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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
HELD
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE
DON MORRIS ROOM OF THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Stone, Joseph Samek, Uday Tate, Shane Tomblin, Joan St. Germain, Larry Stickler (Chair), Stephen Lawson, Clayton Brooks, Ashok Vaseashta, Dan Babb, Ralph Oberste-Vorth, Chuck Bailey, Dan Hollis, Denise Landry, Debi Woda, Susan Imes, Karen McNealy, Venkat Gudivada, Stephen O’Keefe, Barbara O’Byrne, Jerry Doyle, Ben Miller, Janet Dozier, Sissy Isaacs, James Burton, Melinda Backus, Nick Freidin, Jerise Fogel, James Leonard, Marybeth Beller, Karl Winton, Pam Mulder, Jamie Warner, Rainey Duke, Keith Beard, Wendy Moorhead, Floyd Csir, Rudy Wang, Charles Clements, Vernon Reichenbecher, William Cocke, Kenneth Guyer (Recording Secretary), Ernest Walker, Nancy Norton, and Tina Sias.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Blaker Bolling, Mike Murphy, Karen Mitchell, Peter Saveliev, Bonnie Lawrence, Brian Morgan, James Sottile, George Watson, and Cheryl Brown (Assistant Chair).

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Dallas Brozik present.

GUESTS: Destiny Washington, Sarah Denman, Michael Cornfeld, Chaire Sherwood, Elizabeth Hanrahan, Dan Martin, Herb Tesser, Rick McCormick, Winnie Black, Allan Stern, Don Van Horn, Tony Szwilski, Michael McGuffey, Bill Pierson, Rosalyn Templeton, Leonard Deutsch, Shortie McKinney, Jim Stephens, Michael Misiti, Menis Ketchum, Stephen Kopp, and a couple of signatures that were not readable.

SINCE THE RECORDING SECRETARY HAD NOT YET ARRIVED, DR. STICKLER SOLICITED A SENATOR TO VOLUNTEER AS ACTING SECRETARY, JAMES BURTON VOLUNTEERED.

Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Larry Stickler called the meeting to order at approximately 4:07 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a quorum. Minutes of the December 8, 2005 meeting were approved as read.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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.
- B. Announced a reminder that Senators should use the microphones and state their name/college when speaking.
- C. Introduced Destiny Washington; she is the Faculty Senate’s Parthenon reporter for this semester.
- D. Solicited a liaison for the University Functions Committee. ***KARL WINTON VOLUNTEERED.***

- E. Announced that the Executive Committee will meet on Monday, February 13, 2006 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center's John Spotts Room.
- F. Announced that the Faculty Senate will meet on Thursday, February 23, 2006 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.
- G. Announced that Tuesday, January 31, 2006 is "MU Day @ the Legislature".
- H. Announced the January meeting schedules: ACF – no meeting listed on website; HEPC – no meeting scheduled for January; and the MUBOG – met January 25, 2006 in South Charleston, WV.
- I. Announced that Wednesday, February 15, 2006 is "Higher Education Day at the Capitol".
- J. Announced that the University President has approved the following recommendations: SR-05-06-(08) 53-110 CC and SR-05-06-(09) 54-111 CC.
- K. Reminded Senators that 2006 is an election year for those whose term expires in May and also that officers and members of the Executive Committee will be elected at a special meeting scheduled in April. The term of office for Senators is two years and they may serve four terms for a total of eight years. If any Senator has a question about their length of service they should contact Bernice at x64376.
- L. Announced that the new Faculty & Staff Commons is open daily from 11:30 am – 1:30 p.m. for lunch with regular operating hours (beginning January 30, 2006) of 7:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. The Commons is in the Memorial Student Center in the former location of the John Marshall Dining Room.
- M. Announced the new web address for ACF: www.wvacf.org
- N. Announced that the latest solicitation of funds for the faculty flower fund netted \$240.
- O. Introduced Parliamentarian Dallas Brozik to speak about maintaining confidentiality of items sent by the Faculty Senate office via campus mail or email.
- P. Announced a reminder that faculty are encouraged to participate in the Strategic Vision Process. Input may be made by going online to www.marshall.edu/strategic. The process is an ongoing suggestion line.
- Q. Announced that faculty are encouraged to read and comment on the report that is being prepared for the North Central Accreditation visit. Instructions to access the report may be found online at www.marshall.edu/nca at the link for the January 2006 newsletter. Dr. Deutsch was available to answer questions.
- R. Announced that most colleges have obtained representation for the Faculty Evaluation & Compensation **Review** Ad Hoc Committee and that a meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

