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**MARSHALL UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Minutes of October 12, 2006**

A meeting of the Marshall University Board of Governors was held on October 12, 2006, at the Memorial Student Center.

Members present: All members were present except Gary Adkins.  
Others Present: President Kopp and members of his staff, Chancellor James Skidmore, and visitors.  
Absent: Gary Adkins.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Ketchum called the meeting to order.

**II. Minutes**

Jim Sottile moved, seconded by Virginia King, that the minutes of August 23, 2006 and September 21, 2006, be approved. The motion passed.

**III. Committee of the Whole**

The consideration of an amended Organizational Structure and Rules of Order for meetings was continued until the December 13, 2006, Board meeting.

Jim Sottile moved, seconded by Brent Marsteller, that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Marshall Foundation dated October 12, 2006, and that the President's request, dated October 12, 2006, to the Foundation seeking approval for the use of the Butler and Charles gifts be approved. The motions passed.

**IV. Community & Technical College Meeting**

Chancellor James Skidmore gave a presentation outlining the mission of the Community College.

John Hess moved, seconded by Sue Richardson, that the following resolution regarding Dr. Vicki Riley be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS, Dr. Vicki Riley has submitted her resignation as president of the Marshall Community and Technical College

WHEREAS, Dr. Riley has served the University and the Community and Technical College for the past six (6) years in the roles of Provost/CEO and then as President

WHEREAS, Dr. Riley has proven to be an agent of change, successfully implementing all the of the requirements of Senate Bill 653 which mandated the accreditation of Marshall Community and Technical College as a separate institution

WHEREAS, the Marshall Community and Technical College received the maximum award of a five (5) year accreditation as a separate institution in October 2003

WHEREAS, Dr. Riley recruited founding members and established the first Institutional Board of Advisors as mandated by the State

WHEREAS, Dr. Riley has worked with the faculty to add eight (8) new one-year certificate programs and ten (10) new associate degree programs and options during her time here

WHEREAS, Dr. Riley increased workforce development outreach and service to the community by working with the faculty, staff and business community to establish the Railroad Conductor Training Program, the Commercial Driving Training Program and the Inland Waterways Academy, Manufacturing Consortium and Cooking and Culinary Institute

WHEREAS, under Dr. Riley's direction, the College became a state leader in the development of programs for the Earn a Degree Early (EDGE) Program, developing fifteen (15) program articulations with area high schools and vocational centers

WHEREAS, in recognition of the above and many other accomplishments, the Marshall University Board of Governors, hereby, expresses its appreciation for Dr. Riley's six (6) years of dedicated service and wishes her success in her new position.

The resolution passed.

John Hess moved, seconded by Sue Richardson, that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion passed.

After a time the Board came out of Executive Session.

John Hess moved, seconded by Sue Richardson, that the Board's Executive Committee be given the authority to hire an interim president for the Community College. The motion passed.

## **V. University Meeting**

President Kopp gave an informational report.

The Board toured the Journalism Department.

1. Academic Committee

Verna Gibson gave an informational report.

2. Finance, Audit & Investment

Mike Perry presented the following resolutions, seconded by Brent Marsteller.

Resolved, the Marshall University Board of Governors adopt the following policies: GA-12, General Conflict of Interest and GA-13, Whistleblower Policy, as amended.

Resolved, the Board of Governors approves the use of the remaining Biotechnology Science Center/Development Center Lottery Bond Proceeds of \$1,145,000 for the demolition of the Weiler Steel buildings, pavement of the site, and design costs for the new Biotechnology Development Center and Applied Engineering Complex.

Resolved, the Board of Governors approves the transfer of \$700,000 from the Student Health and Wellness Center project to the Harris Hall HVAC Upgrade project in order for the institution to get reimbursed for the funds it spent on the project from its general budget.

The resolutions unanimously passed.

Menis Ketchum appointed Tom Linkous, the Board's internal auditor, to administer the Whistleblower program.

3. Medical School

Brent Marsteller gave an informational report.

4. Athletic Committee

Mike Farrell gave an informational report.

**VI. Executive Session**

John Hess moved, seconded by Sue Richardson, that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss real estate purchases. The motion passed.

After a time the Board came out of Executive Session.

**VII. Post Executive Session Motions**

Mike Perry moved, seconded by Virginia King, that Marshall purchase the 20th Street Baptist Church at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Twentieth Street for one million dollars. The motion unanimously passed.

Mike Perry moved, seconded by John Hess, that the Board explore the purchase of real estate in the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Fifth Avenue. The motion passed.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Verna Gibson, Secretary*