The January 13 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Biddle at 3:33 PM in the University Conference Room of I. G. Greer.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   A. FACULTY SENATE AND COMMITTEE REPLACEMENTS. Biddle reported that votes needed to be taken on replacements for the Faculty Senate (Claudia Cartaya), the Academic Integrity Board (Judy Carlson), and the Faculty Grievance Mediation Committee (Judy Carlson). Also, an alternate for the Faculty Grievance Hearing Committee needed to be voted upon. Biddle announced the names recommended and a ballot vote was taken. The results would be counted at the break.

II. MINUTES
   Anderson noted that the last sentence of V.A.2. should have read, "Anderson noted that......, they felt that there were issues to address about the effectiveness of those committees." Zimmerman noted that the first sentence of V.E. should be deleted. Arnholt noted that his absence should be excused because he was giving an exam.
   Neufeld moved to accept the minutes as amended and Arnholt seconded.

   VOTE 1   yes 21   no 0   abstain 0   The motion passed.

III. GUEST SPEAKERS
   AL RAPP - Al Rapp spoke to the Senate about the Alternative Transportation Committee which was appointed by the Chancellor in March of 1996. Many experts from both within and outside of the community have been brought in for studies. Rapp noted that the Committee brought to the Senate ideas formed by the Committee for the Senate's input/support. The Senate was asked to contact the Committee with changes or ideas. The Senate asked that someone come to February's meeting to update the Senate on the parking deck and to bring drawings of deck.

IV. OLD BUSINESS
   A. SUMMER READINGS PROGRAM. Smith noted that he hopes the Senate will endorse the Program. Neufeld noted that the Summer Readings Program Committee should be comprised of a diverse background for input and to have a different theme every year. Dorgan moved to support the Program (attachment #1A) and Lee seconded. Discussion followed and a vote was taken.

   VOTE 2   yes 18   no 1   abstain 2   The motion passed.

   B. DPC REFERENDUM. Biddle noted that the Faculty Voice will be out by Friday so if anyone had any articles for input, they must be received by tomorrow. It was asked that people who submit articles have their names published with the article so that faculty would know who
to respond to. Biddle noted that voting for the referendum will take place on Wednesday, January 29. Voting stations will be set up in Edwin Duncan, Wey, Walker, and Greer Halls from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. Discussion followed. Lee urged Senators to attend the Faculty Assembly on January 22 and to encourage colleagues to attend.

C. AD HOC FACT FINDING COMMITTEE ON HARASSMENT & INTIMIDATION OF FACULTY. Composition of this Committee was discussed. It was decided that seven faculty would constitute the Committee. Biddle asked Senators to send him nominees before the February meeting and to keep in mind not to recommend those faculty who have an ax to grind.

D. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE CURRENT GRIEVANCE AND MEDIATION PROCESSES. It was decided that the composition of this Committee would be the same as the Committee above.

E. SGA BILL 030-002 TO CREATE A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY. Discussion followed. The majority of senators agreed that Appalachian has an effective integrity policy, but that maybe something else is out there that needs to be addressed. Wilkinson reminded the Senate that after the Quinn Center ordeal, a resolution was passed by the Senate which said that SGA was supposed to bring things to the Senate before SGA passed anything. Lee moved and Smith seconded to turn this over to the Welfare of Students Committee to formulate a resolution. Toub amended by saying that the Welfare of Students Committee and SGA's Academic Affairs Committee meet relating to the issue of academic integrity at Appalachian.

VOTE 3 yes 20 no 0 abstain 0 The motion passed.

The Senate took a break at 5:20 and reconvened at 5:30.

Voting results were announced:
Faculty Senate - Jeff Butts
Academic Integrity Board - Margaret Yaukey
Faculty Grievance Mediation Committee - No one won by 2/3 vote so Biddle recommended the person who received the most votes - Jeff Butts.

VOTE 4 yes 19 no 0 abstain 0 The motion passed.

Faculty Grievance Hearing Committee - No one won by 2/3 vote so Biddle recommended the person who received the most votes - Mike Evans.

VOTE 5 yes 19 no 0 abstain 0 The motion passed.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. CHANCELLOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Senators will be notified of this semester's meeting dates.

B. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
No report.

C. WELFARE OF STUDENTS COMMITTEE
No report.
D. ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE
AAUP Resolution Regarding the Position of Assistant to the Provost for Women's Concerns (attachment #1B). Discussion followed. The Senate recommended that the position search proceed immediately and that the search be organized and conducted by faculty and staff in coordination with the Provost's Office.

VOTE 6 yes 15 no 0 abstain 2 The motion passed.

E. AGENDA COMMITTEE
No report.

F. BUDGET COMMITTEE
No report.

G. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE
No report.

H. WELFARE AND MORALE COMMITTEE
No report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
A. FACULTY CONCERNS
1. Terms for Administrators - Discussion on this will be brought back at February's meeting. Smith suggested that data and models be brought in in support of this proposal.

2. Inclimate weather policy - Wallace asked that this be discussed at February's meeting.

3. Campus mail - Neufeld suggested that the new campus mail delivery policy be discussed at February's meeting. It was suggested that the Campus Planning Committee take this up.

B. FACULTY ASSEMBLY REPORT
Petschauer reported that early retirement went before the Board of Governors. Because there was a question regarding cost, it will be brought back to the February meeting of the Board of Governors. Post tenure review is moving along. A first draft will be available at the February Senate meeting.

Winek moved to adjourn the meeting. Neufeld seconded.

VOTE 7 yes 14 no 0 abstain 0 The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Submitted by,
Dee Parks

RETURN TO FACULTY SENATE HOMEPAGE
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January 13, 1997
attachment #1A
Summer Readings Program

Recently, discussions on our campus have centered around ways to improve the intellectual climate at Appalachian. One such initiative that has been implemented successfully at other institutions is a Summer Readings Program.

Proposal: To establish a Summer Readings Program at Appalachian
* Students would be given a book or collection of readings during Summer (Phase 1) Orientation and asked to read it before returning in August.
* Faculty and student discussions would take place during Phase 2 Orientation.
* Reading/theme would be addressed during Convocation.
* Reading/theme would be integrated into classes, humanities forums, library displays, etc.

Rationale: To increase the intellectual climate at Appalachian
* Set academic tone
* Consistent with Appalachian’s undergraduate goals
* Provide common basis for discussion
* Bring important issues to focus
* Create focus and reason for Convocation
* Early academic/intellectual student and faculty contact
* Success at other institutions

Plan of Action: Establish a Committee and Gain Campus-Wide Support
* Establish a Committee to plan and implement the program; committee will
  Select a book/theme
  Obtain support
  Promote program
  Recruit and train faculty
  Produce materials
* Gain support from councils, committees, etc.

Some details:
* Campus-wide support is crucial
* Book/reading must be short, interesting, and provocative
* Program involves a major investment of time and energy; some money

Resolution From AAUP Regarding the Position of Assistant to the Provost for Women’s Concerns
(Welfare and Morale Committee)
There are grave concerns about many aspects of the formulation of the Equity Office. We hope to be able to address these concerns fully and openly with the administration. In the meantime, there is an issue that requires more immediate attention.

Therefore be it resolved:

To restore the position of Assistant to the Provost for Women’s Concerns, as originally charged and constituted, and as it functioned from 1991 through June of 1996, and proceed immediately with a search to be organized and conducted by the Faculty and Staff in coordination with the Provost’s Office.

It is the position of AAUP that open searches be conducted for all positions in order to avoid the appearance or reality of discrimination.