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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
HELD
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE
DON MORRIS ROOM OF THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Mader, Rex McClure, Joe Stone, Deepak Subedi, Maurice Lockridge (Assistant Chair), Linda Dobbs, Jonathan Cox, Joan St. Germain, Brian Morgan, Ralph Oberste-Vorth, Karen Mitchell, Liz Murray, Basant Karna, Tom Jones, Burnis Morris, Sandra Prunty, Pat Conlon, Wael Zatar, Chuck Bailey, Eldon Larsen, Janet Dozier, Jennifer Mak, Eric Arnold, Mary Jo Graham, Gregg Twietmeyer, Camilla Brammer (Chair), Marty Laubach, Donna Sullivan, Barbara Tarter, Christina Burgueno, Christine Huhn, Chris White, Genevieve Meyers, Kathleen Bledsoe, Jennifer Sias (Recording Secretary), Tina Sias, Mike Goldman, Elaine Hardman, Charles Clements, Pier Paolo Claudio, Sandra Stroebel, and Tracy Christofero.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Zanter, Bonita Lawrence, Scott Sarra, Jennifer Perry, Karen McNealy, Kelly Harlow, Keith Beard, Thomas Linz, Ernest Walker, Nancy Norton, and Rudy Wang.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Cheryl Brown, present.

GUESTS: Larry Stickler, Nerissa Young, Breanna Jones, Bill Rosenberger, Dallas Brozik, Frances Hensley, Gayle Ormiston, Clark Davis, Rudy Pauley, Mary Beth Reynolds, Whitney Burdette, David Pittenger, Leandra Carey, Mary Todd, Jamil Chaudri, Rosalyn Templeton, Elizabeth Murray, Robert Bookwalter, Stephen Kopp, Monica Brooks, Charles Hossler, Corley Dennison, and Steve Hensley.

Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Camilla Brammer called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the December 10, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Camilla Brammer

- A. Announced a reminder that everyone is to sign-in at the table by the room entrance.
- B. Announced a reminder that Senators should sit around the table, others should sit at the chairs provided and cell phones should be set to “silent” mode. To ensure an accurate recording of the meeting, Senators should use the microphones when speaking and are to state their name and department.
- C. Welcomed back Scott Sarra who has been on sabbatical; welcomed Fred Mader who is substituting for Uday Tate this semester; and introduced Breanna Jones the Parthenon reporter for this semester.

- D. Announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2010 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.
- E. Announced that the next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2010 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.
- F. Announced the January meeting schedules: ACF – met January 21, 2010 in Charleston, WV; HEPC –met January 22, 2010 in Charleston, WV; and the MUBOG – has no meeting scheduled in January.
- G. Announced that the university president has read the following resolutions:SR-09-10-(12) 58 LAC and SR-09-10-(14) 60 LAC.
- H. Announced that the university president has approved the following recommendations: SR-09-10-(13) 59 LAC, SR-09-10-(15) 61 CC, SR-09-10-(17) 63 CC, SR-09-10-(18) 64 CC, SR-09-10-(19) 65 CC, SR-09-10-(20) 66 CC, and SR-09-10-(21) 67 CC.
- I. Reminded everyone that there are two established means for requesting to speak to the Senate, (1) to do so at a faculty senate meeting when that agenda item is addressed, and (2) to make the request at an executive committee meeting so they may place the item on the faculty senate agenda.
- J. Requested that senators inform their constituents that Thursday, February 4, 2010 is the deadline for faculty to submit applications for Quinlan, INCO, and Research Committee Funding grants. It is also the deadline for students to submit an application for the Research Scholars Award grant.
- K. Requested that senators inform their constituents that 12:00 p.m. Friday, February 5, 2010 is the deadline for submitting curricular items. Both the hardcopy and PDF versions are needed in the Faculty Senate office.
- L. Announced that the following standing committee charges have been made: Athletic Committee – to review a document received for COIA pertaining to finances/funding of university athletic departments and, Budget & Academic Policy Committee – to review the Incomplete Grade Policy with regard to difficulties with the existing policy that have been experienced by faculty.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

SR-09-10-(22) 68 UFC: Recommends the following revisions to SR-06-07-17 UFC. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

SR-09-10-(23) 69 UFC: Recommends the following revisions to SR-06-07-18 UFC. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

SR-09-10-(24) 70 APC: Recommends that the following academic programs be continued at their current level of activity. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

SR-09-10-(25) 71 APC: Recommends that the following academic program be continued with corrective action required. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

4. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Stephen Kopp

- Provided an update on student recruitment and admissions which is strong and he should have more definitive information in March about the fall freshman enrollment.
- The fall and spring semester retention numbers are higher than they have been for some time with the numbers varying by group, i.e. in-state, out-of-state.
- He was surprised to see the article in The Herald-Dispatch about the Arts Incubator Project, collaboration with the City of Huntington and the university's College of Fine Arts, as this has not been approved. Proceeds from the sale of the University Heights property must be spent to purchase property and the university is being cautious as to how this money is spent.
- Expressed appreciation to the ad hoc committee that worked over the holiday break to complete the report that will be distributed.
- He discussed his message that was distributed last week which pertains to the mid-year budget reduction. The governor has requested a 3.5% reduction and plans on back-filling the budget with federal stimulus funds for the next two years and has also requested there be no increases in tuition. Dr. Kopp plans on speaking with the legislature about the funding needs to provide salary increases for faculty and staff and he welcomes input from all.

5. REPORT OF THE PROVOST: Dr. Gayle Ormiston

- Announced that an electronic newsletter about Academic Affairs will be distributed each Friday and he welcomes recommendations and ideas for future items.
- Future Campus Conversations will be scheduled on February 15 and 16, 2010.
- As a result of the Campus Conversations a committee for Online Programming has been formed.

6. BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Dr. Larry Stickler

- The Board met December 17, 2009 with the next meeting scheduled for February 18, 2010.
- Announced that the modified duties policy for faculty had been approved.

7. ACF REPORT: Dr. Chuck Bailey

- Stated that he hoped everyone had had an opportunity to review the legislation that is currently being considered: SB6 would permit faculty and staff to serve in the legislature and HB2700 pertains to intellectual independence and diversity.
- He will send information about the Great Teachers Seminar to the Faculty Senate office for distribution to all-faculty.

8. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE: (5 minutes per person)

- A. Professor Brian Morgan – his response to Professor Dallas Brozik’s statements that the Faculty Senate had earned a grade of “F”.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND UNANIMIOUSLY APPROVED A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR CHAIR CAMILLA BRAMMER

- B. Chair Brammer expressed gratitude to the members of the Faculty Petition Investigation Ad Hoc Committee for the commitment to their charge. The final report (on file in the Faculty Senate office) of the ad hoc committee was distributed.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO RECESS FOR 10 MINUTES SO THOSE PRESENT COULD READ THE REPORT

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

There were none.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Jennifer Sias, Recording Secretary
Faculty Senate