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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

1. Professor Stan Cohen, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President’s Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

Members present:
Biddington, R.  Hanson, R.  McDiarmid, M.
Brady, L.  Hardesty, D.  Stamatakis, M.
Cercone, J.  Jones, R.  Strife, M.
Cohen, S.  Lang, G.  Wilkinson, C.
Famouri, P.  Long, T.

Members absent:  Guests present:
Nutter, R.  Dean, R.

2. President Hardesty discussed an article from the Chronicle, which stated that WVU appears as number “two” in federal earmarked funds in the country with 31.6 million for 2002 and 81 million total since 1998. He said an “earmark” is when a congressman and/or senator puts a request for funds in a bill and it gets through – the money, under a certain line item, is designated for a specific agency or institution, not a non-profit foreign government. An “earmark” would be designated by political action rather than competitive action.

Promise Scholarship – a scholarship plan that pays tuition in hopes to get students to perform better on GPA’s and keep them in West Virginia, which may include 700-800 students. The President distributed and discussed the following report, “Promise Scholarship Report - Fall 2002.” He said “merit-based scholarships” may be the beginning of a different way to fund higher education.

3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the August 26, 2002 minutes. Motion carried.

4. Chair Cohen said last week was a busy week in Charleston. A training session was scheduled to discuss direction and vision for the Higher Education Policy Commission. A joint meeting was held for Advisory Council of Faculty representatives and Faculty Senate chairs on Friday, and the Chancellor led a brief discussion concerning the budget, with a question and answer session at the end.

Chair Cohen distributed and reviewed the “Budget Discussion” document he received in Charleston.

Chair Cohen said last spring the Executive Committee spent one or two meetings looking at a proposal from the LSP committee concerning “global issues.” He recommended a sub-committee be formed to review findings from various committees that have looked at
general education requirements. Chair Cohen asked Chair-elect Wilkinson to chair the
sub-committee.

Chair Cohen said the subcommittee’s charge would be to “review general education at
WVU (excluding regional campuses) with a view of how it is meeting goals at the
present time.” The sub-committee would provide and exchange information with the
Assessment Council and the North Central Accreditation panel; any changes to the
curriculum would be forwarded to the appropriate committee. Chair-elect Wilkinson said
regular reports would be submitted.

It was moved and duly seconded to form the sub-committee. Motion carried.

Provost Lang suggested looking at current issues and examining what other research
universities are doing as benchmarks for general education and see how WVU compares
to other institutions.

5. Professor Tom Long discussed the following issues from the Advisory Council of Faculty
report:

- Facility faculty recruitment.
- Professional development issues.
- Marketing institutions.
- Defining merit pay issues.
- Facing issues of rising PEIA costs.
- Establishing shared governance.
- H.E.P.C. approved 401, 403 and 457 retirement plans.

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

Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
Annex II, Capstone Report. Motion carried.
Annex III, Alteration Report was submitted for information. Change credit hour to “2-
hr” and delete the last sentence for PHAR 709 and change credit hour to “2-hr” for
PHAR 711.

7. Chair Cohen said the Promotion & Tenure guidelines recommend five members from the
main campus and one member from a regional campus to serve on the committee. The
following members volunteered to serve: Laura Brady, Stan Cohen, James Cercone, Roy
Nutter, Mary Stamatakis, and Chris Wilkinson.

8. New Business

Chair Cohen discussed a letter submitted to the Executive Committee from Professor W.
Joseph Wyatt, Psychology, Marshall University, asking the Faculty Senate to endorse his
request to speak before the Higher Education Policy Commission to promote legislation that would place a student, a faculty member and a staff member on the H.E.P.C.

After discussion, the committee decided to not endorse the request because of lack of interest. It was moved and duly seconded that the Chair will send an e-mail to Professor Wyatt and a copy to all the regional campus representatives concerning the committee’s decision. **Motion carried.**

9. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. to reconvene October 28, 2002.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary