griffith recognized the Ad Hoc committee that has been working on the policy, and he said he appreciated them. President Hardesty said the policy has been adopted as an interim policy and will replace the original policy.

10. The chair said nominations for chair-elect will be accepted through the May Faculty Senate meeting. Professor Parviz Famouri nominated Professor Chris Wilkinson for Faculty Senate chair-elect. The chair said chair-elect Stanley Cohen will take over as the new chair in June. New senators will also attend their first meeting in June.

11. The chair said there were several minor revisions to be made to the new constitution. Professor Wilkinson asked the chair to determine a time-line for the approval of the constitution. The chair said senators will vote on the constitution at the May 13th meeting; if approved, it will go to the faculty assembly in September, and paper ballots will be mailed out to the entire faculty assembly in mid-October. Professor Wilkinson moved that the Faculty Senate endorse the timetable that the chair outlined. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

12. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. to reconvene on May 13, 2002.

Barbara Dunn
Administrative Secretary, Sr.