MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
May 10, 2004

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

Member Present:
Almond, C.  
Atkins, C.  
Bagby, M.  
Blackwood, A.  
Bowen, E.  
Brady, L.  
Brown, Jo  
Brown, P.  
Buchanan, T.  
Cohen, S.  
Elmore, S.  
Famouri, P.  
Fones-Wolf, E.  
Garbutt, K.  
Lastinger, M.  
Larrabee, J.  
Loyd, B.  
McCutcheon, T.  
Meit, S.  
Kershner, R.  
Kuhlman, J.  
Nelson, C.  
Nutter, R.  
Panaccione, D.  
Pearson, T.  
Perry, J.  
Rafter, W.  
Rosen, K.  
Ruscello, D.  
Rosen, L.  
Ruscello, D.  
Selin, S.  
Stamatakis, M.  
Williams, J.  
Yelton, D.  

Members Absent:
Alaway, S.  
Ameri, S.  
Behling, R.  
Beichler, J.  
Bendena, M.  
Branch, D.  
Brister, C.  
Brooks, R.  
Brown, G.  
Brown, James  

2. President Hardesty is out of town. Provost Lang was available for questions from the members of the Senate.

3. Chair Wilkinson reported on Intercollegiate Athletics at West Virginia University, providing Annex A for information. Athletics Director Ed Pastilong was invited to give some remarks about the report. He stated that he welcomes guidance and direction from the Faculty Senate and appreciates the support of the members of the Athletics Council. Chair Wilkinson requested and received a motion requesting a regular report be presented to the Senate by the Athletics Department in regards to academics and student athletes. Motion carried.

4. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2004 meeting, with the following three corrections:

On page one, item two, second bullet, revise the following sentence, “two board members have been added to the BOG, which include the chairman of the Board of Advisors at the Institute of Technology and the chairman from WVU-Parkersburg” not Parkersburg Community College.
Page two, first paragraph, last bullet, Provost Lang will lead a search to find the best possible candidate to serve as president of “WVU Institute of Technology”, not Parkersburg.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held June 14, not June 12, 2004.

Motion carried.

5. Chair Wilkinson asked for additional nominees for the position of Chair-elect. None were forthcoming. Dr. Michael Lastinger, nominee for the position, gave a few words on his expectations. With one candidate, Chair Wilkinson asked for a vote by acclamation. Motion carried. Professor Lastinger is chair-elect of the Senate for 2004/2005.

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

   Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
   Annex II, Proposal to Establish a Minor in Advertising. Motion carried.
   Annex III, Proposal for Modification of Curriculum Committee Rules. Motion carried.
   Annex IV, Alteration Report was submitted for information.

7. Chair Wilkinson moved for the approval of the report from the Ad-hoc Committee to Review General Education at West Virginia University. Professor Cohen suggested modifications to reflect historical accuracy, which Chair Wilkinson agreed with. Motion carried.

8. Since there were no objections, the committee reports and goals were voted on at the same time.

9. The Chair moved the acceptance of the annual report and goals for the Public Services Grant Committee. Motion carried.

10. The Chair moved the approval of the annual report and goals for the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee. Motion carried.

11. The Chair moved the acceptance of the annual report and goals for the Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee. Motion carried.

12. The Chair moved the acceptance of the annual report and goals for the Library Committee. Motion carried.

13. The Chair moved the acceptance of the annual report and goals for the Research, Research Grants, and Publications Committee. Motion carried.

14. The issue of spring break was discussed. Although it might make it easier if the WVU break intersected with the county school, it may not be possible since various counties have different breaks and the current WVU break is scheduled in the ninth week of the semester.
A motion was made, and duly seconded, to accept the 2005-2006 academic calendar. Motion carried by a hand count vote of 23 to 17.

Professor Cohen moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Senate Executive Committee prepare an informational report regarding the feasibility of synchronizing the WVU calendar with relevant county school calendars in regard to spring break. Motion carried.

15. Professor Hanson, Chair, Faculty Welfare Committee, presented the following motion concerning PEIA Health Benefits Premiums, in which he said was designed to provide a level of benefit for everyone, “Elimination of the 10 separate tier rates to go to everyone in a particular plan and family group.” The motion was duly seconded. Motion carried. He explained that WVU has little control over rates since WVU is in a state pool; the Faculty Senate could make a recommendation to PEIA, but they will in turn do what they wish for the state. Professor Hanson encouraged the University to seek alternatives to improve health insurance for everyone.

16. Chair Wilkinson encouraged senators to register for faculty academy sessions. He urged senators whose terms end to attend the June 14th meeting, and he thanked senators who will be leaving this year for their dedicated service. Chair Wilkinson encouraged the senators who will be leaving to continue as lay members, and to allow their names to be placed on future nomination ballots.

17. Hayden Ward asked that the Faculty Senate express its appreciation for Chair Chris Wilkinson for his energetic and thoughtful leadership to the Faculty Senate this past year.

18. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. to reconvene June 14, 2004.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary