MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
June 13, 2005

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

Member Present:

Members Absent:

2. President Hardesty welcomed the new senators to the Faculty Senate, and he thanked Professor Larry Hornak for serving as Chair; he acknowledged his outstanding support to the University, and he said that he will be remembered downtown for his leadership on the Strategic Planning and Assessment program and for drawing people into the plan. He also thanked Professor Chris Wilkinson for serving on the BOG, and he said that he will be remembered for his assistance in the development of the policies contained in Senate Bill 603, which gives more authority to the local campuses, and for his testimony and presence in Charleston, also, for his steady attendance at meetings.

The President said WVU is on target to achieve the projected freshman enrollment for the fall semester. He said their will be slightly more out-of-state students and slightly fewer in-state students because of the change in demographics and the states WVU recruits from. He said there will be approximately 4500 freshmen, which will take WVU to a full-time enrollment of approximately 24,250 students. The President said additional enrollment is
expected for the regional campuses; so, WVU will again announce another record for the highest enrollment. He said new classrooms are also expected to become available in the near future.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2005, meeting. Motion carried.

4. Chair Hornak thanked all the new senators for beginning their terms to the Faculty Senate, as well as the senators that are continuing their terms into the next year and for their service. He asked that senators be active in Faculty Senate deliberations and debates and to connect with their constituents, and he encouraged senators to consider Senate leadership roles and to look for opportunities to serve on committees.

The Chair discussed the following 3 initiatives: Strategic Planning and Assessment Framework Development, the Progress of the Ad hoc Committee on Senate Organization for Research and Graduate Education Engagement, and the GEC Implementation Task Force activities. He asked for endorsement of the framework for the Strategic Planning and Assessment. It was moved and duly seconded to endorse the SPA framework. Motion carried. The Chair said the Senate BOG representative, Chris Wilkinson, will carry the endorsement to the BOG later this week in Charleston.

5. It was moved and duly seconded to appoint Vivian Hamilton as Faculty Senate Parliamentarian and Mary Strife as Faculty Secretary. Motion carried.

6. A slate of candidates was distributed for the 2005-2006 Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and a vote was taken. Chair Hornak announced the new committee members:

   Carolyn Atkins, HR&E
   Sandra Elmore, WVU-Tech
   Arthur Jacknowitz, PHARM
   Ruth Kershner, MED
   Michael Mays, ECAS
   Marjorie McDiarmid, LAW
   Roy Nutter, CEMR

7. Professor Nigel Clark, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

   Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
   Annex II, Modification of the BSMINE Curriculum. Motion carried.
   Annex III, Proposal for Fitness Specialist Minor. The minor was withdrawn from the report per recommendation of the college dean.
   Annex IV, Proposal for Entrepreneurship Minor. Motion carried.
   Annex V, Program Changes for the Forensic & Investigative Science Program. Motion carried.
Annex VIII, The Alteration Report was submitted for information.

8. Professor Paul Brown, Chair, GEC/LSP Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex IX, Course Recommendations. Discussion was held concerning the CS 101 course, and its designation for GEC. After the discussion, a vote was taken. It passed with 50 in favor and 8 against keeping the course. Motion carried to accept the course recommendations.

9. Professor Ralph Hanson, Chair, Library Committee, moved for approval of the following reports:


10. Professor Royall moved for approval of the following Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee reports:

Annex XV, Goals for 2005-2006. Motion carried.

11. Chair Hornak moved for approval of the following Research, Research Grants and Publications Committee reports:


12. Professor Nutter, Chair, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies, moved for approval of the following reports:

Annex XVIII, Committee Membership List for 2005-2006. Motion carried.
Annex XX, Goals for 2005-2006. Motion carried.

13. Chair Hornak moved for approval of the following reports from the Service Committee:

Annex XXII, Goals for 2005-2006. Motion carried.

14. Chair Hornak reported on the, “Ad hoc Committee on Senate Organization for Research and Graduate Education Engagement.” He said the second major initiative of the year was to begin the constitutional review with Senate committees toward enhancing their alignment
with the needs of faculty. Chair Hornak said, as summarized in Annex XXIII, the committee deliberations were divided into 2 parts – Phase I and Phase II. He said Phase II provides recommendations regarding strengthening the relationship between the Faculty Senate, Graduate Education and the Graduate Council, and the committee will deliver recommendations to the Executive Committee late next semester for this phase of their work; it will then submit a report to the Faculty Senate. He said Phase I has been approved by the Senate Executive Committee, and it now seeks approval of the Faculty Senate. It recommends reorganization of the Faculty Senate’s current Research, Research Grants and Publications Committee, which is the first case since the new constitution, and the following 4 basic changes are requested: 1) Modification of the membership. 2) The associate vice-president for research be included as an ex-officio voting member. 3) The graduate council chair be a voting ex-officio member representing graduate education. 4) The committee charge and name be modified to the “Research and Scholarship Committee.” It was moved and duly seconded to approve the acceptance of the, “Interim Report and Recommendation” and the reorganization and name change from, “Research, Research Grant and Publication Committee” to the “Research and Scholarship Committee.” Motion carried.

15. Professor Wilkinson, Chair, GEC Implementation Task Force, moved for approval of the following reports:

- Annex XXIV, Report of Work to Date. Motion carried.

16. Professor Wilkinson discussed Annex XXVI, a draft of the, “Proposed Assessment Plan for General Education Curriculum (GEC) at WVU.” He said the GEC assessment plan will only be implemented after it has been reviewed by the Faculty Senate and the appropriate committees and everyone is satisfied with the plan. Professor Wilkinson informed the Faculty Senate that he has submitted his resignation as Chair of the GEC Implementation Task Force to Chair Hornak, Chair-elect Lastinger and the Provost’s Office to be effective immediately. He said he is grateful to have played a role in the development of and the implementation of the GEC at this point, but it is time for others to step forward and assume its completion.

17. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, September 12, 2005. The Faculty Senate will not meet in July or August.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary