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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
HELD
ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2002, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE ALUMNI LOUNGE OF
THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Blaker Bolling, Purnendu Mandal, Glenda Lowry, Sissy Isaacs, Clara Reese, James Sottile, Jr. (President), Roxane Dufrene, Melisa Reed, Elaine Baker, Kellie Bean, Pam Mulder, Stephen Haas, Cheryl Brown, Richard Garnett, Ray Rappold, Jerry Jones, Fred Pauley, Chuck Bailey, Dan Hollis, Larry Stickler, Stan Sporny, Mike Murphy, Joan St. Germain, Matt Carlton, Seth Bush, Jeff May, Clayton Brooks, Ashok Vaseashta, Denise Landry, Bruce Brown, Sandra Marra, Karen McNealy, Wendy Moorhead, Judith Arnold, Donna Donathan, Blake Sypher, Robert Williams, Kenneth Guyer, Beverly Delidow, Rudy Wang, Mike Gibbs, Charles Clements, Isabel Pino, and Vernon Reichenbecher.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kurt Olmosk, Karl Winton, Chuck Somerville, Karen Mitchell, Rebecca Appleton, Scott Simonton, and David Chaffin.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Dallas Brozik present.

GUESTS: Ben Miller, Pat Miller (American Red Cross), Rachel Black (American Red Cross), Christina Murphy, Sam Dameron, Marshall Onofrio, Sarah Denman, Steve Hensley, and Michael McGuffey.

Faculty Senate President Sottile called the meeting to order at approximately 4:10 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a quorum. Minutes of the September 5, 2002 meeting were approved as read.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Reminder that Senators should sit around the table, others should sit at the chairs or oval table provided.
- B. Announce/introduce new Senators: Karen Mitchell-COS and Thelma (Sissy) Isaacs-COEHS.
- C. November meeting schedules: ACF –November 14, 2002; HEPC –November 15, 2002 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Charleston, WV; and the MUBOG –November 13, 2002.
- D. The amendments for the Faculty Constitution have been approved to remove the Community & Technical College as an academic unit; granting MCTC faculty membership, as ex-officio voting members, on five standing committees; granting the Faculty Council President membership on the Faculty Senate and the Executive Committee as an ex-officio voting member; and revising the membership of the Faculty Development Committee.
- E. Solicit nominations and hold election for Vice-President and Secretary. **No nominations were made for the position of secretary. Dr. Sottile then asked if**

any senator would like to volunteer and there were no responses. Larry Stickler was nominated for the position of Vice-President, there being no further nominations, he was elected by acclamation.

- F. Discussion of the Executive Committee's decision about the Academic Freedom Ad Hoc Committee's requests -to be dissolved, -that an outside source be hired to conduct a survey, -to wait until electronic voting software has been purchased to conduct a survey. **It was moved, seconded, and approved that Dr. Sottile would prepare a two question survey to be emailed to all faculty to determine if there is a freedom of expression issue.**
- G. Announced that Drs. Frances Hensley and Bob Edmunds will be invited to the November meeting to discuss converting/transferring course credits.
- H. Announced that Dr. Ed Grose will attend another meeting to discuss current & proposed construction as he is not available due to an accident.

3. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

Dr. Angel stated he had three items for discussion: The governor's directive to develop a 2003-04 budget reflecting a 10% reduction; the possible reassessment of peer groups; and national prominence.

He feels it is important that we all become involved in informing our legislators and the public that a 10% reduction is extremely harmful to Marshall University and higher education in West Virginia. He would like the legislature to introduce new taxes, raise the tobacco tax, or revise the pop tax so it is an equitable distribution. He would like to see Marshall become a leader in providing public health education.

He explained how Senate Bill 653 established the current peer structure for higher education based on an NCHEMS study and that there has been discussion by the Higher Education Policy Commission to begin a reassessment evaluation now and not wait until 2005 as stated in the senate bill. He feels this issue will be settled by the legislature in their next session.

He stated that national prominence is a difficult topic to discuss in light of a possible budget reduction. Currently we have programs recognized on a national level—rural medicine, rural education, HELP, and forensic medicine. He spoke of how research can lead to additional national prominence by selecting areas of research that will ensure success due to our existing talents and resources. A Research and Creativity Council has been formed to assist faculty in learning how to identify, apply, and secure research grants.

4. ACF REPORT:

Dr. Miller reported that the ACF met last week in Glenville, WV and a topic of discussion was faculty involvement with the legislature. Ideas for increasing communication between faculty and legislators were exchanged. He will share these

ideas with our Legislative Affairs Committee. ACF is preparing a pamphlet that can be customized for a particular institution, for distribution to legislators.

Also discussed was the HEPC decision to change its policy for reviewing programs with low productivity and graduation rates. The central office will provide notice to those programs but the final decision to continue or cut will be made by the local Board of Governors.

It was also noted that although scores are low for the higher education report card, the method for collecting and analyzing data is not fair to West Virginia institutions.

An issue of discussion was the desire of faculty to evaluate administration. Upon review it was determined that Marshall University has an established approach.

5. BUDGET REDUCTION TASKFORCE REPORT:

Dr. Onofrio reported that the taskforce has been charged with the responsibility to prepare recommendations with ideas of ways to increase revenue and reduce expenditures that will meet a 10% or less budget reduction. If you have any ideas send them to Herb Karlet or Layton Cottrill.

Dr. Onofrio reported on the request that he gather information pertaining to the evaluation of administrators. He distributed a handout (see office files) which summarizes how administrators (chairs, directors, deans, vice presidents, etc.) within Marshall and the Marshall Community & Technical College are evaluated.

6. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

SR-02-03-(4) 34 LA: Recommends that the Faculty Senate ask the University President, Dr. Dan Angel, and the Marshall University Board of Governors to exercise all available resources and connections with the Legislature and Governor's office to mitigate any potential budgetary reductions in higher education. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED.***

SR-02-03-(5) 35 EC: Recommends that the Faculty Senate, the University President, and the Marshall University Board of Governors support an enhancement legislation on SB653 which re-instates the voting memberships on the WV Higher Education Policy Commission for faculty, classified staff employees, and students. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED.***

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND APPROVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA.

SR-02-03-(8) 38 BAPC: Recommends that the University adopt the attached Academic Calendar 2003 – 2004 and the Academic Calendar 2004 – 2005. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED AS AMENDED.***

SR-02-03-(9) 39 BAPC: Recommends a revision to the late registration policy as proposed by the Deans Council. The revised policy would read as follows: “Beginning in Fall 2003, late registration for on-campus, undergraduate students will be limited to the first three days of each regular semester. Schedule adjustment for enrolled students will continue to be held during the first week of each regular semester.” ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED.***

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Each liaison reported to-date on their respective committee.

8. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE:

A. Ms. Pat Miller, American Red Cross

She distributed a packet of information (see office files) and informed them that a Blood Services Advisory Committee has been created to monitor the contributions by various groups on campus. She encouraged the Senate to sponsor a blood drive. **Dr. Sottile will send an all faculty email to solicit a faculty sponsor.**

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

There were none.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:35 P.M.