Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
August 25, 2003

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

2. **Members present:**

- Biddington, R.  
- Hornak, L.  
- Wilkinson, C.  
- Cohen, S.  
- Lang, G.  
- Wilson, C.B.  
- Dean, R.  
- Peri, J.  
- Yeater, R.  
- Elmore, S.  
- Larrabee, J.  
- Hardesty, D.  
- Strife, M.

**Members absent:**

- Brady, L.  
- Famouri, P.  
- Jones, R.

3. President Hardesty distributed and discussed the following two articles:

   - “First-Time Freshmen Enrolled at WVU.”
   - “Average Annual Growth Rate of State Appropriations.” The President said it is important for faculty, staff and students to speak with “one voice”, and take a positive approach when speaking about raising money.

4. The chair distributed the article entitled, “State College Cuts Make Graduating A Struggle.” He asked the Provost to speak to this issue at the next Faculty Senate meeting. He asked President Hardesty to speak to the following issue in his University Address: “What are emerging as adverse consequences for students for programs and course offerings, and what would be anticipated should the 9% be approved.” The Chair asked for comments concerning the impact of twin Supreme Court decisions that occurred this past May concerning recruiting, admissions and financial aid initiatives for graduate and undergraduate students. Also, the chair asked for clarification of what is either a proposal or policy concerning increasing stipends for Swiger Doctoral Fellowships in part through drawing upon funds of departments for applicants or with fellows in them. Provost Lang responded to this issue by saying a model was done by reducing the number of Swigers from 13 to 12. He said a remaining $4,000 was needed in order to fund the $20,000 Swiger, so a proposal was made to the deans last week to ask if they would contribute the $4,000 as their share of the funding, and they agreed.

Provost Lang said the renovated Wise Library and the downtown campus library will be re-dedicated on Saturday, October 4, 2003 to bring closure to the renovation period and recognize donors.

5. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2003 meeting. **Motion carried.**
6. The chair gave the following list of issues to be addressed this fiscal year to the Faculty Senate:

1. Budget Planning
2. Proposal for General Education Curriculum
3. Proposal of a revised policy concerning Student Rights and Responsibilities.
4. Proposal of a revised timetable for course withdrawals
5. Issues of PEIA costs for faculty.
6. Extending the Faculty Senate Chair’s position as BOG representative from the present one-year term to a two-year term.

7. It was moved and duly seconded that the Faculty Senate Chair should serve on the Board of Governor’s for two years and the term begin either in the year 2003 or 2004. Motion carried. A two-part written ballot will be presented for vote at the September 8, 2003 Faculty Senate meeting. If the Faculty Senate do not vote in favor of the Chair serving a two year term, the second question regarding when the term should begin will not be counted.

The following ballot will be distributed at the September Faculty Senate meeting:

1. Commitment of Faculty Senate Chair to serve for two consecutive years on the Board of Governors.
2. The term of office shall begin in the year 2003 or 2004.

8. The Chair suggested a procedure change for the September, October, and November Faculty Senate meetings to include only using microphones to propose text to agenda items. The meetings scheduled in December, January, February and March will be satellite meetings for off-campus sites; therefore, microphones will be used for all comments.

9. It was moved and duly seconded to approve Annex I, the 2003-2004 Faculty Senate Committees with the following revisions: include a chair-elect for the Service Committee, correct spelling of Faculty Welfare Committee member “Bobbie” Brandt instead of “Bobbi,” and the addition of “Ad Hoc” to the General Education Committee.” Motion carried.

10. Members volunteered to serve as liaisons to the following Faculty Senate standing and Ad Hoc committees:

   Chris Wilkinson – Ad Hoc Committee to Review General Education
   Larry Hornak – Faculty Welfare Committee and Senate Executive Committee
   Russ Dean – Library Committee
   C.B. Wilson – Research, Research Grants and Publications, Service Committee and Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee
   Provost’s Office Representative – Student Instruction Committee
   Robin Jones – Student Rights and Responsibility
   Janis-Rozena Peri – Liberal Studies Committee
   Keith Garbutt – (Chair of Curriculum Committee)
   Stan Cohen – Graduate Council
11. The Chair reported on the following issues from the Advisory Council of Faculty meeting:

1. Faculty would like to start receiving the $50.00 yearly longevity increment that is presently given to staff and non-faculty rank administrators.
2. Contribution rates for TIAA-CREF be increased from current 6% level to 9%, a total of 15% opposed to 12% contribution.
3. Promoted faculty that are tenured will receive a 10% increase from other institutions; WVU is already committed to this increase.
4. Concern about adjunct faculty being hired as opposed to tenure track faculty
5. Amendment to the Constitution to let faculty serve on the legislature.
6. WVU should have voting representation on the HEPC for faculty, staff and students.

12. New Business:

1. Advisory Council of Faculty Representative, Tom Long, has resigned. The process will begin to find a replacement; members should give recommendations to the Chair.

2. Professor Cohen will give a power point presentation concerning the North Central Self-Study Accreditation Committee at the September 8th Faculty Senate meeting.

3. Associate Provost C.B. Wilson will discuss the Faculty Handbook at the September 8th Faculty Senate Meeting. It will be posted to the web site instead of being distributed.

13. The Chair presented a power point presentation of the General Education Curriculum requirements, and revisions were made. Copies of the proposal will be submitted to college deans, Student Instruction Committee, and posted to the Faculty Senate web page. It will also be distributed to all senators at the September 8th Faculty Senate meeting; if approved, it will be implemented and listed on the 2005 academic calendar.

14. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. to reconvene Monday, September 22, 2003.

Mary Strife, Faculty Secretary