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**Marshall University Board of Governors**  
**April 26, 2017**  
**Shawkey Dining Room**

Present: Wyatt Scaggs, Chairman; Phyllis Arnold; James Bailes; Phil Cline; Tim Dagostine; David E. Haden; Edward Howard; Christie Kinsey; Dale C. Lowther; Joseph McDonie; Michael G. Sellards; Gary G. White; Miriah Young; Dr. Cam Brammer; Matt Jarvis;

I. **Call to Order**

Upon determining a quorum was present, Mr. Scaggs called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

II. **Minutes Approval**

The minutes of the February 22, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. McDonie, seconded by Mr. Lowther.

III. **Presentation by Dr. Chuck Somerville, Dean, College of Science**

Dean Somerville presented a brief summary of teaching, research, and service activities in the College of Science (CoS). The quantity of teaching being done by CoS faculty was measured in three ways: the average number of enrollments in CoS courses over the last four years, the number of SCH generated in service courses (courses that are required to complete majors in other colleges) per year, and the average number of students who have declared majors in CoS programs over the last four years. CoS ranks second among Marshall University colleges in all three categories. The College of Liberal Arts ranks first in number of enrollments and service course hours, and the College of Health Professions ranks first in the number of declared majors. The data show that CoS is a major contributor to the teaching mission at Marshall, and has a very strong balance between educating CoS majors and contributing to the education of majors in all the other colleges. Although the quantity of teaching is important, the quality of CoS teaching has also been very strong. Dean Somerville noted that CoS faculty have won 13 major MU teaching awards.

Research activity was discussed by comparing external funding through the first three quarters of FY17. With respect to external funding, CoS ranked first among the core academic colleges, and second only to the School of Medicine. CoS faculty have won 15 major research awards, and account for millions of dollars of external funding each year.

Although it is difficult to quantify service activity, Dean Somerville noted several examples of service and outreach activities being done by CoS faculty, including: the creation of the Green Trail, the Arboretum Project, Brain Expo, the Water Festival, and K-12 STEAM camps that are intended to introduce local children to both science and Marshall University.

Finally, Dean Somerville described the recent reorganization of the CoS, which incorporated the MS Forensic Science program in an exciting new School of Forensic & Criminal Justice Sciences, eliminated redundancy in CoS programs, created new opportunities for teaching and research collaborations, and provided all CoS faculty the opportunity to have graduate students.

#### IV. Committee Reports

##### Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Christie Kinsey, Chair of the Committee, presented on behalf of the Committee.

The action items recommended for approval by the Committee were:

##### A) Program Review

Upon a motion by Mr. Haden, seconded by Mrs. Arnold, the following resolution was read and motion carried.

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the 2016-2017 Academic Program Review Recommendations*

The chart, attached as Exhibit A shows the recommendations.

Chairman Scaggs thanked the program reviewers.

##### B) Intent to Plan, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering

Dr. Wael Zatar, Dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering, provided an overview of the program. The proposed start date for this program is Fall 2017.

Fiscal note: The BSBE program will require one new faculty member in the first year, building up to a maximum of five additional faculty members and one laboratory technician by the fourth year. During its first five years, the program will cost approximately \$2.88 million, \$940,000 of that cost will be used to develop the required undergraduate teaching laboratories. During the fifth year, the program is projected to become financially viable, with an estimated net revenue of \$244,000.

Upon a motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. McDonie, the following resolution was read and motion carried.

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the Intent to Plan for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering.*

Other updates were given by:

Mr. Matt James for Student Affairs

Ms. Tammy Johnson for Admissions

Dr. Beth Wolfe on recruitment efforts and calls that have been made.

Dr. Joseph Shapiro from the School of Medicine.

Mr. Mike Hamrick from Athletics

Dr. Brammer noted that there had been 53 concerts and recitals in Smith Music Hall during the month of April.

### **Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee**

Mr. Haden, Chair of the Committee, gave the report for the committee. The following items were discussed and presented to the board for action:

- A) Investment Earnings Update. Upon a motion by Mr. Sellards, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, the following resolution was read and motion carried:

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors receives the Investment Earnings Report for the period ending February 28, 2017*

- B.) Marshall University Draft Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

Upon a motion by Mr. McDonie, seconded by Mr. Bailes, and a “nay” by Mr. Jarvis, the board read the following resolution and motion carried.

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approves the Draft Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Contingent Tuition Increases for Academic Year 2017-2018; with a Final Budget and Tuition and Fee Schedule to be brought forth once the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 State Budget is finalized.

### V. **President’s Report**

- Busy times on campus: Alumni Weekend and fountain was turned back on, dedication of the Vinny Curry Locker Room, production of Guys and Dolls, Green and White game, and awards ceremony for our alumni.
- City of Huntington was named America’s Best Community in a national competition.
- Goals for 2017: enrollment, fighting addiction, undergraduate research, expanded student activities, and economic outreach.
- Budget: Still uncertainty with regard to what will happen with regard to our budget. We have lost \$11.5M in state appropriations since 2013. We may still sustain a cut between 4% and 15%. A budget taskforce to help identify areas where we can reallocate and save resources. After review of the recommendations of the Taskforce, recommendations for freezing

positions, ideas for administrative restructuring at the college and departmental levels and possible changes in curricular delivery will be given consideration.

- As discussed, a contingency set of tuition increases that are exactly the same as the contingencies of last year plus one additional level were approved.
- Enrollment: Applications are still up, but deposits for enrollment are not on track. The new ad campaign has 550 new applications. Making calls, and working on a common application for next year.
- POWER Grants and Outreach: RCBI received three POWER grants from ARC last week totaling about \$6M to help stimulate the economy and create jobs for southern WV. Over 150 new jobs will be created. Commendations to Charlotte Weber.
- Fight against Addiction: Representatives from Marshall and I met with state officials several times over the past two weeks to talk about how Marshall can be a world leader in finding solutions in the addiction fight. Representative Evan Jenkins was here to tour the Enterprise Child Care Facility on April 17 with Marshall Representatives to talk about a grant proposal to provide day care for infants and post-partum mothers as a second phase beyond Lilly's Place.
- Announcements: Went to Morgantown and witnessed the signing of two bills by Governor Justice to provide flex for institutions. Participated in the Biosciences WV conference with Gordon Gee and Mary Hendrix of Shepherd University. Design for Delight Competition in partnership with Intuit and Brad Smith will be occurring later this afternoon. Commencement is Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. with Son of Marshall Mark McVey as speaker.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Scaggs announced that the Board Retreat will be May 19-20, 2017. Carol Hurula will be the Institutional Board of Governors Classified Employee Representative effective July 1, 2017, replacing Miriah Young. He thanked Miriah on behalf of the Board for all that she has done for them, and the University.

#### **VI. Executive Session under the authority of WV Code §6-9A-4**

Upon a motion by Mr. Haden, seconded Mr. Mr. McDonie, the Board entered Executive Session. After a short period of time, upon a motion by Mr. Lowther, seconded by Dr. Brammer, the Board entered open session.

Mr. White moved, seconded by Mr. Bailes, that the Board receive and approve the positive Presidential Evaluation of Dr. Gilbert. Motion passed.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Mr. Lowther, seconded by Mr. McDonie, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary