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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Recommendation

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The Constitution of the Marshall University Faculty clearly and unambiguously assigns the responsibility for academic programs to the Faculty Senate of the University.

"Academic policy decisions, or matters construed to impinge on academic decisions shall be the primary responsibility of the Faculty Senate." (Article II, Section 1)

This responsibility was further defined in the Faculty Senate Policy Statement of October 19, 1987, which was approved by the President and reads:

"The Faculty Senate does not approve of prearranged, administrative decisions regarding academic matters."

It is with deep concern that we have identified several recent instances where the Administration has circumvented established procedures and unilaterally established academic programs or attempted to modify the structure of certain academic units. This is a serious breach of the defined roles of shared governance.

The Faculty Senate once again finds it necessary to remind the Administration that academic policy decisions must be approved by the Faculty Senate. Programs or initiatives that meet this description include, but are not limited to, the following:

- New Degree Programs
- Agreements between Marshall and other Universities
- 2 + 2 Programs
- Extension Programs
- Reorganization of Academic Units

While the Faculty Senate welcomes and encourages suggestions from all sources, any plan that involves the academic mission of the University must be reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate or must be considered invalid.

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:

APPROVED BY SENATE: Robert Sawrey DATE: 10-2-91

DISAPPROVED BY SENATE: _____ DATE: _____

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____

DISAPPROVED: J. H. Miller DATE: 10-8-91

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COMMENTS:

THIS STATEMENT IS NOT WELL WRITTEN
AND REQUIRES CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE FACULTY,
SENATE AND THE PRESIDENT. PERHAPS WE
COULD MEET TO DISCUSS IT.

WA 10-8-91