

MINUTES
THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

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

Member Present:

Ameri, S.	Culberson, J.	Howard, S.	Melton, P.	Selin, S.
Atkins, C.	D'Souza, G.	Iskander, W.	Mullett, C.	Shambaugh, N.
Bagby, M.	Davari, A.	Jackowitz, A.	Mutz, C.	Shelton, E.
Banta, L.	Dedhia, H.	Jones, R.	Napolitano, M.	Sherwood, L.
Bilgesu, I.	Dixon, S.	Kershner, R.	Nath, C.	Steranka, P.
Bonner, D.	Etzel, E.	Kleist, V.	Nestor, P.	Stockdale, T.
Bowen, E.	Fitch, C.	Kuhlman, J.	Nutter, R.	Stuchell, R.
Branch, D.	Garbutt, K.	LaGodna, B.	Olson, K.	Tauger, M.
Brooks, R.	Gladwin, M.	Lake, M.	Peace, G.	Townsend, C.
Brown, G.	Griffith, R.	Lastinger, M.	Price, S.	Urbanski, J.
Bryan, W.	Hall, D.	Mancinelli, C.	Richards, A.	Valenti, M.
Bryner, R.	Hartman, K.	Mandich, M.	Riemenschneider, S.	Verlinden, S.
Buchanan, T.	Hill, R.	Mays, M.	Riley, W.	Vona-Davis, L.
Clark, N.	Hoey, J.	McDiarmid, M.	Royall, B.	Weihman, L.
Cohen, S.	Hornak, L.	McGinley, P.	Sand-Jecklin, K.	Wilcox, G.
Cottrell, S.	Hornsby, G.	McNerney, K.	Sedgeman, J.	

Members Absent:

Abbott, J.	Cook, L.	Grose, K.	Miller, M.	Simile, R.
Almond, C.	Cottrell, L.	Held, J.	Morgan, D.	Stolzenberg, A.
Anderson, R.	Cumming, J.	Hurst, M.	Nuss, M.	Temple, J.
Behling, R.	Dillis, C.	Kite, S.	Petronis, J.	Valentine, S.
Bergner, G.	Douglas, W.	Latimer, M.	Putman, H.	Walker, E.
Campbell, L.	Gerbo, R.	Lively, M.	Robbins, J.	Woloshuk, J.
Canfield, P.	Graeber, J.	Long, K.	Siegrist, J.	Wright, F.

2. A moment of reflection was taken in remembrance of the 5th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 disaster that occurred in New York City. Professor William Skidmore from the Division of Music played a piece on the cello.
3. President Hardesty said the tragedy that occurred on September 11, 2001, was a defining moment for this generation of students. He said these types of events can change people's ways of thinking. He talked with students about their views, and his assessment is that the students have a better understanding of their viewpoints because they have to dig deeper to reflect on what happened; he believes students will become better citizens because of it.

A record number of international students are attending WVU this year; 1200 students from 89 countries and 240 first-time international students. An international house has been opened, which allows students from the United States to live with students from other countries. The President said an even greater commitment to world peace should be shown by getting to know one another on the college campuses of the world, fostering global understanding, making commitments to peace through the student body's and commitments

to freedom in this country. He believes that we should continue to welcome people from other countries and do what we can to maintain the “spirit of peace.”

4. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2006, meeting. Motion carried.
5. Chair Famouri welcomed all senators to the first meeting of the new fiscal year, and he presented a plaque and a gavel to last year’s Chair, Professor Michael Lastinger, who was instrumental in the passing of the annual employee increment (AEI) for faculty. Chair Famouri said he has been appointed to serve on the presidential search committee, which includes 17 members. He asked senators to e-mail him with any suggestions they (or their colleagues) may have concerning the search, so ideas can be submitted to the BOG. The Chair said Professor Lastinger made a presentation to the BOG concerning the workings and functions of the University. Nancy Lohmann will chair the Transportation and Parking Committee, which will consist of faculty, staff, and students; Chair Famouri said he asked Professors Napolitano, Kershner and Lastinger to serve on this Committee. A representative is needed to serve on the Mountainlair Advisory Council; if anyone is interested in volunteering for this group, he/she should send Chair Famouri an e-mail.
6. Professor Roy Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) representative explained that the ACF is a state-wide committee of faculty that reports to the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC). He said the committee consists of 4-year schools plus community and technical schools. The first ACF meeting was held in July, and Professor Nutter was elected as vice-chair and appointed to the ACF Legislative Advisory Committee. He said three items of discussion included peer equity, bachelor’s admissions criteria, and items that the ACF should support this year, which include full tuition for the dependents of faculty and staff. The Legislative agenda included: restoration of funding at or above national average, salary and cost of living increases, and new positions.
7. It was moved and duly seconded that Professor Art Jacknowitz, Pharmacy, be approved as the alternate ACF representative. Motion carried.
8. It was moved and duly seconded to appoint Patrick Callery, Pharmacy, as a member of the WVU Research Corporation Board. Motion carried.
9. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will be looking for another volunteer to serve on the Promotion & Tenure Committee since Professor Nigel Clark is not eligible because he is currently serving on the College of Engineering and Mineral Resources Promotion & Tenure Committee.
10. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to reconvene Monday, October 9, 2006.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary