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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
HELD
ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2002, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE ALUMNI LOUNGE OF
THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Olmosk, Purnendu Mandal, Glenda Lowry, Sissy Isaacs, Clara Reese, James Sottile, Jr. (President), Roxane Dufrene, Melisa Reed, Elaine Baker, Kellie Bean, Pam Mulder, Karl Winton, Cheryl Brown, Ray Rappold, Jerry Jones, Fred Pauley, Chuck Bailey, Dan Hollis, Larry Stickler (Vice-President), Mike Murphy, Seth Bush, Jeff May, Clayton Brooks (Secretary), Ashok Vaseashta, Karen Mitchell, Rebecca Appleton, Denise Landry, Bruce Brown, Sandra Marra, Karen McNealy, Wendy Moorhead, Judith Arnold, Robert Williams, Kenneth Guyer, Beverly Delidow, Rudy Wang, Mike Gibbs, Charles Clements, Isabel Pino, and Vernon Reichenbecher.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Blaker Bolling, Stephen Haas, Richard Garnett, Stan Sporny, Joan St. Germain, Matt Carlton, Chuck Somerville, Donna Donathan, Scott Simonton, Blake Sypher, and David Chaffin.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Dallas Brozik present.

GUESTS: Bob Edmunds, Hal Shaver, Corley Dennison, Bill Pierson, Evelyn Pupplo-Cody, Christina Murphy, Dan Holbrook, Lynne Welch, Frances Hensley, and one signature I could not read.

Faculty Senate President Sottile called the meeting to order at approximately 4:07 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a quorum. Minutes of the November 21, 2002 meeting were approved as read.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Announced that Senators should sit around the table, others should sit at the chairs or oval table provided.
- B. Announced that Professor Jessica Taylor, Criminal Justice Department, coordinated the faculty sponsored blood drive held in November. This blood drive has resulted in the largest number of donors and units of blood donated in the history of MU. There were 148 donors and 112 units of blood. **CONGRATULATIONS TO PROFESSOR TAYLOR!**
- C. Announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held Monday, January 6, 2003 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in Drinko Library 402.
- D. Announced that the university president has approved the following recommendations: **SR-02-03-(7) 37 LA** Recommends that the Faculty Senate find Marshall's current peer universities to be appropriate and to urge the Legislature to not seek to change them until the scheduled review under the original plan. Nevertheless, any proposed change in the peer group should be based on the same

criteria used to select the current peer universities. **SR-02-03-(10) 40 FPC** Recommends that should the dean or other head of an academic unit (as defined in the Faculty Constitution) fail in his/her duties to hold an election for Faculty Senate purposes and to report the results of that election to the Faculty Senate president, the Faculty Senate shall initiate and conduct the election. **SR-02-03-(11) 41 CC** Recommends approval of the listed ADDITION OF ENGINEERING MINOR in the ENGINEERING DIVISION of the COLLEGE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING with completion of any five of the following courses with a grade of C or better in each course. **SR-02-03-(12) 42 CC** Recommends approval of the listed COURSE ADDITIONS in the COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES.

3. **REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

Absent, no report given.

4. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

SR-02-03-(14) 44 EC: Recommends the acceptance of the Flexible Workload Policy (dated November, 2002) proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Workload. The full text of the policy is attached. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED***

SR-02-03-(15) 45 BAPC: Upon the advice of the University's legal counsel and as presented by Dean Steve Hensley, the BAPC recommends a revision to Item 1 in the current "Absences As a Result of Illness or Death in the Family" policy which appears on page 88 of the 2001-2003 Undergraduate Catalog. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED***

SR-02-03-(16) 46 LA: Recommends that the Faculty Senate, University President, and University Board of Governors actively encourage the Higher Education Policy Commission and state legislators to sponsor a bill that creates a new revenue stream through a cigarette tax hike ~~or tax on bottled water~~. This bill would provide secured revenue for the sharing equitably among all of the three state-supported medical schools: the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University, the WVU School of Medicine, and the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED AS AMENDED***

MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS SR-02-03-(18) 48 LA; SR-02-03-(19) 49 LA; SR-02-03-(20) 50 LA; SR-02-03-(21) 51 LA; AND SR-02-03-(22) 52 LA AS A BLOCK.

SR-02-03-(18) 48 LA: Recommends that the Faculty Senate, University President, and University Board of Governors actively encourage the Higher Education Policy Commission and state legislators to introduce a new legislation that amends the outdated "pop-tax" law. This new bill should raise the pop-tax rate to generate new revenue. This new revenue would be equitably shared between The Joan C. Edwards School of

Medicine at Marshall University and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED***

SR-02-03-(19) 49 LA: Recommends that the Faculty Senate support legislation which will amend Article Six, Section Thirteen of the State Constitution to allow employees of the state higher education system the right to serve in the legislature. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED***

SR-02-03-(20) 50 LA: Recommends that the Faculty Senate support legislation that permits faculty members with a 12-month appointment the option to donate their un-used sick leave time to other faculty and staff members who need it due to a catastrophic cause. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED***

SR-02-03-(21) 51 LA: Recommends that the Faculty Senate, University President, and University Board of Governors urge the Higher Education Policy Commission and legislature to raise the employer's contribution from 6% to 7.5% and reduce the employee contribution from 6% to 4.5% to the TIAA-CREF Retirement Funds. Such an adjustment could be done in a three year-plan, with yearly increments of 0.5%. It is further recommended that the ACF representatives and Faculty Senate president join their counterparts in other institutions to present a petition of this case to the related legislative leadership before the starting of the regular session of the General Assembly. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED***

SR-02-03-(22) 52 LA: Recommends that the Legislative Affairs Committee, the Faculty Senate and the University community jointly express deep concern about the crisis of the state's medical practice insurance problem. We urge the state legislature to pass effective tort reform legislation promptly. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED***

MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED TO TAKE AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF ORDER

SR-02-03-(25) 55 CC: Recommends approval of the listed **COURSE ADDITIONS** in the following colleges and/or schools: College of Education & Human Services, Lewis College of Business, and University College. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED***

SR-02-03-(26) 56 CC: Recommends approval of the listed **COURSE CHANGES** for the **LEWIS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED***

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Each liaison reported to-date on their respective committee.

6. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE:

Dr. Frances Hensley distributed a handout (on file) pertaining to Transfer Students and The Marshall Plan and how students may receive credit for courses taken at another

institution. She stated that the information (with telephone number and email address) will be inserted into the Administration section of the new catalog and included on a website.

MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONFIDENTIAL Recommendations SR-02-03-(23) 53 UF and SR-02-03-(24) 54 UF were discussed.

MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

SR-02-03-(23) 53 UF: CONFIDENTIAL Recommends, that in addition to names previously submitted (SR-01-02-4 UF), that the following individual should be considered for an honorary degree at the May 2004 Commencement. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED***

SR-02-03-(24) 54 UF: CONFIDENTIAL Recommends that the following individuals be added to our previous recommendations (SR-01-02-5 UF and SR-01-02-19 UF) for consideration as commencement speaker at the 2004 Commencement. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED***

7. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Dr. Sottile informed the Senate that Chancellor Mullen has been invited to speak at the January meeting on the topics of the proposed budget reductions, the peer selection process, and his beliefs of how the state should increase funding for higher education.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:10 P.M.