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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
HELD**

**ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008, AT  
4:00 P.M. IN THE  
DON MORRIS ROOM OF THE  
MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Uday Tate, Rex McClure, Joe Stone, Deepak Subedi, Maurice Lockridge (Assistant Chair), Linda Dobbs, Michael Murphy, Mark Zanter, Brian Morgan, Karen Mitchell, Bonita Lawrence, Michael Norton, Liz Murray, Basant Karna, Scott Sarra, Tom Jones, Burnis Morris, Charles Hossler, Karen McNealy, Kelly Harlow, Sandra Prunty, Pat Conlon, Wael Zatar, Ben Miller, Eldon Larsen, Janet Dozier, Jennifer Mak, Eric Arnold, Mary Jo Graham, Gregg Twietmeyer, Keith Beard, Cam Brammer (Chair), Marty Laubach, Donna Sullivan, Barbara Tarter, Christina Burgueno, Christine Huhn, Josh Hagen, Chris White, Kathleen Bledsoe, Jennifer Sias (Recording Secretary), Ernest Walker, Nancy Norton, Tina Sias, Rudy Wang, Elaine Hardman, Charles Clements, Jerry Jones, and Tracy Christofero.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jonathan Cox, Mike McComas, Mike Goldman, and Pier Paolo Claudio.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Cheryl Brown present.

**GUESTS:** Larry Stickler, Deven Swartz, Shortie McKinney, Paul Davis, Vickie Shaffer, David Pittenger, Frances Hensley, Stephen Tipler, Morgan Jameson, Michael McGuffey, Aaron Ryan, Andrew Copley, Rosalyn Templeton, Monica Brooks, Matt James, Steve Hensley, and Gayle Ormiston.

Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Cam Brammer called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

## 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 25, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

## 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Cam Brammer

- A. Requested a moment of silence for Stanley Sporny, Art professor in COFA.
- B. Introduced Liz Murray, COS representative.
- C. Announced a reminder that Senators should sit around the table, others should sit at the chairs provided and cell phones should be set to “silent” mode. To ensure an accurate recording of the meeting, Senators should use the microphones when speaking; also, they are to stand and state their name and department.
- D. Announced that the Art & Music Ed Oversight Committee has reviewed SR-07-08-(24) 55 CC and recommends no substantive changes; they did request an editorial revision to a parenthetical comment on page 4.
- E. Announced that the Executive Committee has voted to add “Report of the Provost” as a permanent item to the Faculty Senate agenda.
- F. Announced that Feon Smith in Adult & Technical Education, COEHS, has been selected as a faculty representative on the University Activity Fee Committee.
- G. Announced the October meeting schedules: ACF – met October 16, 2008 in Huntington WV; HEPC – next meeting scheduled for November 21, 2008 in Charleston, WV; and the MUBOG – next meeting scheduled for November 2008.
- H. Announced that Karen McComas has reported that the Information Technology Council is currently reviewing for revision the E-Course Policy (IT-5), please send your comments to her; that the IT Council has approved a policy concerning Special Collections (IT-21); and the university has digital cameras available for loan. Bernice will send the links to Senators.
- I. Announced that the Faculty Personnel Committee has been charged to review, discuss, and possibly make a recommendation pertaining to the adoption of a policy that mandates a pre-tenure review of faculty midway through their probationary period of employment.
- J. Announced that the Legislative Affairs Committee has been charged to review, discuss and possibly make a recommendation to endorse the ACF Legislative Agenda.

- K. Announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2008 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the John Spotts Room of the Memorial Student Center.
- L. Announced that the Faculty Senate office will conduct an orientation training session for the officers of the senate, standing and ad hoc committees on November 7, 2008.
- M. Announced that the next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2008 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.
- N. Announced that the Faculty Personnel Committee has been charged to investigate the university's interpretation of the state grievance statute and the conduct of the university toward the grievance policy.
- O. Distributed an informational binder to Senators. The binder includes sections for Schedules (dates, times & locations for all meetings); the Faculty Constitution and the Mission Statement of the Faculty Senate; Rosters (Faculty Senate and standing committees as well as a description of duties for each committee); and Archive (where senators may keep meeting materials).

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**SR-08-09-03 LAC:** Recommends that the Faculty Senate and the President of Marshall University endorse the creation of a bus service between Marshall University Huntington campus and the Marshall University South Charleston campus. Furthermore, we respectfully urge the state and federal legislators to provide additional funds to facilitate the operation of such a service. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO SUSPEND THE AGENDA TO ADD A RECOMMENDATION***

**SR-08-09-01 EC:** Resolves that the Faculty Senate endorse the attached "Higher Education Faculty Legislative Agenda" as prepared by the Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF). ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO RETURN TO THE AGENDA***

**4. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Stephen Kopp**

Absent, no report.

**5. REPORT OF THE PROVOST: Dr. Gayle Ormiston**

- Announced that there currently is a working group of 21 people, comprised of faculty and other representatives of constituency groups across campus, who are reviewing retention practices of colleges and best practices for retention. The group's discussions include using CAPP to generate degree success portfolios for students; degree audit reports for students; and four-year plans so students may see what classes must be taken to complete a degree.
- Discussed the DaVinci Roundtable Project which will have 25 faculty participating.
- Stated that discussions are ensuing concerning summer school sessions, the schedule, number of terms, funding models, and the kinds of courses to be offered.

**6. BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Dr. Monica Brooks**

- Stated that the Board had not met.

**7. ACF REPORT: Dr. Ben Miller**

- Thanked the Faculty Senate for their endorsement of the ACF Legislative Agenda; discussed the brochure that was distributed (on file in the Faculty Senate office); and reported that the brochure will be sent to the WV Legislature.
- Stated that the Potomac State handout, Faculty Memorandum of Understanding (on file in the Faculty Senate office) is for informational purposes and that the ACF has requested the HEPC's attorney to review.

- Announced that the HEPC has created [www.studywv.org](http://www.studywv.org), a website for students interested in studying abroad or for foreign students interested in studying in West Virginia.
- Stated that the WV Legislature is planning to review how members are appointed to boards of governors, capital improvements and funding.

**8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Each liaison reported to-date on their respective committee.

**9. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE: (5 minutes per person)**

A. Bernice Bullock, Chair, President's Blue Ribbon United Way Campaign Committee.

**10. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

A. Rudy Wang requested that the Provost or Senior Vice President for Finance be invited to address faculty compensation and how they plan to achieve a national average.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:08 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Jennifer Sias, Recording

Faculty Senate

Secretary