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**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

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Recommends that the University President and Vice President of Health Sciences work closely with West Virginia University officials, the State's Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, the Legislature and the Governor to restore the \$3.1 million in budget cuts from FY 2000 which have led to the current crisis in liability insurance coverage for both universities. It is further recommended that the parties explore the possibility of establishing a campus-based or multi-campus self-insurance fund, with appropriate limits of liability, to eliminate this recurring problem.

RATIONALE:

1. During the 1999 legislative session, the Governor and Legislature substantially reduced state funding for the State Board of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM) which manages the insurance coverage for all state agencies and institutions. BRIM passed on \$3.1 million of this reduction to Marshall and WVU in the form of higher insurance premiums. Marshall will be required to absorb almost \$700,000 in additional premiums for last year and \$760,000 for this year. Over 80% of these increases will likely fall on the School of Medicine in the form of malpractice premiums.
2. The University and its Medical School already face the problems of under-funded budgets and can not absorb this cost shifting.
3. Without restoration of state funding to BRIM many university programs and services will be jeopardized. Retention and recruitment of health science faculty and staff will be greatly impacted and health care services, particularly to the indigent and under-served, will be diminished.

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:

APPROVED

BY SENATE: Donna Donathan DATE: 12-15-00

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BY SENATE: _____ DATE: _____

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

APPROVED: Don Coy DATE: 12/15/00

DISAPPROVED: _____ DATE: _____

COMMENTS:
