Chair Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. **The following members were present:** John All, Darlene Applegate, Ferhan Atici, Mustafa Atici, Nedra Atwell, James Berger, Ray Blankenship, Ellen Bonaguro, Charles Borders, Christopher Brown, Suzie Cashwell, Robert Choate, Jane Fife, Malia Formes, Bill Greenwalt, Michelle Hollis, Nezam Iraniparast, Pamela Jukes, Danita Kelley, Soleiman Kiasatpour, Amy Krull, Deborah Lively, Andrew McMichael, Connie Mills, Patricia Minors, Russell Moore, George Musambira, Sharon Mutter, David Neal, Yvonne Petkus, Heather Pulliam, Sylvia Pulliam, Jeffrey Samuels, Roger Scott, Sherrie Serros, Vernon Lee Sheeley, Nelda Sims, Robert Sims, Douglas Smith, Brian Strow, Jue Wang, Mary Wolinski, Uta Ziegler. **Alternate Members Present were:** Kathryn Abbott for Anthony Harkins, Robert Smith for Margaret Maxwell, Patricia Minter for Eric Reed, Mike Carini for Richard Hackney. **Members absent without alternate representation were:** Katie Alego, Mike Binder, John Bonaguro, Barbara Brindle, John Bruni, Barbara Burch, Beth Christian, Linda Coakley, Robert Dietle, Richard Dressler, Karin Egloff, Dana Emberton-Tinius, Sam Evans, Blaine Ferrell, Elmer Gray, Jeffrey Hackett, Kacy Harris, Robert Holman, William Howard, Dan Jackson, Robert Jefferson, Lois Jircitano, Kaveh Khatir, Wilma King-Jones, David Lee, Minwoo Lee, John Moore, Anne Onyekwuluje, Elizabeth Paris, Les Pesterfield, Keith Philips, Matt Pruitt, Gary Ransdell, Sherry Reid, Loren Ruff, Fred Siewers, Byron Sleugh, Peter St. Pierre, Edward Yager.

Election of Officers for 2004-05

Chair:

Chair Smith opened the floor for nominations for the 2004-05 Chair of the University Senate

Robert Smith nominated James Berger. Nezam Iraniparast nominated Sherrie Serros.

Senator Patricia Minter moved that nominations cease. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Uta Ziegler asked if each nominee accepted his or her nominations. Each nominee accepted. Next Senator Ziegler asked each nominee to make a statement on how they would view their duties as Chair of the University Senate.

Senator Serros said this is her third year as a Senator, and as Chair she would try to have things run more efficiently. She said she is a big proponent of open-meeting laws and believes the agendas should be out much quicker than they have in the past, and that minutes of the meetings should be posted well in advance of

the meetings. Next, she said the Senators that do not attend Senate meetings should to be notified that their absences are affecting governance. Senator Serros said that prior to coming to WKU, she served as Chair of the Faculty Senate at the University of Wisconsin - Platteville for three years.

Senator Berger said he served as Vice Chair of the University Senate this past year, and this will be his second year serving as Senator. He said in thinking about his role as Chair of the Senate, he would like to emphasize and strengthen the role that the faculty plays in the University Senate. He said he has seen reluctance among faculty members to participate, and when faculty members are here, we have wonderful discussions, he said he would like to continue encouraging this, and also wanted to get more people who do not come to the meetings to get involved in the process. Senator Berger said he wanted to start outreaching to more groups, first students, the major reasons he feels faculty members are here at the university, and then to our constituents. Senator Berger said he wants to involve students more, as well as working to involve the administration in more than adversarial roles that has been developed in previous years. He said he has been in several leadership positions, therefore has gotten used to working towards developing consensus and taking leadership when necessary. He said he would like to shorten the time of the meetings and improve communication between the University Senate and faculty. He said he believes he will be able to work towards that end. He said his experience as Vice Chair has helped him develop the experience necessary to take leadership of this body and bring it forward.

Next a secret ballot was taken for the Chair of the University Senate.

Senator Serros was given 28 votes and Senator Berger was given 18 votes.

Senator Sherrie Serros was named Chair of the University Senate for 2004-05.

Vice Chair:

Chair Smith opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Sherrie Serros nominated James Berger. A motion was made and seconded that nominations cease

Senator Berger was elected by acclamation.

Secretary:

Chair Smith opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

Senator Darlene Applegate nominated Senator Danita Kelley who respectfully declined.

Senator Darlene Applegate nominated Suzie Cashwell. A motion was made and seconded that nominations cease.

Senator Cashwell was elected by acclamation

Chair Douglas Smith thanked the members of the Senate for their support, and adjourned the Senate into college caucuses to nominate members to serve on the 2004-05 Committees of the University Senate: US Executive Committee, US Curriculum Committee, US General Education Committee, US Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee, and the US Committee on Academic Quality.

Committee Nominations

Bowling Green Community College

Executive Committee (1 rep) Michelle Hollis
University Curriculum Committee (1 rep) Charles Borders
University Curriculum Committee (1 alternate) – _____
General Education Committee (1 rep) – Deborah Lively
Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities (1 rep) – Kacy Harris
Committee on Academic Quality (1 rep) Dana Emberton-Tinius

Gordon Ford College of Business

Executive Committee (1 rep) – Ray Blankenship
University Curriculum Committee (1 rep) –_____
University Curriculum Committee (1 alternate) –_____
General Education Committee (1 rep) – Brian Strow
Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities (1 rep) – Christopher Brown
Committee on Academic Quality (1 rep) – Robert Sims

College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Executive Committee (1 rep) - Sharon Mutter
University Curriculum Committee (1 rep) – Marge Maxwell
University Curriculum Alternate _____
General Education Committee (1 rep) – Beth Christian
Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities (2 reps)
        Bill Greenwalt & Pamela Jukes
Committee on Academic Quality (1 rep) – Jim Berger

College of Health and Human Services

Executive Committee (1 rep) – Barbara Brindle
University Curriculum Committee (1 rep) Pat Minors
University Curriculum Alternate – Linda Coakley
General Education Committee (1 rep) – Danita Kelley

Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities (1 rep) – William Howard
Committee on Academic Quality (1 rep) – Peter St. Pierre

Ogden College of Science and Engineering

Executive Committee (1 rep) – Uta Ziegler
University Curriculum Committee (1 rep) – David Neal
University Curriculum Committee Alternate – Nezam Iraniparast
General Education Committee (1 rep) – Roger Scott
Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities (2 reps)
      Ferhan Atici and John All
Committee on Academic Quality (1 rep) - Mustafa Atici

Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Executive Committee (1 rep) George Musambira
University Curriculum Committee (1 rep) – Andrew McMichael
University Curriculum Committee Alternate – Yvonne Petkus
General Education Committee (1 rep) – Soleiman Kiasatpour
Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities (3 reps)
      Mary Wolinski, Ellen Bonaguro, and Eric Reed
Committee on Academic Quality (1 rep) – Douglas Smith

University Libraries

Executive Committee (1 rep) – Nelda Sims
University Curriculum Committee (1 rep) – Jue Wang
University Curriculum Committee Alternate – Connie Mills
Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities (1 rep) Connie Mills
Committee on Academic Quality (1 rep) – Nelda Sims

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Minors, Secretary   Lou Stahl, Recorder

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

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