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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SR-01-02-6 (LA)

Recommends that the Faculty Senate continue to support a bill, which will authorize the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to change employer's contributions from 6% to 7.5% and reduce employee contributions from 6% to 4.5% to the TIAA-CREF retirement funds. Such an adjustment should be defined as an equity adjustment.

RATIONALE:

- 1. A 1996 report of TIAA-CREF revealed that employers made the following average percentages of payroll contribution to employee's pension plans: 8.7% in comprehensive, public universities and colleges nationwide; 8.8% in public universities and colleges in the southern region; and 8.6% in public institutions of medium size.
- 2. Currently, state employees within the system of the WV HEPC receive two different rates of payroll contributions from employers: 7.5% in the Teacher's Retirement System and 6% in the TIAA-CREF system.
- 3. Similar recommendations have been passed by the 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001 Faculty Senate.

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