



**Senator Earl Ray Tomblin
PO Box 116
Chapmanville, WV**

Dear Senator Tomblin:

The West Virginia Advisory Council of Faculty was constituted by state code to advise the Legislature, the Higher Education Policy Commission, the Community and Technical College Council, and local constituents and boards of governors about matters concerning higher education in the state. We provide a voice for 6,408 part-time and full-time higher education faculty, educating 82,845 traditional and nontraditional students throughout the state. In 2004, Higher Education Faculty brought more than \$158 million in research grants and contracts to the state in order to enhance the lives of all West Virginians, and we are key players in the important task of providing a literate citizenry, capable of critical thinking, and facilitating a flexible workforce, able to retool and adapt as the economic landscape changes.

Please read and keep the attached brochure that details Higher Education Faculty concerns for 2006. Please also view our website at <http://www.wvacf.org>. Click on the *Higher Education Faculty Resource Directory* from the link or at http://www.wvacf.org/wvacf/faculty_resources/. This is a state-wide directory that members of LOCEA asked us last year to create as a resource for them and for the citizens of West Virginia. We appreciate immensely your support of higher education and the faculty and staff who make the goals of higher education possible.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt, Chair
West Virginia Advisory Council of Faculty**