Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
April 25, 2005

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

**Members present:**  
Clark, N.  Jacknowitz, A.  Nutter, R.  
Elmore, S.  Lang, G.  Strife, M.  
Hardesty, D.  Larrabee, J.  Torsney, C.  
Held, J.  Lastinger, M.  Wilkinson, C.  
Hornak, L  McDiarmid, M.  Wilson, C. B.  

**Members absent:**  
Dean, R.  McCutcheon, T.  

**Guests:**  
Brown, P.  Cook, M.  Pitts, J. (DA)  
Sloan, T.  Stewart, D.  

2. President Hardesty said he believes that the passing of Senate Bill 603 is one of the more meaningful reforms in the history of higher education for West Virginia. He said throughout the bill, operational authority of WVU has been given to the Board of Governors, which will be good for WVU in the long run because most of the items that were debated have been resolved. He said personnel matters for classified staff are still retained in the central level by the Legislature, but operational matters are broadly delegated to the BOG. WVU will continue to operate the campus the way it has been until each item comes up for discussion at either the Board level or presidential level. The President will keep everyone informed. He said it is a good change and worth the effort that everyone has put into it. A side by side analysis, which lists the current law, the new law, and what differences are expected to be made, is currently being prepared for the Board. The President will bring the analysis to the Executive Committee for review when it is ready.

President Hardesty said Governor Manchin has vetoed all provisions in the budget that he feels direct an agency to do something that takes away from the agency’s flexibility by line item vetoing the language that directs special provisions.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the March 28th meeting. Motion carried.

4. Chair Hornak gave an update concerning the Strategic Planning Committee. He said drafts have been formulated of all the goals, and they will be moved to the steering committee for feedback.
The Chair said it should be documented in the minutes for future reference that administrators will give annual presentations to the Faculty Senate in the months of November, December, February and March.

5. Professor Wilkinson distributed a working draft of a revised Student Handbook for the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee. David Stewart, Dean of Students, Melanie Cook, and Tom Sloan were in attendance to introduce the new handbook, which will only be effective for the WVU campus, but it may be a model for the regional campuses. It was decided to continue the handbook discussion at the May 23rd Executive Committee meeting. Chair Hornak said if committee members want to offer changes or revisions to the draft, they can e-mail him, and he will forward the comments to the appropriate people. Professor Clark thanked the creators of the handbook for their time and effort in putting the draft together.

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

7. Professor Brown moved for approval of Annex III, The LSP Report. It was moved and duly seconded to approve portions 1 and 2 of the annex as it stands and submit the third portion of the annex to the Faculty Senate for information so that senators will be apprised of those courses that may be appearing in their disciplines. A note should be included that describes what will happen if courses are not submitted. Motion carried.

8. It was moved and duly seconded to accept the following committee reports and goals:

   Faculty Welfare Committee

   Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee

   Student Instruction Committee

   Senate Library Committee

9. Professor McDiarmid said, to date, the Academic Integrity Committee has not met, but she received an e-mail saying a meeting will be announced at a later date. Provost Lang said the function of the committee is being reviewed; he will provide more information at a later date.
10. Chair Hornak said he received an e-mail concerning the need to restructure and revise the charges for certain committees; the restructuring will begin in two phases. He said discussions on this issue will occur this fall.

11. Professor Wilkinson said he held a second meeting with Provost Lang, Associate Provost Torsney and Professor Elizabeth Jones to establish the protocol for the pilot phase of GEC assessment. He said a survey was conducted electronically through MIX to get the perceptions of current seniors in the Liberal Studies Program. Professor Wilkinson said there were omissions of courses presented in the schedule of courses for fall; he is working to make sure the hardcopy catalog is correct and the online version of the fall schedule of courses is modified.

12. Chair Hornak asked if additional nominations have been received concerning Faculty Senate Chair-elect; he said to-date, Parviz Famouri is the only candidate on the ballot for chair-elect. Additional candidates can still be nominated before the election at the May 9th Faculty Senate meeting.

   Retired faculty senators Suzanne Gross and Marilyn Bendena will be formerly recognized at the May 9th meeting. If additional senators are retiring, they will also be recognized.

13. Professor Nigel Clark recommended that the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee be increased by one or two members. It was moved and duly seconded that two new members be added to the Curriculum Committee. Motion carried.

14. Associate Provost Torsney distributed the 2006-2007 academic calendar. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the calendar. Motion carried.

15. Associate Provost C.B. Wilson distributed for information a “Report on Part-time (Adjunct) Faculty, Fall, 2006.” Chair Hornak requested the electronic version be sent to him so he can forward it to the Advisory Council of Faculty.

16. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, May 23, 2005.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary