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**BUDGET & ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

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Recommends that the Faculty Senate undertake the study of a re-envisioning of Marshall University's General Education based on the goals articulated by President Kopp along with research on integrative educational models.ⁱ To do so, we recommend the formation of an ad hoc committee called "Core Foundations," drawing on volunteers from the following three standing committees: Academic Planning, Budget and Academic Policy, and Curriculum. There being an equal number of votes from each academic unit.


This summer (2007), the job of the Core Foundations Ad Hoc Committee will be to formulate the new General Education system and goals, ascertain their current realization,ⁱⁱ and design a global plan of transformation. Adequate resources for this work (such as stipends and IT support) will be needed. In academic year 2007-2008, working from the new General Education plan, individual units (such as departments) would then take account of how goals are being achieved (or not) and implement changes where needed, drawing on and transforming existing structures whenever possible. To coordinate this process, we recommend that appropriate resources be allocated for each unit involved.

That any changes made to general education curriculum must be approved by the Faculty Senate before being turned over to the departments for academic use.

RATIONALE:

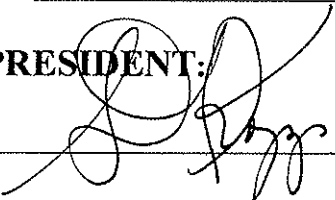
President Kopp has given faculty an opportunity to design ways to implement revisions (as shared in the documents listed below) to General Education at Marshall University. President Kopp wishes to have these changes in place by the beginning of the academic year 2008. Working with Larry Stickler, Faculty Senate Chair, our committee designed this proposal to begin the process.

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:

APPROVED BY THE
FACULTY SENATE:  DATE: 5/4/2007

DISAPPROVED BY THE
FACULTY SENATE: _____ DATE: _____

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

APPROVED:  DATE: 5/9/07

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COMMENTS: The Executive Committee at its April 23, 2007 meeting also agreed that
Committee representation from academic units would include the University Libraries but not the
School of Medicine.

ⁱ See: "Higher Learning Accountability and Performance"
<http://www.marshall.edu/president/strategic/StudentSuccessPlan.asp>
and "Educating for 21st Century Thinking and Learning"
<http://www.marshall.edu/president/presentation/FACULTYPresentation2007REVFinal4.pps#256,1,Slide 1>

ⁱⁱ Via data evaluating student and program performance available from Academic Affairs.