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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
HELD
ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE ALUMNI LOUNGE OF
THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Blaker Bolling, Joe Abramson, Purnendu Mandal, Glenda Lowry, Sissy Isaacs, Clara Reese, James Sottile, Jr. (President), Roxane Dufrene, Melisa Reed, Elaine Baker, Kellie Bean, Pam Mulder, Stephen Haas, Nick Freidin, Cheryl Brown, Jerry Jones, Chuck Bailey, Dan Hollis, Larry Stickler (Vice-President), Stan Sporny, Mike Murphy, Joan St. Germain, Seth Bush, Chuck Somerville, Jeff May, Clayton Brooks (Secretary), Ashok Vaseashta, Karen Mitchell, Bruce Brown, Susan Imes, Wendy Moorhead, Judith Arnold, Donna Donathan, Eldon Larsen, Blake Sypher, Robert Williams, Mike Gibbs, Charles Clements, Isabel Pino, Vernon Reichenbecher.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kurt Olmosk, Jerise Fogel, Ray Rappold, Fred Pauley, Rebecca Appleton, Karen Bailey, Karen McNealy, Kenneth Guyer, Beverly Delidow, Rudy Wang.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Dallas Brozik present.

GUESTS: Bill Pierson, Jeff Ellis, Don Van Horn, Jane McKee, Tony Szwilski, Martha Woodward, Dan Martin, Dave Ridpath, Marshall Onofrio, Janet Dozier, Corley Dennison, Hal Shaver, Michael McGuffey, Sarah Denman, Brenda Dawley, G. Oakley, Jim Terry.

Faculty Senate President James Sottile, Jr. called the meeting to order at approximately 4:02 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a quorum. Minutes of the April 24, 2003 meeting were approved as read.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Dr. Sottile distributed recognition certificates and gave a hearty "Thank You" to the following departing Senators: Kurt Olmosk, Glenda Lowry, Clara Reese, Stan Sporny, Elaine Baker, Ray Rappold, Matt Carlton, Chuck Somerville, Jeff May, Wendy Moorhead, Blake Sypher, Robert Williams, Beverly Delidow, Rebecca Appleton, Jerry Jones, and Fred Pauley.
- B. Announced the Spring General Faculty voting results: James Sottile Jr. will be the faculty representative on the MU Board of Governors and the Faculty Constitution revisions were approved.
- C. Announced that the University President has **read** the following Recommendations:
SR-02-03-(47) 77 EC: Recommends that the following revisions be made to The Constitution of the Marshall University Faculty in order to align its language with current practices.
SR-02-03-(59) 89 EC: The Patriot Act Resolution.
- D. Announced that the University President has **approved** the following Recommendations:

SR-02-03-(51) 81 UF: Recommends, that in addition to names previously submitted that the following individuals be considered for an honorary degree or as commencement speaker at the May 2003 Commencement.

SR-02-03-(52) 82 LA: Recommends that the Faculty Senate encourage the Marshall University Board of Governors to continue the current salary policy that a 10 percent salary increase be awarded upon the faculty promotion. It is further recommended that such a policy be included in the Greenbook.

SR-02-03-(53) 83 LA: Recommends that the Faculty Senate work with the Marshall University Board of Governors to establish a policy that continues to encourage the use of, and a primary reliance on, full-time faculty.

SR-02-03-(54) 84 FS: Recommends that the 2003 Facilities/Land Use Master Plan Committee be

advised that we are opposed to the creation of classrooms that seat more than 100 students except in special circumstances as needed by any individual department.

SR-02-03-(55) 85 PFPC: Recommends that each year the Physical Facilities & Planning Committee after consulting with the Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Senior Vice President for Operations, the Registrar, and interested department chairs, identify and recommend for refurbishing as many classrooms as the allocated budget will allow with the goal of updating between two or more classrooms per year.

SR-02-03-(57) 87 CC: Recommends approval of the listed COURSE ADDITION for the COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS.

SR-02-03-(58) 88 CC: Recommends approval of the listed COURSE CHANGE for the COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES.

3. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

Dr. Angel stated he would like to share some comparatively good news as we have been under budgetary restrictions all year. Last week a presentation was made to the HEPC concerning the 7.5% tuition recommendation by the Chancellor who utilized a grading system based upon SB2224. MU received a rating of Good mostly because of our graduation rate. Graduation rates are scored by the federal government using a six year scale; graduates of 2002 are compared with enrollment in 1996. Our enrollment type in 1996 was "Open," we now are considered to be at the Liberal level, but the Chancellor feels we should be at the Selective Enrollment level. The University is being scored based on the Selective Enrollment outcomes compared to its 1996 Open Enrollment figures. A request for a change in the University's Compact concerning this issue is and will continue to be made. Tuition increases approved by the HEPC are 9.25% for the University and 4.25% for the Community & Technical College.

