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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
HELD**

**ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008, AT  
4:00 P.M. IN THE  
DON MORRIS ROOM OF THE  
MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Uday Tate, Rex McClure, Joe Stone, Deepak Subedi, Maurice Lockridge (Assistant Chair), Linda Dobbs, Jonathan Cox, Michael Murphy, Mark Zanter, Brian Morgan, Karen Mitchell, Bonita Lawrence, Basant Karna, Scott Sarra, Tom Jones, Burnis Morris, Charles Hossler, Karen McNealy, Kelly Harlow, Sandra Prunty, Pat Conlon, Wael Zatar, Ben Miller, Eldon Larsen, Janet Dozier, Mary Jo Graham, Gregg Twietmeyer, Cam Brammer (Chair), Marty Laubach, Donna Sullivan, Barbara Tarter, Christina Burgueno, Christine Huhn, Josh Hagen, Chris White, Kathleen Bledsoe, Jennifer Sias (Recording Secretary), Ernest Walker, Mike Goldman, Rudy Wang, Elaine Hardman, Charles Clements, Jim Sottile, and Tracy Christofero.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Norton, Jim Joy, Mike McComas, Jennifer Mak, Eric Arnold, Keith Beard, Nancy Norton, Tina Sias, and Pier Paolo Claudio.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Cheryl Brown present.

**GUESTS:** Monica Brooks, Aaron Ryan, Allan Stern, Frances Hensley, Gayle Ormiston, Frederick Roth, Matt James, Stephen Kopp, Michael McGuffey, Corley Dennison, Rosalyn Templeton, Wayne Elmore, Steve Hensley, Andrew Copley, Len Deutsch, Shortie McKinney, and Larry Stickler.

Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Cam Brammer called the meeting to order at approximately 4:02 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the May 8, 2008 meeting were approved as read.  
Minutes of the June 19, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Dr. Cam Brammer

- A. Announced a reminder that Senators should sit around the table, others should sit at the chairs provided and cell phones should be set to “silent” mode. To ensure an accurate recording of the meeting, Senators should use the microphones when speaking; also, they are to stand and state their name and department.
- B. Requested each Senator to introduce themselves by giving their name, department and college.
- C. Requested those in the gallery to introduce themselves by giving their name and department.
- D. Reviewed the duties and responsibilities of Senators (on file in the Faculty Senate office).
- E. Solicited Senators for Liaison positions on the following standing committees:
  - Academic Planning **TRACY CHRISTOFERO**
  - Budget & Academic Policy **GREGG TWIETMEYER**
  - Legislative Affairs **MIKE GOLDMAN**
  - Library **BONITA LAWRENCE**
  - Physical Facilities & Planning **KAREN McNEALY**
  - Student Conduct & Welfare **CHRIS WHITE**
- F. Solicited a member for the President’s Blue Ribbon United Way Campaign Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> to begin at 9 a.m. in the Alumni Lounge. **PAT CONLON**
- G. Solicited a Senator to serve on the Pickens Queen Committee. **KAREN McNEALY**  
  
Solicited a Senator to serve on the Reynolds Committee. **UDAY TATE**  
Solicited a Senator to serve on the Hedrick Committee. **KELLY HARLOW**

- H. Announced the September meeting schedules: ACF – nothing on their online calendar: HEPC – next meeting scheduled for November 21, 2008 in Charleston, WV; and the MUBOG – next meeting scheduled for November 2008.
- I. Announced that the university president has returned all outstanding recommendations from Academic Year 07-08 and they are on file in the Faculty Senate office.
- J. Announced that an Art and Music Ed Oversight Committee has been formed to address any curricular issues pertaining to changes made last year; Dr. Jeff Pappas has convened the committee which is comprised of members from the College of Fine Arts and the College of Education & Human Services.
- K. Requested that the Faculty Evaluation & Compensation Review Ad Hoc Committee be dissolved as they have met and fulfilled their original charge. ***MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO DISSOLVE THIS AD HOC COMMITTEE.***
- L. Announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2008 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the John Spotts Room of the Memorial Student Center.
- M. Announced that if anyone is looking for a community service opportunity, The Hospital Hospitality House of Huntington is seeking volunteers. Informational brochures are available in the Faculty Senate office. Contact Ms. Jo Fannin at 304-522-1832 for further information.

### **3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**SR-08-09-01 EC:** Resolves that the Faculty Senate endorse the attached “Higher Education Faculty Legislative Agenda” as prepared by the Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF). ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO DEFER ACTION UNTIL REVIEWED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.***

**SR-08-09-02 IS:** Recommends that the new recreation center bear the name of Dr. Paul Ambrose. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

### **4. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:** Dr. Stephen Kopp

- Stated that they are working on improving the emergency text messaging system.
- Related that there will be an ABET accrediting body site visit in conjunction with its review of the engineering program at WVU Tech.
- Stated that they may ask the MUBOG to schedule a meeting in October 2008 in order to discuss the status of selling property at University Heights; the BOG must determine if these parcels are surplus property before they may be sold; also that student's leases at University Heights will be honored until June 2009.

5. **REPORT OF THE PROVOST:** Dr. Gayle Ormiston

- Stated that they are currently conducting a search for a Director of Recruitment.
- Discussion of student retention and how it impacts the university's finances; freshman rate is 71.6%; and they are conducting a review of each college's retention plan.
- They are conducting a review of current open faculty positions.
- They are conducting an inventory of computers for faculty and assessing future needs.
- His office is working with The Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning to develop faculty forums.

6. **BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT:** Dr. Monica Brooks

She distributed and discussed a handout (on file in the Faculty Senate office).

7. **ACF REPORT:** Dr. Ben Miller

- Stated that they met over the summer to plan strategy for this year's legislative agenda.
- Stated that interim legislative sessions have begun

- Stated that the legislature will be reviewing the method by which members of board of governors are selected.
- Stated that the ACF is asking all institutions of higher education for endorsement only of their legislative agenda and that there is a time factor as they wish to present it to the legislators when they are writing legislation in October.

***WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO RECONSIDER THE ACF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.  
MOTION DEFEATED.***

**8. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE: (5 minutes per person)**

- A. Marty Laubach requested that faculty speak with their students about the current status of our country's economy and give them an opportunity to express their views.

**9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

There were none.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:58 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Jennifer Sias, Recording Secretary

Faculty Senate