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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1997  
IN THE JOHN MARSHALL ROOM, MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Abramson, Blankenship, Desai, Stone, Sottile, Gillespie, Karickhoff, Lowry, Marley, Stern, Anthony, Elwell, Rowe, Baker, Dennison, Duke, Gross, Freidin Rotter, Ambrose, Dolmetsch, Taft, Hudock, Doyle, Perry, Merritt-Damron, Brown, Ford, Cowell, Finver, Green, Januskiewicz, Beaver, Szarek, Rhoten, Shah, Wang, Davis, Lester, Rider, Adkins, Szwilski, Hubbard, Anderson, May, parliamentarian, Edmunds; and several guests.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Miller, Gripshover, Cody, Simmons, Oberly, and Wilson.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Corley Dennison. He welcomed everyone back for the new school year and introduced the newly elected Senators. The minutes of the May 15, 1997 meeting were approved as distributed.

**1. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Presidential action on Senate recommendations:**

All recommendations from the May 15, 1997, meeting have been approved, with the exception of **SR-96-97-(73) 139 (FPC)** which dealt with student evaluations of faculty.

- **General announcements:**

New committee assignments were made.

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

The President had no information to report.

**3. ACF REPORT:**

Bert Gross suggested that the faculty senate may want to go on record in the future as to their stand on the Board of Trustees' recommendation regarding TIAA-CREF.

**4. DISCUSSION OF THE OPERATIONS ASSESSMENT REPORT:**

Elaine Baker explained that the committee was charged with looking at the entire University to determine where money will come from to raise salaries to the appropriate level. Faculty positions were not to be looked at and no currently filled jobs were to be eliminated to bring salary levels up. All departments came before the committee.

**5. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**SR-97-98-(1) (GR):** Recommendation to approve the changes in graduate programs in Health and Physical Education as published in the 1997 - 1998 Graduate Catalog (pp. 117 - 118). It was moved and seconded to approve. **Motion carried.**

**SR-97-98-(2) (FPC):** Recommends that all faculty provide their students with the opportunity to evaluate teaching effectiveness at the end of each course; that colleges and other academic units be held accountable for establishing a method and procedure for students to evaluate each faculty member's teaching effectiveness at the conclusion of each course for use to improve the quality of instruction; that faculty evaluations are confidential communications between students, individual faculty members, the academic deans, department chairs and committees for promotion and tenure considerations if that information is deemed appropriate to support individual faculty teaching effectiveness.

It was moved and seconded to approve. Dr. Dennison asked Elaine Baker to comment as to the construction of the document (see attached sheet). After brief discussion, the **motion carried**. A motion was made and seconded to reconsider. **Motion failed**.

**6. AGENDA REQUESTS:**

- Allan Stern requested that the senate look into "perks" at our peer institutions to see what benefit packages they give their faculty in terms of "perks."
- Ed Taft requested that the senate look into TIAA-CREF and the fact that Marshall has a "6" system and see how many universities have a "7" system
- Elaine Baker requested that the senate give an update as to the status of the newly formed Graduate Council.
- Chris Dolmetsch requested that the senate revisit the issue of library space for faculty.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

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Carol Perry, Secretary Pro tempore  
Marshall University Faculty Senate

**MINUTES READ:**

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Dr. Corley Dennison, President  
Marshall University Faculty Senate

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Dr. J. Wade Gilley, President  
Marshall University