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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M. IN
THE DON MORRIS ROOM of the MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Stickler (Chair), Philippe Georgel (Assistant Chair), Lori Ellison (Recording Secretary), Nancy Lankton, Rex McClure, Marc Sollosy, Shane Tomblin, Uday Tate, Burnis Morris, Fredrick Bartolovic, Rob Rabe, Susan Booton, Carrie Childers, Gregg Twietmeyer, Jamil Chaudri, Andrew Nichols, Scott Simonton, Hillary Brewster, Eric Migernier, Paige Muellerleile, Pamela Mulder, Amine Oudghiri-Otmani, Barbara Tarter, Stephen Underhill, Anthony Viola, Mindy Armstead, David Cartwright, Derrick Kolling, Carl Mummert, Liz Murray, Wendy Trzyna, Harold Blanco, Tom Klein, Tom Hisiro, Isaac Larison, Edna Meisel, Feon Smith, David Chaffin, Jung Han Kim, Jan Paul Muizelaar, Travis Salisbury, Megan Shepherd, Zach Tankersley, Lauren Waugh, Eric Blough, John, Biros, Kelli Johnson, Thom Walker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Murphy, Monika Sawnhey, Susan Welch, Robin Conley, Shawn Schulenberg, Karen Mitchell, Fadi Alkhanan, Charles Clements, Jim Denvir, Tom Dougherty, Raj Khanna, Emine Koc, Adrienne Mays, Bobby Miller, Julie Robinson, Leonard White, Kara Willenburg, Stephanie Anderson, John Wilkinson,.

EX-OFFICIO, VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracy Christofero (Graduate Council), Beth Campbell (ACF)

EX-OFFICIO, VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Cheryl Brown

GUESTS: Steve Hensley, Teresa Eagle, , Wael Zatar, Marty Amerikaner, Mary Beth Reynolds, Lacie Pierson, Jan Fox, John Maher, Sherri Smith, Bookwalter, Monica Brooks, Gayle Ormiston, Gary White, Chuck Somerville, and Mary Ellen Heuton.

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

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the January 22, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Larry Stickler**

- Senators should sit around the table, others should sit at the chairs provided, and cell phones should be set to silent mode. All should remember to sign in legibly.
- The Executive Committee will convene again on Monday, Mar 8, 2015 at noon in the John Spotts Room.
- The Faculty Senate will convene again on Thursday, Mar 26, 2015 at 4:00 PM in BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.
- Faculty Senate Secretary position will be in place by 3/17/15.
- The BOG has a meeting Feb 11, 2015.
- The next ACF meeting will be held on Jan 27, 2015.
- A moment of silence for Michael Perry.

- **MOTION FROM THE FLOOR**

Senator requested to suspend the agenda to consider a legislative affairs committee recommendation
Motion, seconded, carried

Recommendation from Legislative Affairs Committee:

- Two bills in the senate that need our attention
 - SB 35 allowing concealed weapons without a permit.
 - SB 137 regarding exemption for higher education institutions from the WVOASIS system.
- Committee brought two resolutions regarding these two bills in support of SB 137 and against SB 35.
- Faculty senate motion regarding the resolution for SB 35 seconded and carried
- Faculty senate motion regarding the resolution for SB 137 seconded and carried
- Motion was made to return to regular agenda, seconded and carried

- **REPORT OF THE INTERIM UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Gary White**

- Spoke of several legislative concerns in the upcoming period to the end of the session.
 1. Legislature is moving really quickly and getting a lot accomplished, but may not complete everything they intended.
 2. They have passed a lot of bills that may have further reaching budget ramifications than intended.
 3. Some came to this session expecting to use \$46 million in funds taken out of the “Rainy day fund” (RDF) to balance the budget, but many legislators don’t want any money taken out of that fund.
 4. Budget situation seems to warrant that some will have to be used from the RDF as it appears there will be no balancing the budget without it (It is raining).
 5. We (MU) will not likely see any changes in cuts to the budgets. There are some programs that are being cut as much as 80%, but there is a possibility that those cuts will not be that drastic.
 6. Legislators made a policy that they can’t keep cutting Higher Ed without some managerial flexibility (primarily via investments).
 7. Human resource bill has been substantially re-written and is now expected to move through committee and the House. There have been some major changes to the bill and the changes appear to be favorable. Legislature is eliminating the statutory language and encouraging the HEPC to respond accordingly. This bill is trying to streamline paperwork.
 8. WVOASIS- Met yesterday and there is a good possibility that MU will be exempted as will WVU, but there may be an associated payment to offset the cost of differing systems of financial management.
- The presidential search is in process
 1. Begins in earnest this coming Sunday as the representatives from the search firm arrive on campus for a series of meetings.
 2. Executive committee will meet with them Monday at 5pm and other groups will meet with them at various times while they are here to form a profile of the type of leader the people of Marshall envision having.
 3. They have already completed a lot of their work with the evaluation of the President completed this time last year.
 4. There appears to be a strong pool of candidates available.

