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

**ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008, AT  
4:00 P.M. IN THE  
DON MORRIS ROOM OF THE  
MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Uday Tate, Shane Tomblin, Joe Stone, Deepak Subedi, Larry Stickler (Chair), Stephen Lawson, Peter Saveliev, Brian Morgan, Ralph Oberste-Vorth, Yulia Dementieva, Clayton Brooks (Recording Secretary), Dan Hollis, Jennifer Perry, Karen McNealy, Kelly Harlow, Sandra Prunty, Venkat Gudivada, Stephen O'Keefe, Jerry Doyle, Ben Miller, Sissy Isaacs, Melinda Backus, Kathy Seelinger, Jennifer Mak, Janet Dozier, Melisa Reed, James Leonard, Barbara Tarter, Susan Gilpin, Jamie Warner, Dan Holbrook, Keith Beard, Camilla Brammer, David Winter, Kay Wildman, Wendy Moorhead, William Cocke, Ernest Walker, Nancy Norton, Tina Sias, Mike Goldman, Pam Staton, Rudy Wang, and Elaine Hardman.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rex McClure, Linda Dobbs, Michael Stroehrer, Dan Babb, Michael Norton, Barbara O'Byrne, Laura Wyant, Gary McIlvain, Pam Mulder, Marty Laubach, Donna Sullivan, and Kenneth Guyer (Assistant Chair).

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Cheryl Brown present.

**GUESTS:** Jim Stephens, Michael McGuffey, Tony Szwilski, Monica Brooks, Nerissa Young, Maria Carmen Riddel, Frances Hensley, Barbara Winters, Sarah Denman, Rosalyn Templeton, Stephen Kopp, and Morgan Unger (There were four signatures I could not decipher).

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

## 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the January 31, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

## 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Larry Stickler

- 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 recoding of the meeting, Senators should use the microphones when speaking; also, they are to stand and state their name and department.
- B. Announced the March meeting schedules: ACF–no meeting scheduled for this month; HEPC–no meeting scheduled for this month; and the MUBOG–scheduled to meet March 26, 2008.
- C. Announced that the Faculty Senate office has received an electronic copy of the 2007 Higher Education Salary Report.
- D. Announced that the Executive Committee is scheduled to meet Monday, March 3, 2008 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge of the Memorial Student Center.
- E. Announced that the Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, March 20, 2008 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.
- F. Announced that the University President has approved the following recommendations: SR-07-08-(15) 46 BAPC, SR-07-08-(16) 47 CC, SR-07-08-(17) 48 CC, and SR-07-08-(18) 49 FDC.
- G. Announced that the University President has disapproved the following recommendations: SR-07-08-(11) 42 SCWC (ban on use of cell phones in classrooms) [COMMENTS: It is unclear what implementation mechanisms would be utilized and how this policy would be enforced and what penalties would be imposed; It seems that incorporating a statement about cell phones in the course syllabus would resolve this matter without necessitating a formal policy.] and SR-07-08-(13) 44 FPC (creation of a professor-senior level rank). [COMMENTS: The policy should be amended to include specific criteria above and beyond the current criteria for professor/senior level; A cost analysis study should be conducted to determine the cost of the program and the impact on future faculty raises; The policy needs to address the time period after denial of promotion within which the faculty member may reapply and how many times they may reapply.]

- H. Discussed with the Faculty Senate the upcoming elections in April—ALL senators are up for election and it is vitally important that they consider running again or speak with their constituents about running for election. Election notices have been mailed to the college deans with a request that results be submitted by April 7, 2008. A special meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing new officers, college representatives to the Executive Committee, and liaisons to the standing committees.
- I. Expressed appreciation to Dr. Sarah Denman for increasing the Research Scholars Awards allocation (\$205) so that all student applicants may receive funding for their capstone projects.

**3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**SR-07-08-(21) 52 CC:** Recommends approval of the listed COURSE ADDITIONS in the COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS and a COURSE DELETION in the LEWIS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

**SR-07-08-(22) 53 CC:** Recommends approval of the listed ADDITION, DELETION OR CHANGE OF A MINOR from the COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

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

- Briefly discussed the bills pending in the House and Senate of the WV Legislature.
- Provided an update on the university's current and the foundation's anticipated construction projects.
- Expressed appreciation to faculty serving on the Core Foundations Ad Hoc Committee.

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

- Requested that faculty review and forward the information they will soon receive concerning the Great Teacher's Institute.

**6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Each liaison reported to-date on their respective committee.

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

A. Dr. Larry Stickler, Chair, Core Foundations Ad Hoc Committee

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

There were none.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:40 P.M.**