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THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1999, IN THE JOHN MARSHALL ROOM OF THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abramson, Weible, Desai, Stone, Sottile, Karickhoff, Lowry, Marley, Stern, Anthony, Elwell, Miller, Gripshover, Duke, Rigsbee, Gross, Freidin, Dolmetsch, Hudock, Jarrett, Doyle, Perry, Brown, Ford, Szarek, Rhoten, Simmons, Shah, Wang, Davis, Lester, Rider, Rotter, Brown, Aluthge, Wilson (T), Hankins, East, Russell, Wilson (N), Dennison, Bailey, parliamentarian, Edmunds; and several guests.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gillespie, Elwell, Rowe, Merritt-Damron, Finver, Januszkiewicz, Green, Cody, Beaver, Adkins, Hubbard, Castellani, May, Forget, Carter, and Nicholson.

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by President Dennison.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the 12/17/98 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Caldwell Consulting Group has been hired to study salary concerns.
- The Committee on the Future of Marshall has met.
- President Dennison asked that a special meeting of the Faculty Senate be called to discuss the issues of the Future of Marshall Committee on Thursday, February 18th. **MOVED**, **SECONDED**, **AND PASSED**.
- The Senate has set up a web page to follow discussion of PEIA in the state legislature at the following URL: http://www.marshall.edu/senate/legisint.htmlx
- The Staff Council and the Institutional Board of Advisors has asked the city government to lower speed limits on 3rd and 5th Avenues. There was a motion to support the Staff Council Resolution. **MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.**
- Presidential Action on Faculty Senate Recommendations of 12/17/98: All were signed by President Gilley.

3. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

President Gilley announced the following appointments:

Joe Mitchell, Vice President for University Advancement Richard Begley, Interim Director of Transportation Institute Betsy Dulin, Associate Dean, Graduate School of Information Technology & Engineering

In response to a request from the legislature, MU has asked for state funding for the Science Building-Phase 3 and an Art Building/Parking Lot.

WVU has decided not to merge with the College of West Virginia in Beckley.

4. ACF REPORT:

Ben Miller reported on the ACF's Legislative Agenda which includes a request that faculty be able to serve in the legislature and that tuition waivers be available to spouses and dependents of university faculty. He also reported that the Board of Trustees was not interested in hearing about faculty concerns from the ACF and that the Board does not have any faculty input into their Strategic Plan.

5.<u>DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO INVOLVE THE UNIVERSITY FUNCTIONS</u> COMMITTEE WITH COMMENCEMENT CHANGES:

Dr. Prisk was unable to attend this meeting and will be with us in February.

6. DISCUSSION OF HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARY:

There was discussion of the relationship of the Health Sciences Library to the Drinko Morrow Libraries. Simmons moved that the Health Science Library come under the charge of the Library Policy Board so that issues can be more easily resolved . **MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.**

7. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

SR-98-99-(11) 70A (CC): Recommends approval of the addition of a Business Science and Technology major in the Lewis College of Business. **MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED.**

SR-98-99-(16) 75 (IS): Recommends approval to create a faculty senate liaison to AFT. **MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED.**

SR-98-99-(17) 76 (APC): Recommends approval of the independent status of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications. The school will no longer be a part of the College of Liberal Arts. The Executive Director will report di rectly to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. AMENDED FROM THE SENATE FLOOR TO STRIKE THE WORDS "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" IN THE LAST SENTENCE AND TO ADD THE WORD "DEAN. MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED. SR-98-99-(18) 77 (EC): Resolution to seek the endorsement of the Faculty Senate for creation of a campus based, Marshall University Wellness Program. It is understood this PEIA program will not incur substantial costs to the university until after the second year of its implementation. The Senate shall review the program prior to the third year of implementation. MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED.

8. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE:

- Report of administrative salaries (make request to administration for the little report that was received last year). (Simmons)
- Athletic Director to speak about the consequences on having lost \$190,000.00 on bowl games over the last couple of years (Dolmetsch)

• Senator Rudy Wang moved to introduced the following recommendations from the floor, 1/28/99:

1)Recommends that the Faculty Senate support a bill which is designed to bring TIAA-CREF benefits into parity with the new defined contribution State Teachers Retirement System which would change employer contributions from 6 to 7 1/2 percent and reduce employee contributions from 6 to 4 1/2 percent. **MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.**

2)Resolution that the Faculty Senate urge Dr. Gilley to review and revise his decision to refuse reassigned time (MUAFT lobbyist, Rainey Duke). **GROSS**

MOVED TO POSTPONE THIS ISSUE FOR ONE MONTH; MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
None.
Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Ben Miller, Secretary Marshall University Faculty Senate
MINUTES READ:
Dr. Corley Dennison, President Marshall University Faculty Senate
Dr. J. Wade Gilley, President Marshall University