The September 8 Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by Chair Neufeld, 3:17 PM in the University Conference Room, IG Greer.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. VISITORS. Neufeld welcomed visitors and asked that they introduce themselves. (See voting sheet for visitors’ names.)

B. FACULTY SENATE REPLACEMENTS

Neufeld and the Committee on Committees recommended that Holly Hirst replace Mike Perry for one semester on the Senate and that Mike Moore replace Bob Schlagal (term expires in 1999). Moore will serve for one year and then is eligible to run for elections.

   VOTE 1  yes 14  no 0  abstain 2  The motion passed.

C. FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

At this time, the Faculty Senate committees met to choose chairpersons.

D. FACULTY SENATE WEB PAGE

Neufeld demonstrated the newly constructed Faculty Senate Web Page. The site will feature Faculty Senate officers, meeting dates, members, minutes (of both the Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees), committees, a discussion forum, retreats, and the Faculty Constitution.

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

A. MELISSA BARTH. Barth, Director of the Equity Office, spoke to the Senate and distributed a brochure about the Equity Office. Barth noted that the Equity Office is organized in a collaborative network structure and does not determine fault but rather tries to determine a resolution that both parties agree with. The Office serves all populations on campus including faculty, staff, students, and administrators and makes sure that all parties involved are represented. The Office maintains confidentiality and encourages mediation first.

B. JANE HELM/CLYDE ROBBINS. Jane Helm, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, spoke to the Senate on the status of campus construction and the campus Post Office. Helm noted that most of the construction on campus has already been started; some has been completed, i.e., Phase I of the Boiler Plant. (Phase II is under way.) The Science Building is planned to be completed by February of 1997. The new entrance to campus has been started with a completion date of spring. The Baseball Field, which has been moved to above the Football Field, should be completed within a month. The Parking Deck will hopefully go out to bid next month. It will add about 380 new parking spaces. The ASU Police will be relocated beside the Parking Deck.
and is being funded by Phase II of the Boiler Plant budget. Helm noted that there will be extensive street repairs made and that the General Assembly did not appropriate money for renovations to Rankin Science or the Library. (Rankin Science was first on Appalachian's list.) The only money appropriated was for the Convocation Center ($5.1 million), whose site cannot be started until the Department of Transportation widens the Hardin Street area which the DOT is supposed to complete by March 1998.
Helm noted that there will be another half-time person added to the staff at the Post Office to help with the twice a day delivery. This staff person will spend the other half-time at the Warehouse handling surplus property problems. The paperwork for this position has been sent through to Personnel Services.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. NEW ORDER OF BUSINESS

Dorgan moved to adopt the new order of business (new business in front of old business) as an interim until the Senate can determine if it will work or not. Winsor seconded.

VOTE 2  yes 19  no 0  abstain 0  The motion passed.

B. SENATE REPLACEMENT

Neufeld charged the Committee on Committees with the task of finding a replacement for Alex Erwin on the Senate.

C. CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Neufeld informed Senators that the Faculty Senate office subscribes to the Chronicle and they are welcomed to read through it at the Senate office.

D. REVISIING THE FACULTY SENATE HANDBOOK

Neufeld asked for volunteers to help revise the Faculty Senate Handbook. Anderson, Moore, and Neufeld will work on revising it.

E. FACULTY VOICE

Neufeld charged the Welfare and Morale Committee with composing the Faculty Voice. The first issue will be distributed by paper mail but will inform faculty that further issues will be available on the Faculty Senate Web Page.

F. FACULTY CONCERNS

1. Exam Time Changes. It was noted that in order to fit in the number of days school is in session (75 contact days) each semester, exams were shortened from three to two hours. It
was also noted that this possibly should have been an academic policy issue and should have gone through AP & P. This issue was referred to the Faculty Senate's Academic Policy Committee to investigate.

2. State Health Insurance. The inadequacies of the plan was referred to the Welfare and Morale Committee to research and address via a resolution to the Faculty Assembly. This will be coordinated with the Staff Council.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTE ON SENATE RESOLUTION RE: GRIEVANCES.

Neufeld reported that AAUP has been consulted on the whole issue of what was passed by the Board of Trustees regarding grievances, especially the importance of the second clause added by the Faculty Senate. Butts is a member of AAUP and will report to the Senate on issues brought up by AAUP. Anderson requested that a copy of what was passed by the Board of Trustees be given to Senators. Discussion followed. Hirst moved that the Faculty Senate wait until it heard from AAUP before action is taken. Winek seconded.

VOTE 3 yes 18 no 0 abstain 1 The motion passed.

The Senate took a break at 4:55 and reconvened at 5:10. A copy of what was passed by the Board of Trustees was distributed to Senators.

B. DPC REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS.

The seven recommendations derived from the February 24, 1997, special Senate meeting regarding DPC reform were referred to the Academic Policy Committee to work on.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AGENDA COMMITTEE

Neufeld announced that the Chancellor will be a guest speaker at the October Senate meeting. Neufeld asked Senators to submit questions for the Chancellor via e-mail to Neufeld by September 22. He will then compile them and forward them on to the Chancellor. Neufeld noted that the Chancellor will also take questions from Senators at the meeting.

B. ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Task Force on Distance Learning. The Committee was charged with keeping up with the Task Force on Distance Learning.

C. BUDGET COMMITTEE
1. Expenditure Plans for Equity Funding. A copy of the Expenditure Plans for Equity Funding ($3.4 million) was distributed to Senators.

2. Faculty Raises. Durham noted that funds are available for an average 4% (all merit) pay raise for faculty retroactive to July 1. The raise will arrive in their October paycheck.

D. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Renovation Money for Faculty Offices. The Campus Planning Committee was charged with looking into whether there was still money available for small improvements to faculty offices. Campbell asked that classrooms be added.

E. CHANCELLOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Neufeld noted that he has been in touch with the Chancellor's office to try to schedule meetings for this fall.

F. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

1. University Committee recommendations. The Committee recommended a slate of faculty to fill vacancies on University committees.

   VOTE 4 yes 20 no 0 abstain 0 The motion passed.

Neufeld asked the Committee on Committees to check on University Committees to see if they are meeting as required and functioning as a committee.

2. Academic Integrity Committee. Hirst moved that Alschuler, Parks, and Dorgan serve on the Academic Integrity Committee with three SGA students. The Committee will be convened by Bill Ward, the administrative member of the committee.

   VOTE 5 yes 18 no 0 abstain 2 The motion passed.

3. Post-tenure Review Committee for Plans for Appalachian. Parker asked the Senate to come up with six faculty members to serve on the Post-tenure Review Committee, which was adopted by the Board of Governors. Three of the faculty will actually be chosen by the Chancellor to serve on the Committee.

G. WELFARE AND MORALE COMMITTEE

No report.

H. WELFARE OF STUDENTS COMMITTEE
Report by Blimling. Neufeld noted that the Chancellor approved about two-thirds of the recommendations made in a report by Dr. Greg Blimling, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Dobson moved to adjourn the meeting. Toub seconded.

VOTE 6 yes 17 no 0 abstain 0 The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

/msh Submitted by Dee Parks