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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012, AT 4:00 P.M. IN  
ROOM BE5 OF THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shane Tomblin, Nancy Lankton, Daesung Ha, Uday Tate, James Sottile, Harold Blanco, Tina Cartwright, Mark Zanter, Larry Stickler (Assistant Chair), Fredrick Bartolovic, Mike Murphy, Muhammad Amjad, Yi-Po Chiu, Susan Welch, Jamil Chaudri, Scott Simonton, Cam Brammer (Recording Secretary) Barbara Tarter, Susan Gilpin, Kevin Law, Eric Migernier, Marianna Linz, Pamela Mulder, Marcus Hadler, Aley El-Shazly, Wendy Trzyna, Carl Mummert, Alfred Akinsete, Suzanne Strait, John Sammons, Bin Wang, Sandra Stroeble, Bizunesh Wubie, Jerry Garrett, Tom Hisiro, Zach Tankersley, Piyali Dasgupta, Jung Han Kim, Fadi Alkhankan, Emine Koc, John Wilkinson, John Krstenansky, Stephanie Anderson, Eldon Larsen (Chair), Gretchen Beach, Thom Walker, Karen McNealy (AFC), and Tracy Christofero (Graduate Council).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rex McClure, Sandra Prunty, John Biros, Paige Muellerleile, Kristi Fondren, Derrick Kolling, Lori Ellison, Burnis Morris, Charles Clements and Wesam Bolkhir.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Cheryl Brown present.

**GUESTS:** Rudy Pauley, Tony Hapney, Bill Rosenberger, Adam Fridley (SGA), Elisha Hassan (SGA), Michael McGuffey, Marty Amerikaner, Philippe Georgel, Donna Spindel, Don Van Horn, Joe Touma, Dan Holbrook, Monica Brooks, Janet Dooley, Corley Dennison, Matt Turner and Deanna Mader.

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

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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Minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Eldon Larsen**

- Introduced Angie Rose who will be assisting in the Faculty Senate Office while Bernice is out.
- Reminded the senators they should sit around the table while others should sit at the chairs provided; should use the microphone while speaking and are to state their name and department. Chair Larsen also reminded everyone to sign in.
- Reminded faculty according to the bylaws faculty members are only allowed to serve on one standing committee. If a faculty member is serving on more than one (1) standing

committee they will be required to resign from one of them. There are exceptions if the academic unit does not have enough faculty to serve.

- Senators introduced themselves.
- Dr. Cheryl Brown shared a document on 'Robert's Rule' and promised to assist Chair Larsen with the senate meetings.

- **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Dr. Pamela Mulder made a motion to deviate from the agenda and it was approved. The Legislative Affairs Committee has prepared a *resolution SR-12-13-02 LA* in which the University will request to the Governor of West Virginia to be exempt from the proposed budget reductions. A motion was made and approved to distribute this document to the senate. Dr. Mulder went on to say that Marshall University has committed to a number of resources to enhance recruiting, remediating, retaining and graduating our students. It will be very difficult to reach these goals of commitments already made if the University is forced to reduce budgets. Chair Larsen asked for any discussions and there wasn't any. Resolution passed with a reminder a "*resolution*" is a statement from the Faculty Senate and does not go to the President's Office for signature. The recommendations go to the President for signature and approval.
- A motion was made and approved to return to the regular agenda. It was seconded.

- **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

No reports

- **REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Stephen Kopp**

- Dr. Kopp commended the Legislative Affairs Committee on their work for the request to exempt Marshall University from state budgets. He looks forward to taking to it to the Legislature.
- Marshall University has been selected to be one of four universities across the nation to participate in the Open Pathways Project (OPP) Focus Case Study. We were nominated by and will represent the Higher Learning Commission.
- Dr. Kopp congratulated the Department of History for their initiative with the American Historical Association in preparing History majors/graduated that they are served well in preparation for life and career.
- The Washington Monthly Report ranked Marshall University 105 nationally in 2012. Last year the university was ranked 159. He asked the faculty to watch this ranking as he feels the criteria for this ranking because it lines with Marshall's values.
- He discussed the enrollment growth is a little flat this year. We should expect about a ten year decline nationally in college age student, which will bottom out around 2015/2016. He feels the lack of growth is mainly the lack of nonresident enrollments.
- Seven (7) Marshall University faculty will be teaching abroad in Summer 2013. This appears to be a widespread interest to internationalize Marshall University.

- ***Into University Partners Initiative*** - This will build a joint venture between Marshall University through the MU Foundation into university partnerships to recruit international students from all over the globe. This initiative will specialize in recruiting international students to transition into American Higher Education and to ensure their English language proficiency skills to be successful in the classroom. The proposal will be taken to the Board of Governors tomorrow (Saturday September 29, 2012).
- 'Fam Trip' on campus in early November (TBA) eighty (80) international recruiters will be on campus. Dr. Kopp would like to enlist faculty and students who have international backgrounds to participate in this 'familiarization trip' to introduce the recruiters to Marshall University and West Virginia. There will be activities all over the state.

- **REPORT OF THE PROVOST: Dr. Gayle Ormiston**

No report.

- **BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Dr. Marty Amerikaner**

- Dr. Amerikaner stated there have been two (2) Board of Governors meeting since the last Faculty Senate meeting in the Spring 2012 semester. He sent a report to faculty on those meetings. He asked if anyone had any questions regarding on the information he sent. No questions were asked.
- One of the items of focus is encouraging the Board to attend to key faculty issues faculty compensation. He has met with the Dr. Touma, as the new president of the Board, Dr. Kopp and Dr. Larsen. He felt they had interest and willingness to talk about this concern. He will keep the Faculty Senate updated. In the next couple of meetings he hopes to have a report to the faculty about how Marshall compares to other institutions with regard to compensation.
- **ACF REPORT: Dr. Karen McNealy**

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- From the retreat in July, a list of issues arose and hoped the faculty would to come together on. A 5 year plan was discussed to send to the Legislature by December 2012, and if the university were working in good faith it may be considered as long as Marshall held to that plan. Legislative Affairs endorsed the resolution **SR-12-13-02 LA** regarding exempting Marshall University from the 7.5% budget reduction.
- Brochures will be coming soon. A name for the brochures was selected, "Creating a Culture for Student Success".

Moved, seconded and approved to go into Executive Session.

Moved, seconded and approved to return to regular session.

- A motion was made and seconded to approve recommendation **SR-12-13-01 UFC (Confidential)**. The recommendation was approved.
- There was a motion to deviate from the agenda, it was seconded and approved.

- A motion was made and seconded to approve recommendation **SR-12-13-03 LA**. The resolution was approved.
- Dr. Larsen announced that the Executive Committee charged the Budget and Academic Policy Committee to look into the policy in which ALL students would be notified of mid-term grades. The current notification is for D and/or F students. This is part of an effort to retain students.
  
- **REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE: (5 minutes per person)**
- Motion to amend agenda and approved - Moved for approval of Resolution to endorse ACF 2012-2013 Issues from the West Virginia Advisory Council of Faculty
- **AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

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There were none

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:55 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Camilla Brammer, Recording Secretary  
Faculty Senate