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

**ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007, AT  
4:00 P.M. IN THE  
  
ALUMNI LOUNGE OF THE MEMORIAL  
STUDENT CENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rex McClure, Uday Tate, Shane Tomblin, Joe Stone, Deepak Subedi, Larry Stickler (Chair), Linda Dobbs, Peter Saveliev, Dan Babb, Michael Norton, Brian Morgan, Karen Mitchell, Clayton Brooks (Recording Secretary), Daniel Dementiev, Dan Hollis, Jennifer Perry, Karen McNealy, Kelly Harlow, Sandra Prunty, Barbara O'Byrne, Stephen O'Keefe, Jerry Doyle, Ben Miller, Sissy Isaacs, Melinda Backus, Laura Wyant, Jennifer Mak, Gary McIlvain, Janet Dozier, Melisa Reed, Barbara Tarter, Susan Gilpin, Pam Mulder, Jamie Warner, Dan Holbrook, Keith Beard, Camilla Brammer, Marty Laubach, Donna Sullivan, David Winter, Wendy Moorhead, William Cocke, Kenneth Guyer (Assistant Chair), Ernest Walker, Nancy Norton, Tina Sias, Mike Goldman, Pam Staton, Rudy Wang, and Elaine Hardman.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stephen Lawson, Michael Stroehler, Ralph Oberste-Vorth, Venkat Gudivada, John Biros, Kathy Seelinger, James Leonard, and Kay Wildman.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Cheryl Brown present.

**GUESTS:** Sandra Marra, Frances Hensley, Shortie McKinney, Elaine Baker, Sarah Denman, Burnis Morris, Nerissa Young, Corley Dennison, Steve Hensley, Dominique Elmore, Monica Brooks, Mike Dunn, Michael McGuffey, and Leonard Deutsch.

Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Larry Stickler called the meeting to order at approximately 4:01 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the November 29, 2007 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 recording of the meeting, Senators should use the microphones when speaking; also, they are to stand and state their name and department.
- B. Announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2008 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the John Spotts Room of the Memorial Student Center.
- C. Solicited Senators for Liaison positions on the following standing committees:  
Academic Planning \_\_\_\_\_  
Budget & Academic Policy \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Announced that last year the WV Legislature approved changes with the state employee grievance procedures and that the new grievance rules may be found at [http://pegboard.state.wv.us/PEG\\_Bd%20Filed%20Procedural%20Rules.pdf](http://pegboard.state.wv.us/PEG_Bd%20Filed%20Procedural%20Rules.pdf). The link may also be accessed from the Faculty Senate homepage.

**3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**SR-07-08-(11) 42 SCWC:** It is recommended that the university ban the use of cell phones in all the classrooms during classes and exams. It is also recommended that students be allowed to set their cell phones to “vibrating” or “silent” mode and walk out of the classroom to answer the phone in the event of an emergency. It is further recommended that individual instructors be permitted to relax this policy in their classes if they feel appropriate to do so. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

**SR-07-08-(12) 43 CC:** Recommends approval of the formatting changes to the attached .PDF curricular forms—Undergraduate Course Addition, Undergraduate Course Deletion, Undergraduate Course Change, Request for Undergraduate Addition-Deletion-or Change of an Area of Emphasis, Request for Undergraduate Addition-Deletion-or Change of a

Certificate Program, Request for Undergraduate Addition-Deletion-or Change of a Minor, and Request for Undergraduate Addition-Deletion-or Change of a Major. **WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.**

**SR-07-08-(13) 44 FPC:** Recommends creating a Professor-Senior Level rank at Marshall University. **WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.**

**MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO ADD A RECOMMENDATION TO THE AGENDA**

**SR-07-08-XX LA:** Recommends that the Marshall University Faculty Senate, President Kopp, and the University Board of Governors jointly express our appreciation to Governor Manchin, Senate President Tomblin, House Speaker Thomson, and the State legislators for their support of higher education legislation and many of the funding requests for Marshall University in the 2007 Legislative Session. We applaud their efforts in increasing appropriations to the need-based financial aid program, the Promise scholarship, and various grant-matching programs. Senator Robert Plymale of the Education Committee should be commended on his leadership, vision, and guidance. Our area legislators, especially in the Cabell, Kanawha, Wayne, Putnam, Mason, Raleigh, and the southwestern counties, should be commended for their continuing strong support. Furthermore, we respectfully urge their continued support of the 2008 legislative agendas submitted by the HEPC's Advisory Council of Faculty and by Marshall University. **WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.**

**MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR AGENDA**

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

Absent, no report.

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

- ACF met November 29, 2007

- They are in the process of preparing a document that details their legislative agenda for presentation to the WV Legislature.

**6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Each liaison reported to-date on their respective committee.

Dr. Stickler provided an update on the various ad hoc committees: Constitutional, Faculty Evaluation and Compensation Review, and Core Foundations.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:44 P.M.**