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Whereas, guidelines to ensure the integrity of all hiring, promotion and tenure procedures are in place at every institution of higher education, combined with forms and letters committees must complete to document how they followed the process;

Whereas, the deliberation of any committee should remain confidential so that members are free to voice their analysis of a candidate's merits;

Whereas, recording a confidential deliberation of a candidate's merits will have a chilling effect on members of the committee to do due diligence to their task;

Whereas, HB 2335 would require all hiring, promotion and tenure deliberations to be recorded;

Whereas, the administration of a college or university has a duty to protect its students, staff and faculty;

Whereas, speakers who incite violence may indirectly inhibit the ability of a college or university to protect its students, staff and faculty;

Whereas, HB 2335 states that the obstruction of invited campus speakers may not be tolerated;

Be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate of Marshall University opposes HB 2335 because personnel deliberations must be confidential and administrations must have the freedom to protect their students, faculty and staff.

We so resolve.

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:

APPROVED BY THE
FACULTY SENATE:

_____ DATE: _____

DISAPPROVED BY THE
FACULTY SENATE:

_____ DATE: _____

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

READ: _____ DATE: _____