DR. STICKLER ANNOUNCED THAT DR. KOPP WAS ENROUTE AND WOULD ARRIVE SOON. HE REQUESTED TO CONTINUE WITH THE AGENDA.

4. BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT:

Dr. Sottile was not in attendance; no report.

5. ACF REPORT:

Dr. Miller reported that:

- ◆ Faculty should contact their local legislators to encourage them to approve the Annual Experience Increment (AEI) for faculty. He stated that there has been discussion within the legislature as to the definition of faculty in that the AEI is awarded to full-time employees and most faculty teach 9-10 months each year. He urged faculty to discuss with their legislators what other teaching and research related duties they conduct during their non-teaching months.
- ◆ He distributed an email from Dr. Shurbutt, Chair, ACF, which contains a sample letter (on file in the Faculty Senate office) that pertains to funding for the PROMISE scholarship program. He urged faculty to send the letter to their local legislators. ***IT WAS REQUESTED THAT DR. MILLER SEND THE MESSAGE TO BERNICE BULLOCK SO SHE COULD ELECTRONICALLY DISTRIBUTE IT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY SENATE.***
- ◆ He announced that the next ACF meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2006 but that neither he nor Dr. Bailey would be able to attend; he solicited a volunteer to attend, no one came forward.

6. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

SR-05-06-(10) 55-112 CC: Recommends approval of the listed COURSE ADDITIONS in the ELIZABETH McDOWELL LEWIS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

SR-05-06-(11) 56-113 CC: Recommends approval of the listed CURRICULUM ACTION REQUESTS for the COLLEGE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

SR-05-06-(12) 57-114 CC: Recommends approval of the listed COURSE CHANGES for the COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

SR-05-06-(13) 58-115 APC: Recommends that the following academic programs be continued at their current level of activity, with the designation as a program of excellence. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

SR-05-06-(14) 59-116 APC: Recommends that the following academic programs be continued at their current level of activity. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED AS AMENDED.***

SR-05-06-(15) 60-117 APC: Recommends that the following academic program be identified for further development. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

CONFIDENTIAL SR-05-06-(16) 61-118 IS: Recommends approval to nominate the following individuals be added to the list for consideration as recipients of an honorary degree. *WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.*

MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO BRING A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR

SR-05-06-(17) 62-119 FPC: Recommends revision of SR-97-98-4 (FPC) which pertains to “Instructor of Record”. *WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.*

3. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

Dr. Kopp reported that:

- ◆ The themes for the Strategic Vision Process have been presented to the Board of Governors who gave positive comments. The first action plan with goals, strategies, progress indicators, benchmarks, and budget will be completed in February 2006.
- ◆ He has been communicating with legislators about the status of WVU Institute of Technology’s proposed engineering program in South Charleston at the DOW facility. The future of Tech is not known at present; in fact, nothing may happen. A topic of discussion is whether the state will provide funds for the research park at DOW. Marshall has put together several proposals on how the facility may be used.
- ◆ He is working with the legislature to improve funding for the university.
- ◆ There is legislation that, if approved, would place a 2% cap on tuition increases for recipients of the PROMISE scholarship.
- ◆ He is speaking with legislators about a Marshall University Institute for Interdisciplinary Research. He is asking the state for one-time money to start the Institute and stated that it will not require base funding from the university.

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 5:37 P.M.