5. The search firm will sort through the candidates with the Search committee.
 6. Expect campus visits just after commencement.
 7. The search firm has good contacts across the nation of possible candidates they might contact in addition to those who have applied.
 8. If the first round of the process does not find us a successful candidate, the process will start again so we can find the right person.
- Question was raised about the program cuts expected this year. These are the programs slated to undergo substantial (80%) cuts:
 - Forensic science center
 - Rural health
 - Cochlear implant program
 - Support for resident education in the Department of Health
 - Southern 2+2 program
 - These are successful programs so he is hoping they will get some portion of that funding back. They are not waiting to see what the numbers are but trying to see how we can create revenue to keep those services going.
 - Question regarding draconian cuts to the med school and research which raises concerns related to accreditation and funding. There needs to be a two-pronged approach. If the cuts are even reasonably restored they will likely be okay. Also looking at revenue sources that might help offset those cuts.
 - Percentage of cut for this year is 1.47% cut overall in general revenue overall. These 80% program cuts are over and above that.
 - State budget runs on a 5 year projection. 2015 has been expected to be the most difficult budget year. Things are expected to start to turn around in 2016.
 - Question on search regarding candidates coming after commencement. Concerned that faculty will not be around by then. The process could go more quickly, but late May is more realistic.
- **REPORT OF THE PROVOST: Dr. Gayle Ormiston**
 - There is an engineering career day today with 80+ students on campus learning about the programs.
 - Monday, Jan 26 is the first preview day for students not yet committed to the university. 84% of these students come back in the fall semester.
 - Friday, Feb 23rd, there will be a Dean's dinner theater for potential donors featuring some of our best students.
 - Academic program review Dean's reports are due March 15. They are looking at the number of adjunct faculty used on campus. They are looking at the use of reassigned time for faculty administrative purposes.
 - Question raised regarding percentage of courses taught by adjunct faculty here and whether we are on track with other universities. Didn't have the answer directly, but there are 551 Full-time faculty and 411 Tenure track. Trying to reduce dependence on adjunct faculty.
 - **BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Dr. Marty Amerikaner –**
 - Board met February 11th. Addressed a few issues regarding the search at this meeting.
 - Initiation of the search process has begun.
 - Slightly revised the official green of the university as the other shade is difficult to duplicate on certain materials.
 - Search kicks off Monday.
 - Academic issues:
 1. Program reviews are ready and done.
 2. Approved several intents to plan for various graduate programs.

- Finance report- kinds of investments the university manages are performing very well, essentially the university's RDF. It is frustrating to see these funds sitting there, but cannot be allocated to long-term sustained expenses.
 - Athletic director gave a report regarding the NCAA approving universities allowing full cost of education allocations to athletes (cash supplement). Very controversial, but now approved and MU has decided to opt in to this practice. These monies will not come from the university allocations. It will come from fundraising. There is cause for concern to remain certain that this remains true.
 - Question as to why only 1 faculty, 1 staff, and 1 student are included on the search committee. Not certain of the answer. Prior to Dr. Kopp's hiring, there were no faculty, staff, or students represented. A question was raised to ask if the FS chair might be allowed to serve on the board as well.
 - Question about asking there to be full disclosure regarding the stipend(?) being given to athletes.
 - Graduate council is looking at how graduate assistantships are funded.
- **ACF REPORT: Dr. Beth Campbell –**
 - A written report was sent to the senate.
- **REPORTS FROM 20/20 COMMITTEES:**
 - Budget Working Group: Working on a budget cycle that will be capable of doing what they have been hoping for. Represents a significant change from prior practices. Transitioning to a zero based budget. Will delineate expense types more clearly. Tries to eliminate the “use or lose” practices, make better use of student fees, centralizing online course fee monies among others.
 - Vision/Mission: No report
 - Communications Plan: No report
 - Roles & Responsibilities: No report
 - Academic Portfolio: No report
 - Service Portfolio: Recommendations were accepted for revenue enhancement. The implementation teams were kicked off Jan 20th. They are working now to get this process underway validating and further studying regarding savings and developing an implementation plan. The midpoint is March 25th. Will present draft plans at that point.
 - Pro-Forma Model: No report
 - Key performance indicators: No report
- **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:**
 - Academic Planning- Met in Nov. Reviewed 12 programs and moved them on to the next level.
 - Athletics- Question regarding this stipend to take to the group at their next meeting.
 - BAPC – No report

- Curriculum- No report
 - Faculty Development- Met Feb 13. 16 of 18 applications for travel approved. Next deadline is April 1st.
 - Faculty personnel- Met Feb 6th. Sabbatical requests approved. If you do ask for sabbatical, please fill out the application completely as there were some issues with many being incomplete.
- **REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE: (5 minutes per person)**
 - Revisiting the Academic Calendar issue of a couple of months back. Calendar committee will reconvene soon to talk with the various groups who had concerns with the last attempt.
 - **AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**
 - None

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Ellison

Lori Ellison, Recording Secretary
Faculty Senate

MINUTES READ:

Dr. Larry Stickler, Chair
Faculty Senate

Mr. Gary White, Interim President
Marshall University