A second budgetary issue important to the University is Peer Equity Funds. The first year these funds were distributed the University received \$1.1 million and the second year received \$100 thousand with both amounts being reduced 13% this year. Another category of peer funds, Sustained Quality Funds, was to have been divided among all institutions but the University has never received any. Peer Equity Funds were distributed based upon comparison with national peers; SB2224 changed the language to create an

Internal Equity Fund, in that comparison is now based on peers within the state, and due to the new language MU is to receive half a million dollars from this fund. This half million will be placed in academic programs.

A third budgetary issue concerns research funds which will be divided with WVU. MU should receive \$225 thousand or 31% of available funds.

A fourth budgetary issue concerns the University's growth last year and how it will enable a funding increase of a half million dollars into the academic programs budget. The growth resulted from an increase in out-of-state tuition and fees. He expressed his compliments to the personnel of Enrollment Management. All total, the academic programs budget will increase \$1.1 million next year.

A fifth budgetary issue concerns the investment losses of the MU Foundation. This comes as no surprise as it is happening across the country.

The Medical School has had \$1.5 million restored to its budget.

Dr. Angel stated that growth is what enabled stability in the University's budget and he reminded those present that 40% of growth comes from student tuition and fees. An increase in the recruitment activities budget will benefit us all.

He announced that this will be the largest graduation class with 2,758 graduates which is 200 more than last year.

4. BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT:

Dr. Onofrio reported that the next meeting will be May 14, 2003 in Huntington, WV and will consist of committee meetings and budgetary discussions.

The Academic Affairs Committee met May 7, 2003 and considered 26 program reviews; all were approved except two that were tabled until the May 14th meeting. Recommendations will be made to the Board of Governor's and forwarded to the HEPC by May 30, 2003.

He expressed thanks to all for their assistance to the Board of Governor's and he congratulated Dr. James Sottile, Jr. as the new faculty representative.

5. ACF REPORT:

Dr. Chuck Bailey reported that the ACF had met April 23, 2003 in Charleston, WV with discussion on the following topics:

- They will work with the Chancellor and governor's office to make sure that the higher education professor of the year is recognized during the State of the State Address, currently the public education teacher of the year is recognized. They feel this is an omission and should be corrected.

- Reminded all that faculty is to be involved in the creation of any policy that will affect them.
- Announced that July 1, 2003 is the deadline for governing boards to adopt policies regarding the balance between full-time and adjunct faculty, and the roles of part-time classified staff.
- Questioned if each institutions sabbatical policy is to be grandfathered in or is it to be reviewed/revised by their Board.
- Informed all of an incident at WV State College involving a faculty member and an adversarial student. Questioned BRIM coverage.
- Gave praise to MU's faculty for their efforts in working to get faculty issues addressed by the legislature.
- Discussed the Promise scholarship and the retention rate which is anticipated to be 60-70%.
- There currently are 35 subscribers to the higher edu faculty list-serve with 11 from MU.
- The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2003 with the Chancellor and all faculty senate presidents invited.

6. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

SR-02-03-(60) 90 SCWC: Recommends the approval of the following proposed policy revisions to the 2003 Marshall University Student Code of Conduct. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED.***

SR-02-03-(61) 91 CC: Recommends approval of the attached "Proposal to Reactivate Degree Program in Computer Science." ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED.***

SR-02-03-(62) 92 CC: Recommends approval of the listed **CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST** from the **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES.** ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED.***

SR-02-03-(63) 93 CC: Recommends approval of the listed **COURSE ADDITIONS** in the **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES.** ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED.***

SR-02-03-(64) 94 CC: Recommends approval of the listed **COURSE CHANGES** for the **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES.** ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED.***

SR-02-03-(65) 95 CC: Recommends approval of the listed **COURSE DELETION** for the **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES.** ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED.***

7. **REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE:**

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- A. Mr. Jim Terry, Public Safety, spoke of student/faculty confrontations. He distributed a handout (on file in the Senate office) that gave WV Code information about malicious or unlawful assault, assault, battery and the penalties of each.
- B. Mr. Jeff Ellis, Physical Plant Health & Safety Specialist, spoke about BRIM coverage for faculty. He distributed a handout (on file in the Senate office) that details the University's coverage.

8. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

There were none.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:48 P.M.