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

Members Present:

Ameri, S.  
Atkins, C.  
Badzek, L.  
Behling, R.  
Bergner, G.  
Bilgesu, H.  
Brady, L.  
Branch, D.  
Brister, C.  
Brown, G.  
Brown, Jo  
Bryan, W.  
Campbell, K.  
Cercone, J.  
Cohen, S.  
Collins, A.  
Culberson, J.  
Elmore, S.  
Famouri, P.  
Fones-Wolf, E.  
Garbutt, K.  
Hanson, R.  
Helmondollar, R.  
Hornak, L.  
Hornsby, L.  
Hurst, M.  
Johnson, D.  
Jones, R.  
Juckett, G.  
Kenney, P.  
Kuhlmann, J.  
Larrabee, J.  
Lastinger, M.  
Long, K.  
Loudin, B.  
Pyle, E.  
Rafter, W.  
Raynes, R.  
Riley, W.  
Rosen, K.  
Ruscello, D.  
Sefa, P.  
Selig, S.  
Sencindiver, J.  
Sear, S.  
Stack, S.  
Perry, J.  
Stamatakis, M.  
Stolzenberg, A.  

Members Absent:

Almond, C.  
Always, S.  
Buchanan, T.  
Bagby, M.  
Beichler, J.  
Blackwood, A.  
Brooks, R.  
Brown, James  
Campbell, K.  
France, K.  
Fram, B.  
Gibson, L.  
Gibson, B.  
Hummel, M.  
Justice, A.  
Kolar, M.  
Krainak, P.  
McDiarmid, M.  
McFadden, D.  
McNatt, S.  
Meit, S.  
Miles, T.  
Krahn, P.  
Morgan, D.  
Morris, T.  
Muchant, D.  
Palmer, J.  
Rauch, H.  
Sherwood, L.  
Rosen, C.  
Stark, L.  
VanCamp, R.  
Williams, J.  
Wright, F.  

2. President Hardesty provided copies of the “budget remarks” from the April 4, 2003 Board of Governor’s meeting; he reported on the following budget issues and strategies:

- Appropriation decrease of 13% equals 28 million dollars.
- Increase size of student body and raise tuition.
- Legislature passed the merger of Potomac State College with WVU campus.
- Special funding was received for HSC and research.
- Anticipate enrollment growth for next year.
- Legislature agreed to pass a bill, if certain criteria are met, authorizing a maximum of 9.5% increase in tuition for in-state students and undergraduate students, with no limitations on graduates and out-of-state students. A proposal will be submitted to the HEPC for review.
- Legislature passed a series of flexibility measures.
- Budget was passed and appropriations were reduced by 22 million dollars.
- Academic units will be asked to revert 3% of appropriated budget; service units 4% of appropriated budget.
- A severance plan will be implemented for classified staff.
- Programs will have to be strengthened; costs will be cut; and administrative structures will be changed.

3. It was moved for the approval of the March 10, 2003 Faculty Senate minutes. Motion carried.
4. Dean Frances O’Brien, WVU Libraries, explained the LibQual survey presently being conducted, and handouts were provided. She said more than 300 libraries are participating in the nationwide survey of library quality. Dean O’Brien encouraged faculty to participate in the survey, and said faculty who were not randomly selected can give feedback by asking for a paper copy of the survey from library personnel. Results of the survey, including comparisons with other institutions, will be distributed at a session for LibQual participation during the ALA annual summer meeting.

5. Chair Cohen reported on the following issues:

- The Faculty Senate election has been completed, and new senators will attend the June meeting. Discussions concerning electronic elections will be held in the near future.

- Elections for chair-elect and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will be conducted at the May 12 Faculty Senate meeting. Professor Larry Hornak, College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, has agreed to the nomination of Chair-elect; currently, he is the only nomination. Additional nominations will be taken before the election.

- Senate Bill 2224 is an 80 page document that is full of changes. Language was revised for the following statement: “Up to” a 10% increase will be given at the time of promotion. Provost Lang recommended the current language be proposed, “A” 10% increase will be given at the time of promotion.

- Sunnyside Up faculty/staff taskforce met in April. Mr. Warner gave a presentation on the square at Falling Run. The changes will greatly impact the downtown campus. For more information, the project web site is http://www.thesquareatfallingrun.com/.

- The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with the BOG subcommittee that is responsible for reviewing President Hardesty. To date, the review is in-complete; the committee met with Hank Barnette, chair of the BOG and other members to discuss the President’s goals.

- Several senators were recognized at the “Weekend of Honors” event.

- Committee goals and annual reports will be submitted within the next two months.

6. Professor Famouri moved for approval of the following Curriculum Committee reports:

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
Annex II, Capstone Report. Motion carried.
Annex III, Major in Women’s Studies. Professor Bryan was concerned about the ambiguity of the title and the basis of the discipline. Professor Howe was available to speak to the concerns. Motion carried.
Annex IV, Alteration Report was presented for information. Professor Kuhlman asked for clarification of the “SENG” designation and when it was approved. Professor Famouri will provide this information at the next meeting.

7. Professor Lastinger moved for approval of the LSP report listed in Annex V. Motion carried.
8. Professor Ruscello moved for approval of Annex VI, “Minor changes to the School of Pharmacy Policy on Academic and Professional Standards Governing the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree.” Motion carried.

9. Chair Cohen said the academic calendar is approved several years in advance; the calendar for 2004-2005 is submitted for approval in Annex VII. Associate Provost Russ Dean said the Faculty Senate approved a new set of guidelines for the calendar in 1998, which made spring break the week before the last full week of March, so for 2005, spring break will be March 12-20. Motion carried. The original calendar placed “spring break” the last week of March.

Professor Wilkinson said spring break should be taken after the ninth week of classes. This recommendation will be given to the Student Instruction Committee.

Professor Ward asked if a “fall break” is still being discussed. Associate Provost Dean said the student government agreed with the recommendation that a “fall break” begin in 2005. The Student Instruction Committee is discussing the proposal, and it will give its recommendation to the Faculty Senate.

10. Professor Wilkinson said the General Education Ad Hoc committee is recommending alternatives to the current Liberal Studies Program. He said the details are still being defined by the Ad Hoc committee; a proposal will be presented for review to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Curriculum Committee this fall. Professor Wilkinson gave the basic characteristics of the proposal.

11. New Business

Professor Branch said he accepted the statement presented by Provost Lang, …“so it doesn’t make sense to have an incentive to faculty to leave the University,” which was the rationale presented for not offering a severance plan to faculty.

Professor Branch offered the adoption of the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the WVU Faculty Senate opposes any recommendation to the WVU Board of Governors to impose Financial Exigency as a means to deal with the current, or any future, annual budget shortfall.”

Provost C.B. Wilson said similar language already exists in Series 9 of the HEPC. The Faculty Secretary will research the language and post it to the Faculty Senate home page for senate review. The motion was tabled for further review and discussion.

12. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene Monday, May 12, 2003.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary