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## INDIVIDUAL SENATOR RECOMMENDATION

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The suspension of the Computer Science and Software Development program has not resulted from a collaborative process as envisioned in Series 2: CHANGE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF COLLEGES, SCHOOLS, DIVISIONS, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS. "Appropriately elected faculty" have, as yet, not been involved in the decision making process. There has been a rush to judgement which has caused the university to fail to comply with the timeline in Administrative Bulletin (AB) No. 23 and to fail to provide the "ample opportunity for discussion" envisioned in AB 30. The Faculty Senate and its Curriculum Committee have had no opportunity to participate in the process as the principles of shared governance embodied in the Faculty Constitution and Series 2 contemplate.

Therefore, the decision to suspend the program in Computer Science and Software Development should be rescinded pending full review by the Faculty Senate and the Curriculum Committee.

#### **RATIONALE:**

Section 2.2 of Series 2 - "The president's written notification to the chancellor shall confirm that appropriately elected faculty, classified staff, student representatives and/or organizations were consulted prior to implementing any organizational change to which this provision applies.

University of West Virginia AB 23 provides: "If the proposal to discontinue or suspend temporarily the offering of a program... Such proposal shall be submitted to the chancellor not less than three months prior to the date intended for implementation."

AB 30 provides: Program planning and evaluation must be a participatory process of decision making by campus faculty, staff, students and all levels of administration which is (a.)rooted in priorities that elaborate the institutions mission; (b) visionary in its intent for institutional enhancement; (c) mindful of all constituents; (d) undertaken to allocate resources in order to enhance quality; and (e) systematic, thorough, ongoing and objective with ample opportunity for discussion and adequate planning time.

AB 30 also provides: "It is essential that the process at each institution be administered fairly, regardless of the significance or magnitude of the intended modification, reorganization or program adjustment. Thus the planned change process must be consultative and include faculty, staff, administrators and students and must incorporate principles of shared governance"

**FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:**

APPROVED BY SENATE: Wiley D. S. DATE: 2-27-98

DISAPPROVED BY SENATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVED: mm DATE: 2-28-98

**COMMENTS:**

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