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Staff Council discusses personnel matters

(The following report on the Aug. 15 meeting of the Marshall University Staff Council was submitted by Connie J. Zirkle, secretary.)

Members present were: Shari Alitze, Nina Barrett, David Blackbird, Sheri Brooker, Muriel Buckner, Yangdud Shannon Christian, Patricia Gallagher, Anita Hill, Earl Johnson, Kelli Mayes, Ted Misner, Rowena Napier, Elizabeth Nickell, Terry Olson, Ken Reffeitt, Kerry Ross, Connie Zirkle.

Members absent were: LisaAllen, David Cremeans, Judy Duntron, Kay Hesson, Ronnie Hicks, Verlin Hughes Jr., Chris Kennedy, David Napier, Joe Wortham, Damron, Kay Hesson, Ronnie Hicks, Verlin Hughes Jr., Chris Kennedy, David Napier, Joe Wortham.

The meeting was called to order by Nina Barrett, president, at 1 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with two changes. The corrections noted that Ted Misner was present at the July 18 meeting and Kelli Mayes is chair of the Staff Development Committee, not the Staff Council Committee.

The next item on the agenda was discussion with Bill Burdette, interim director of human resources, and David Harris, director of the Personnel Review Committee, to ask a series of questions that had been brought up in her committee.

Questions and answers were:

-If an employee is dismissed, is the grievance policy the only relevant to the Drinko Academy's mission. She also will teach a master's degree in American history from Marshall. She received her master's degree in American civic life from a broad interdisciplinary perspective. In 1994, is committed to fostering undergraduate education in American institutions, values and culture as its mission. She is involved in American civic life from a broad interdisciplinary perspective and will expect Marshall University can enhance the role of the academy. She will also teach history courses.

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students. Kilgore was recognized in 1995 by Gov. Gaston Caperton with the Distinguished Alumnus award. Dr. Novak joined the Marshall faculty in 1956 as an instructor in the Department of Speech and retired 37 years later as a professor in the Department of Theater/Dance and director of Marshall University Theatre. She directed more than 100 productions at Marshall and was known for starting the tradition of directing musicals as a combined effort between multidisciplinary performing arts activities.

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American Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science intelligence. She earned a M.A. degree from Colum­bia University and a Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University. She also studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and the American Theater Wing in New York City. Prior to joining Marshall’s faculty, Novak worked six years in New York and Chicago in various jobs connected with theatre and was employed by WSAZ-TV in Huntington for three years.

Novak’s career at Marshall was distinguished with multiple appointments, highlighted by her selection in 1993 as re­cipient of the university’s Distinguished Service award. She is the author of two textbooks, “Styles of Acting and Performing in the Theatre” and “Stage Musical Theater.”

In working closely with students, Novak brought this dic­tive style to the stage with such productions as “Amadusa,” “The Elephant Man” and “Gigi.” Among musical theatre productions she directed were “Hello, Dolly,” “Gypsy,” “Cabaret” and “South Pacific.”

In 1987 she was recognized by the West Virginia Theatre Con­ference with its “Outstanding Contribution to Theatre in West Virginia.”

Kilgore and Novak will be honored during the university’s Arts Gala 1996 to be held Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Marshall Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The gala is a community-oriented celebration of the arts that recognizes the achievements of the arts community. The evening will include a reception, dinner, performance of Gershwin music by pianist Leon Bates and vocalists Eddye Pierce Young and Ben­jamin Matthews, dessert buffet and showcase of Marshall student talent.

Tickets, which begin at $150 per person, are available by call­ing the Marshall University Office of Development, 304-696-6214.

WAC workshop scheduled

A Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) faculty development workshop titled “Peer Editing and Teacher Conferencing” will be held Wednesday, Oct. 2, at noon in Memorial Student Center Room 2W10.

All faculty members are invited to attend. To obtain further details contact the WAC Office, 696-4650.

Wilson receives grant

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Wilson will focus intense pulses of far-infrared laser radiation onto the superlattices using a laser he designed with the aid of a talented artist whose voice has drawn attention in the music industry, Whitehead has toured the country and performed in several albums. She has worked as a performer and marketing representative for Capitol Records, promoting new artists in the college music scene.

Thompson has released several successful albums and is regu­larly featured on American Public Radio’s “Mountain Stage” program broadcast from the West Virginia Cultural Center in Charleston.

Upcoming concerts include Stel and Friends Inc., a newly formed non-profit organization dedicated to promoting diver­sity in the arts. Directed by Whitehead, Stel and Friends Inc. was first incor­porated in Florida in 1989. The arts organization was named in honor of Whitehead’s U.K. and musicians prior to her move to Huntington with her husband, Baruch, who di­rects the Marshall band.

The organization, which will sponsor several presentations throughout the year, receives support from community leaders, concerned citizens, students and faculty members.

Women’s center events

A display profiling pioneers in the early suffrage movement will be on exhibit Tuesday through Friday, Oct. 1-4, in the Marshall University Women’s Center, Prichard Hall Room 143.

The exhibit will include profiles on suffrage pioneers such as Mary Woolstonecroft, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Frances Willard, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Carry Ingerson Chapman and Lois Beachy Underhill.

A panel discussion with women involved in today’s political arena will be held Wednesday, Oct. 2, at noon in the Shawkey Room in Memorial Student Center.

The panel discussion and exhibit are open to the public free of charge. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Women’s Center, 696-3112.

Center can administer tests

Marshall University’s Computer Based Testing Center is now open on a permanent basis in charge of instructor or assistant profes­sor, engaged in teaching with six years of service or less at Marshall are eligible for awards. Nominations may be made by students, faculty and alumni. Nomination forms, available at the Academic Affairs Office, must be returned to Hensley, Old Main Room 110, by Oct. 11.

Lambda alpha chapter formed

A chapter of Lambda Alpha national anthropology honor socie­ty has been established at Marshall University. Faculty sponsors for the local chapter are Dr. Nicholas Freidin and Dr. Karen Li Simpkins, associate professors of sociology and anthropology at Marshall.

Marshall’s Archaeology and Anthropology Club has agreed to help the chapter to the MU campus since 1994-95. The local chapter’s name will be Beta of Lambda Alpha. Beta refers to Marshall being the second chapter in the state.

Charter membership at the chapter is open to all members of the college community who are interested in anthropology. Any interested community member must have at least a 3.30 grade point average and have enough hours for a minor in anthropology.