Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
August 22, 2005

1. Chair Lastinger called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. in the President’s Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

Members present:
Atkins, C.  Hardesty, D.  McDiarmid, M.
Butcher, F.  Hornak, L.  Nutter, R.
Dean, R.  Jacknowitz, A.  Strife, M.
Elmore, S.  Kershner, R.  Torsney, C.
Famouri, P.  Lastinger, M.   Wilson, C. B

Members absent:
Lang, G.

Guests:
Held, J.

2. President Hardesty reported that we expect another enrollment milestone, with 4,600+ freshmen and a total student body of around 26,000; final numbers will be available later in the fall. Potomac State has the largest enrollment in its history, and it is anticipated that WVU enrollment will approach 34,000.

The President announced that Wyeth Pharmaceuticals has committed almost $12 million in support of biomedical research at WVU/HSC over the next three years.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has the distinction of being named the number one “Party School” this year; WVU is listed in the top 10.

Fall-Fest begins tonight (August 22, 2005).

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the May 23rd meeting, removing the extra “D.” from the attendees listing for D. Dean, R... Motion carried.

4. Chair Lastinger distributed a list of FS Executive Committee members. He gave an overview of issues facing us in the next academic year. There are loose ends regarding the GEC (formerly the LSP Committee). He suggests that the GEC Chair be added as an ex-officio member to the Executive Committee the next time the constitution is amended. Professor Hornak and Provost Lang continue to work on the Strategic Planning and Assessment process. Assessment on campus needs to be reconfigured. The Research and Scholarship Committee (formerly the Research, Research Grants and Publications Committee) is also of interest. Other items from last year include the revision of the Student Rights and Responsibilities information; re-evaluation of Dead Week (Student Instruction Committee); online course evaluations and student access to the information (Student Evaluation of Instruction); green campus initiative; and meeting teleconferencing (Mary will follow up on this). We will also consider ways to streamline meetings and voting.
The Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) will meet on September 9th. Chair Lastinger said he will be able to attend since the BOG meeting was moved to the end of the month. The chair distributed two sections from the WV Code that deals with the ACF and faculty senates. The committee believes it is in compliance with the codes, but the Faculty Senate Office will look back at minutes to see how the WVU ACF representative pattern was established.

5. The draft of the June 13th Faculty Senate Meeting was reviewed and approved with a minor correction to change “450” to “4,500”.

6. Professor Held, Chair of the GEC/LSP, announced that the first meeting will be on Thursday, September 1st, 2005. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is well represented since Associate Provost Torsney, and Professors Famouri and Kershner are also on the GEC/LSP. Discussion about the audit cycle and the need to standardize, publicize, and streamline syllabi rules and report format followed. The connection with the Curriculum Committee forms was also emphasized.

Associate Provost Torsney informed members that her office is the keeper of the official GEC course list for publication. The Admissions & Records website is now correct; the online course catalog will be corrected soon. The Faculty Senate web page has a link to the correct information.

Chair Lastinger distributed a handout of GEC notes.

7. The Strategic Planning & Assessment initiative continues to move forward. Professor Hornak and Provost Lang are determining the membership of a small implementation committee. Schools and colleges have already asked for copies of the plan to begin the discussion in their areas.

8. Professor Hornak reported on the Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Organization for Research and Graduate Education. Professor Hornak distributed a memo with a report and recommendations from the committee. He will contact the new chair of the Graduate Council so he can attend the first meeting.

9. Issues that may be discussed in the future include: graduate housing; the number of retirements expected in the next 7-10 years; adjustments in degree programs; academic areas where we can fill a niche; classroom capacity; and broadcasting/online course capabilities.

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, September 26, 2005.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary