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**STUDENT CONDUCT AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

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Recommends that the University adopt the attached Creed as a public statement of student, faculty, and staff commitment to positive values and exemplary behavior.

RATIONALE:

The creed is intended to serve as a positive and unifying expression of the expectations for all members of the community that is Marshall University. The creed is intended to create a distinctive statement of values held by the University through a connection with the heritage of our namesake, John Marshall. It is envisioned that the creed will feature prominently in University events such as orientation, convocations, celebrations and dedications, and that it will appear in the Student Handbook, on the website, and in other publications. It will serve as preamble to the Student Code of Conduct.

Creeds have been shown to be effective instruments for establishing expectations and standards, and for inculcating pride among members of the educational community. Institutions with creeds often focus upon the promotion of individual responsibility, personal and academic integrity, respect for the dignity of all persons, respect for the rights and property of others, demonstration of concern for others, affirmative support for equal rights and opportunities to name a few key points.

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:

APPROVED

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

DISAPPROVED

BY SENATE: _____ DATE: _____

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

APPROVED:  DATE: 12/15/00

DISAPPROVED: _____ DATE: _____

COMMENTS: _____

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY CREED

Inspired by the example of John Marshall, we the students, faculty, staff, and administrators of Marshall University, pledge to pursue the development of our intellects and the expansion of knowledge, and to devote our selves to defending individual rights and exercising civic responsibility. We strive to exemplify in our own lives the core values of John Marshall's character: independence, initiative, achievement, ethical integrity, and commitment to community through association and service. As Marshall University, we form a community that promotes educational goals and that allows individuals maximum opportunity to pursue those goals.

We are:

- **An Educational Community** in which all members work together to promote and strengthen teaching and learning;
- **An Open Community** uncompromisingly protecting freedom of thought, belief and expression;
- **A Civil Community** treating all individuals and groups with consideration, decency, and respect, and expressing disagreements in rational ways;
- **A Responsible Community** accepting obligations and following behavioral guidelines designed to support the common good;
- **A Safe Community** respecting each other's rights, privacy and property;
- **A Well Community** respecting and promoting physical and emotional health;
- **An Ethical Community** reflecting honesty, integrity and fairness in both academic and extracurricular activities;
- **A Pluralistic Community** celebrating and learning from our diversity;
- **A Socially Conscious Community** acting as citizens of the world and seeking to contribute to the betterment of people and their environments;
- **A Judicious Community** remaining alert to the threats posed by hatred, intolerance and other injustices and ever-prepared to correct them.