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Whereas, Dr. Dale Nitzschke is entering his fifth year as president of Marshall University where he has served in an exemplary fashion; and

Whereas, Dr. Dale Nitzschke has led this University with vision and zeal; and

Whereas, Dr. Dale Nitzschke has encouraged the faculty, staff, and student body of Marshall University to fulfill their grandest dreams; and

Whereas Dr. Dale Nitzschke has demonstrated his commitment to faculty governance by his support of the concept and implementation of the Faculty Senate; and

Whereas Dr. Dale Nitzschke has emphasized the sanctity of research by the faculty; and

Whereas Dr. Dale Nitzschke has brought widespread public and private recognition of Marshall's excellence in higher education; and

Whereas Dr. Dale Nitzschke has presented eloquent argument and defense of Marshall programs; and

Whereas Dr. Dale Nitzschke, in spite of Marshall University's inadequate budget, has let this school in an increase of enrollment far beyond that of any other institution of higher learning in West Virginia; and

Whereas Dr. Dale Nitzschke has educated members of the Board of Regents and members of the Legislature regarding Marshall's budgetary plight and has worked tirelessly in his efforts to create the reallocation model; and
Whereas Dale Nitzschke has participated in many efforts to revitalize the community of Huntington, of Cabell County, and the tri-state area; and

Whereas Dale Nitzschke has given of his time and talents to leadership of Huntington, Cabell County, Chamber of Commerce and many other cultural, social, and economic endeavors; and

Whereas Dale Nitzschke has been an untiring advocate of higher education throughout the state of West Virginia; and

Whereas Dale Nitzschke has been recognized regionally, nationally, and internationally as a leader of academic excellence; and

Be it therefore resolved, that as it is the view of the Faculty that President Nitzschke is essential to the continued success of Marshall University. The Faculty Senate, on behalf of the entire faculty, demand that Dr. Nitzschke remain as President of Marshall University, continuing his faculty support and leadership until at least the year 2037, when Marshall celebrates its Bicentennial.

Senate President:

Approved ____________________________ Date 9/8/88

Disapproved ____________________________ Date ____________________________

University President:

Approved ____________________________ Date 9/9/88

Disapproved ____________________________ Date ____________________________
A faculty handbook written earlier this year at Fairleigh Dickinson University is expected to help fill a void in faculty governance that was created when the faculty union was decertified last year. The handbook, written by a panel of seven faculty members and five administrators, provides guidelines on issues ranging from academic freedom to severance pay. It was approved 3 to 1 and will be recognized as university policy. Administrators and faculty members alike say the handbook will serve as an alternative governance structure, although faculty leaders say it doesn't go far enough in addressing grievances and economic issues.

But, says Faramarz J. Fillomi, a history professor who helped write it: "We thought it was important that we continue to maintain the gains of collective bargaining." The union was decertified when a National Labor Relations Board official ruled that faculty members had managerial status.

Clashes between faculty members and college presidents are widespread these days. But at Marshall University, members of the faculty senate have passed a resolution urging their president to stay on the job for 49 more years. The 46-member senate, which serves as Marshall's chief faculty governance structure, last month unanimously praised President Dale Nitzschke. It noted that Mr. Nitzschke was committed to faculty governance, had presided over an enrollment increase, and had worked to offset budget problems caused by West Virginia's troubled economy. It suggested he stay until 2037, when Marshall celebrates its bicentennial.

"So often we don't let people know what we think," says Rainey. "People think, "I don't know what I think." Duke, an English professor who has held his post for five years, says he was surprised and humbled by the resolution. "We've worked hard to keep a close working relationship," he says.

Charles C. Mack put many of the principles of flight that he taught in his class in aircraft structures at San Jose State University to the test recently when he became the first person to fly a single-engine place from Paris to New York. His successful 20-hour journey set a world record. "Students appreciate that I have actual flight experience," says the associate professor. "It's nice to be able to take the place of a man. But I have the right to be able to take the place of a man. But I have the right to..."