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**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

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Recommends that the Faculty Senate and the Legislative Affairs Committee of Marshall University jointly express our appreciation to the legislators for their support to higher education legislation in the 2004 Legislative Session. Specifically, we appreciate the initiation and passage of SB 448 by Senators Plymale, Edgell, Boley, Bowman, Caldwell, Dempsey, Harrison, Hunter, Oliverio, Sprouse, Unger and White (Enactment of State Code §18B-6-2b) as well as the initiation of SB 612 by Senators Chafin, Oliverio, Hunter and Unger and HB 4609 by Delegates Fleischauer, Caputo, Fragale, Susman, Manchin, G. White and Craig (Amendment of the State Code §5-5-1 to include faculty for AEI). We urge their consideration of re-submission of the SB 612 and HB 4609 to the 2005 legislature. Furthermore, we encourage the Faculty Senate in our sister-institutions and the State ACF to express similar acknowledgements.

RATIONALE:

1. The enactment of State Code §18B-6-2b symbolically recognizes faculty contribution and partnership in the state's higher education.
2. The initiation of SB 612 and HB 4609 demonstrated the commitment of the legislature to correct the disparity of State Code §5-5-1 by excluding faculty, as state employees, from receiving an annual experience incremental pay (AEI) in salary. It provided an educational process to the legislators in bringing up their awareness of this chronically in-equal treatment to faculty.

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