1. Professor Christopher Wilkinson, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM in Assembly Room A, NRCCE.

Members Present:
Alway, S.  Bryan, W.  Hill, R.  Meit, S.  Rafter, W.  Stolzenberg, A.
Ameri, S.  Burton, J.  Hornak, L.  Milhoan, P.  Raynes, R.  Townsend, C.
Behling, R.  Cohen, S.  Howell, R.  Nelson, C.  Riley, W.  Urbanski, J.
Beichler, J.  Culberson, J.  Janson, D.  Nutter, R.  Rosen, K.  Valentine, S.
Bendena, M.  Elmore, S.  Johnson, D.  Ogershok, P.  Ruscello, D  Ward, H.
Blackwood, A.  Famouri, P.  Jones, R.  Outterson, K.  Scea, P.  Wilcox, G.
Brady, L.  Fones-Wolf, E.  Kershner, R.  Panaccione, D.  Selin, S.  Wilkinson, C.
Brister, C.  Garbutt, K.  Larrabee, J.  Pearson, T.  Sextstone, A.  Williams, J.
Brooks, R.  Graf, D.  Lastinger, M.  Peri, J.  Sherwood, L.  Yeater, R.
Brown, James  Gross, S.  Lewis, R.  Perry, J.  Stack, S.  Yelton, D.
Brown, Jo  Hanson, R.  Loyd, B.  Petronis, J.  Stamatakis, M.
Brown, P.  Helmondollar, R.  McCutcheon, T.  Pyle, E.  Stark, L.

Members Absent:
Almond, C.  Clark, K.  Hurst, M.  Lively, M.  Morgan, D.  Weihman, L.
Bagby, M.  Clark, N.  Kenney, B.  Long, K.  Morris, T.  Wright, F.
Bowen, E.  Fleisher, R.  Kolar, M.  McFadden, D.  Napolitano, M.
Branch, D.  France, K.  Krummel, D.  McGinley, P.  Riley, C.
Brown, G.  Freeman, B.  Kuhlman, J.  McGrath, J.  Rosen, C.
Buchanan, T.  Harris, B.  Laxxell, R.  McNatt, S.  Voelker, J.

2. The Chair said that during the months of September, October and November, microphones will only be used for motions, not comments; they will be used for all discussion at the televised meetings scheduled in December, January, February and March.

The Chair said that even though the Faculty Senate Constitution states one Executive Session takes place per year for Honorary Degrees, he may propose additional sessions to discuss budgetary concerns.

The following news representatives were present: Sarah Gould – News Services and Lauren Hough, Daily Athenaeum.

3. Provost Lang reported on the follow budget issues:

- Record enrollment this year; higher ACT/SAT scores then any other class; more non-residents than last year; and 1300 Promise Scholarship participants.
- Budget crisis will be long term for WVU and other higher education institutions.
- Fiscal Year 2004 budget – $28-million dollar shortfall in revenue; $22-million dollars less in state appropriations and $6-million dollars in mandated increases for both PEIA and BRIM. The budget is already problematic for Fiscal Year 2005, because of a 9%
budget reduction; tuition and fees increases may be capped at 7½% because increases affect the Promise Scholarship.

- HEPC approved the BOG request to raise tuition 9-1/2 % for in-state and 10.9% for out-of-state students. By increasing tuition, $15½-million dollars has been raised; $12-million dollars for returning students and $3½-million dollars for enrollment growth. Parents and students are willing to pay the increased tuition because of the quality of the Institution. WVU has a balance shortfall of $12 ½-million dollars, $5-million of this shortfall was recovered from centralized cost reductions and revenue enhancements. A $7½-million dollar shortfall remains - $6.1-million dollars for the general university and $1.4 million dollars for HSC.

- Twenty-five faculty positions will remain unfilled for the general University; 40 staff positions will be eliminated along with 8 academic professionals. This year, there will be 150 fewer faculty and staff positions.

- For the first time in a decade, there will be a reduction in library resources.

- WVU is not seen as being in financial difficulty because of continued growth, new facilities and property purchases, but the goal is to, “Stop bleeding the University.” This message has been sent to the Legislature and HEPC. The HEPC has supported a unity agenda so no further cuts will be taken from the higher education budget. New money would go back to the Institution in a pro-rata form to subsidize the base losses of the budget and to prevent any further reductions in state appropriations.

- Faculty should begin to think about different ways of teaching because program changes and eliminations will occur, but WVU should not forget its successes and accomplishments.

4. Provost Lang said that WVU will host the Virginia Tech football game on Wednesday, October 22, 7:00 p.m. A statement concerning this will be sent out on the WVU list serve. WVU will not cancel classes, but the decision to cancel Wednesday evening classes resides with the instructor. It was recommended that faculty be considerate of testing students Thursday morning following the game.

5. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the June 9, 2003, minutes. Motion carried. Professor Cohen said the reception that was scheduled to take place at the Blaney House after today’s meeting has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled in November; more information concerning the reception will be sent at a later date.

6. The chair attended a Board of Governors (BOG) meeting on September 4-5, 2003, and he gave the following history concerning the Board. It consists of 14 members, and its mission is to have general supervision and control over the academic and business affairs of WVU, which includes WVU Institute of Technology, WVU at Parkersburg and Potomac State College of WVU. The chair said 3 of those members represent constituencies of WVU – faculty, classified staff and students; the Faculty Senate Chair represents faculty; Paul Martinelli represents staff and President of the Student BOG, Charles Battleson, represents students. The BOG is divided into 6 standing committees, 5 of which address different aspects of the Universities academic and business affairs; the sixth committee is the BOG Executive committee, which organizes the agenda and handles other matters to facilitate the work of the Board.
The chair reported on Actions taken by the Board.

7. It was moved and duly seconded to approve Annex I, Senate Committee Members. Motion carried

8. Professor Cohen stated that the Executive Committee is in support of extending the term for the Faculty Senate Chair or Chair-elect in serving as the representative to the BOG. He said the existing one-year term is too short because it takes several months to understand the procedures.

   A two-part ballot was distributed.

   A vote indicated 47 were in favor of increasing the term of Faculty Senate Chair as Board of Governors representative for 2-years; 24 were opposed.

   The second part indicated 30 were in favor of the two year term beginning 2003-2004 and 21 in favor of the term beginning 2004-2005.

9. Professor Cohen gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning the North-Central Accreditation Self-Study, and handouts were distributed.

10. Chair-elect Larry Hornak gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning General Education, and he answered questions pertaining to the new proposal. It was moved and duly seconded to extend the timeline for comments to November 17, 2003. Motion carried.

   Announcements about the new education requirements will be posted on Mountaineer E-News, and e-mails will be sent out on the faculty list-serve inviting faculty to attend informational meetings. Chair Wilkinson said if the proposal is adopted, the earliest it could be put in place is fall, 2005.

11. An ACF handout was distributed. It was moved and duly seconded to table the report until the next meeting. Motion carried.

12. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. to reconvene Monday, October 13, 2003, @ 3:15 p.m.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary