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

There was not a quorum at today’s meeting; therefore, the motions from the May 13th and today’s meeting will be ratified at the September 9th Faculty Senate meeting.

Members Present:

Ameri, S.  Brown, Jo  Johnson, D.  Napolitano, M.  Simmons, G.
Beichler, J.  Cohen, S.  Jones, R.  Nelson, C.  Stamatakis, M.
Bilgesu, H.  Fones-Wolf, E.  Juckett, G.  Peri, J.  Stolzenberg, A.
Blackwood, A.  Freeman, B.  Kuhlman, J.  Petronis, J.  Townsend, C.
Brady, L.  Hanson, R.  Larrabee, J.  Pyle, E.  Ward, H.
Briste, L.  Hornak, L.  Lastinger, M.  Rafter, W.  Wenger, S.
Brooks, R.  Hornsby, G.  Mays, M.  Raynes, R.  Williams, Jennifer
Brown, G.  Howell, R.  McDaid, M.  Riley, W.  Yancey, M.
Brown, James  Hummel, M.  Morris, T.  Selin, S.  Yelton, D.

Members Absent:

Atkins, C.  Culberson, J.  Karther, A.  Miles, T.  Sherwood, L.
Almond, C.  Davis, L.  Killefer, J.  Milhoan, P.  Stack, S.
Badzek, L.  Davis, T.  Kolar, M.  Morgan, D.  Stanton, B.
Bagby, M.  Famouri, P.  Krainak, P.  Muchant, D.  Stark, L.
Behling, R.  France, K.  Loudin, B.  Mulkeen, P.  Trajkovski, G.
Bergner, G.  Garbut, K.  Loyd, B.  Nahr, C.  VanCamp, R.
Branch, D.  Gibson, L.  McCormick, R.  Palmer, J.  Urbanski, J.
Buchanan, T.  Graber, G.  McFadden, D.  Pearson, T.  Wilcox, G.
Campbell, K.  Helmondollar, R.  McGinley, P.  Perry, J.  Williams, Janet
Cercone, J.  Hisoms, J.  McGrath, J.  Rosen, K.  Woloshuk, J.
Clark, K.  Hogan, T.  McNatt, S.  Ruscella, D.  Wright, F.
Collins, A.  Hurst, M.  Meding, T.  Scea, P.  Yeater, R.
Cooper, B.  Iskander, W.  Meit, S.  Sencindiver, J.

2. Professor Stan Cohen presented a gift gavel and plaque to outgoing chair, Professor Roy S. Nutter, Jr. Professor Cohen will serve as the new Faculty Senate Chair for 2002-2003. Professor Nutter passed on the Board of Governor’s “all-area parking permit” to Professor Cohen. Professor Cohen thanked Professor Nutter and the Faculty Senate Office staff for their hard work.

3. President Hardesty thanked Professor Roy S. Nutter, Jr. for serving as Faculty Senate Chair this past year.

President Hardesty made the following points:

Orientation is starting, and there will be a large freshman class. He said it is difficult to know how certain factors will play out concerning: “Promise;” “crowded conditions in
other states;” and “tuition increases,” but it looks like it will be a good freshman class because scores are higher than last year’s scores. He said students have settled since the tragedy of September 11th, and he encouraged senators to speak to the new students.

President Hardesty said beginning summer and into the fall semester, he will revisit the campus as he did in 1995 and 1996. He encouraged senators to participate in discussions that will take place in the schools and colleges.

President Hardesty spoke to an issue raised by Professor Chris Wilkinson concerning a 90-day regulation period applied to the free-speech policy. Professor Hardesty said this statement was written in error because the procedural regulation was resolved after the reporter left the room. The free-speech policy will be sent to the regional campuses for review and then sent back to the Board of Governors for the September meeting.

4. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2002, meeting. Motion carried.

5. Professor Nutter gave a report from the June 7, 2002 Board of Governor’s meeting, which included the following:

- List of programs and proposals that were approved and discontinued.
- A memorandum of understanding between Potomac State and the Eastern Community College, so they could work together more easily.
- Endorsement of family friendly practices.
- Land exchange between the University, Monongalia County development authority, and the hospital.
- 2002-2003 budget for WVU and regional campuses was approved.
- Faculty salary proposal was approved.
- Holiday schedule was approved.
- Tuition/fee reduction at the WVU-IT College.
- BOG reviewed meal plans for students.
- Scott Kelley presented a financial status report.
- Discussion between Potomac State College and Agriculture.
- Free-speech policy will be brought back to the BOG in September.
- Ed Pastilong gave the athletic department’s financial report.
- P&T report was accepted.

Chair Cohen said this year’s budget has been approved; faculty raises will be an average of 1.75% and the classified staff’s salary schedule will go up 1/6th of the target rate. Raises will not go into effect until October 2002.

Chair Cohen said he appointed past chair Roy Nutter to sit on the Graduate Council as an ex-officio member. Chair Cohen said Chancellor Mullen will speak at the October 14th Faculty Senate meeting. He said if anyone has specific items they would like discussed, to contact him so they can be put on the agenda.
Chair Cohen said he has been appointed to sit on the North Central Accreditation Self-Study Committee. He said it will have a website and focus groups. The committee will bring together information that has been gathered and collected over the last 10 years. Chair Cohen said the accreditation visit will be April, 2004.

Myrtho Blanchard, Assistant Vice-President of Human Resources, gave an up-to-date report on the supplemental health insurance coverage. She said even though Blue Cross and Blue Shield raised premiums, it was not self-sustaining, so it had to cancel the coverage. Ms. Blanchard said Human Resources has met with other vendors, but the search still continues for a supplemental health insurance carrier. The Senate Executive Committee endorsed a letter submitted by the Faculty Welfare Committee, Annex II, for a supplemental health insurance carrier. The letter was submitted to Myrtho Blanchard.

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, Minor in Sport Behavior. Motion carried.
- Annex IV, Intent to Plan for Women’s Studies Major. Motion carried.
- Annex V, The Alteration Report was presented for information. Professor Kuhlman said there needs to be clarification of course numbers for PHYS 313 and MinE 461.
- Annex VI, Committee’s Annual Report. Motion carried.
- Annex VII, Committee’s Goals for 2002-03. Motion carried. Professor Jones said the new curriculum form is being sent to another server, so hopefully by summer, the problems with the form will be resolved.

Professor Lastinger moved for approval of Annex VIII, Liberal Studies Committee report. Motion carried.

Professor Wenger moved for approval of Annex IX, Research, Research Grants, and Publications report. Motion carried.

It was moved to approve Annex X, Legislative Committee Report. Motion carried.

It was moved to approve the request to abolish the Legislative Committee. Past chair, Roy Nutter, said the committee has not met any this year, so he recommended it be abolished. The Chair Cohen said David Miller will continue to carry back action items between the University, Chancellor and/or Legislation. President Hardesty said an Ad Hoc committee can be formed to handle necessary issues. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.

Professor Ameri moved for acceptance of Annex XI, Faculty Welfare Committee Report and Goals. It was duly seconded. Motion carried.
14. Professor Bilgesu moved for approval of Annex XIII, Student Instruction Committee Report. Motion carried.

15. It was moved for approval of the Service Committee Report. Motion carried.

16. It was moved for approval of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee’s Annual Report. Motion carried.

17. The Senate Committee Members for 2002-2003 was presented for information.

18. There was no report from the Advisory Council of Faculty. If a report is submitted, it will be e-mailed to all senators.

19. Professor Wilkinson moved that plus/minus grading be abolished. It was duly seconded. Associate Provost Haggett said there is a state-wide policy in effect for grading. She said there is a conversion factor on the transcript that enables grades and credits to be transferred. Associate Provost Haggett said there is a uniform grade system used throughout the state, and grades as well as credits, are transferable. The motion was amended to table the discussion. It was duly seconded. A vote was taken with the majority in favor. Motion carried. Chair Cohen said the Senate Executive Committee will discuss what additional information is needed before the issue is taken off the table.

20. New Business

Chair Cohen said his mission this year will be to define “Chair.”

21. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The Faculty Senate will reconvene the 9th of September.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary