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# The Minutes of the Marshall University Faculty Senate Meeting, September 25, 2018

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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018, AT 4:00 P.M. IN  
ROOM BE5 OF THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Maria Babiuc-Hamilton, Melinda Backus, Frederick Bartolovic, Sujoy Bose, Charles Braun, Andrew Burck, Carrie Childers, James Dauber, Ida Day, Jeff Garrett, Philippe Georgel, David Graefe, Daesung Ha, Brandon Henderson, Tom Hisiro, Cynthia Jones, JiYoon Jung, Doohee Lee, Kristen Lillvis, Jian Liu, Jose Luis Morilo, Saurabh Mehta, Greg Michelson, Pam Mulder, Brock Niceler, Elizabeth Niese, Lisa Nord, Amine Oudghiri-Otmani, Joel Peckham, Nicolas Phan, Kelli Prejean, Rob Rabe, Sandra Reed, Robin Riner, Eryn Roles, Jon Saken, Nick Shangler, Megan Shephard, Feon Smith, Michael Stinnett, Barbara Tarter, Stephen Underhill, Anita Walz, Ralph Webb, Paris Webb, Susan Welch, Kara Willenburg, Stephen Young

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Subha Arthur, Anne Axel, Sherry Early, Josh Brunty, Matthew Christiansen, Piyali Dasgupta, James Denvir, Ben Eng, Joan St. Germain, Scott Gibbs, Wei Li, Tom Linz, Haroon Malik, Nitin Puri, Brittany Riley, Stephen Roy, Dale Shao, Komal Sodhi, Vincent Sollars, Uma Sundaram, Eugenia Webb-Damron, Debra Young, Mark Zanter

**EX-OFFICIO, VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marybeth Beller (ACF), Lori Howard (Graduate Council)

**EX-OFFICIO, VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** N/A

**EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** N/A

**BOG REPRESENTATIVE:** Cam Brammer

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Carl Mummert

**GUESTS:** Kelli Johnson, Scott Davis, Gretchen Kalar, Hannah Petracca, Hunter Barclay, Jean Price, Cheryl Brown, Michael McGuffey, Jaime R. Taylor, Monica Brooks, Wael Zatar, Nicolas Phan, John Maher, Sherri Smith

Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Philippe Georgel called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes – May, 2018 minutes. Motion passed
2. Announcements – Philippe Georgel
  - a) Senators should sit around the table; others should sit at the chairs provided; cell phones should be set to “silent” mode; and to ensure an accurate recording of the meeting, senators should use the microphones when speaking and are to state their name and department; all should sign in on the sheets.
  - b) The E-Vote for Faculty Constitutional amendments was ratified with 95% of votes for the approval. A summary of the changes to the constitution were as follows:
    1. The University Function Committee is dissolved;
    2. the Faculty Senate Executive Committee includes a representative from the Council of Chairs;
    3. the Athletic Committee no longer has a representative from kinesiology;
    4. the number of Senators for the School of Medicine and Pharmacy has been modified (down to 3 with 3 substitutes),
  - c) Senators cannot miss more than three meetings in an academic year. If a fourth meeting is missed, the Senator will be dismissed.

- d) Recommendations and resolutions for the October 25<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting should be submitted by Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - e) President Gilbert signed the following recommendations from the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate Meeting:
    1. SR-17-18-50 APC
    2. SR-17-18-51 BAPC
    3. SR-17-18-53 LAC
    4. SR-17-18-54 ACF
    5. SR-17-18-55
    6. SR-17-18-40 EC
    7. SR-17-18-52 CC
  - f) Senators were recognized for perfect attendance from the 2017-18 academic year:
3. Resolution to endorse ACF Issues for 2018-19  
A motion to approve the resolution was moved and properly seconded. Motion passed
4. Budget Working Group Report appointment to replace Carl Mummert
  - a) The chair asked for nominations from the floor to replace Dr. Mummert
  - b) Nominations will be taken by e-mail for the position
5. MU Board of Governor's Report – Cam Brammer
  - a) At the June meeting, the Board approved the intent to plan for the Master of Science in cybersecurity and approved the Bachelor of Science in Computer and Information Security
  - b) August meeting highlights were the renovations in Twin Towers, over 2.4 million dollars in grants awarded to the Medical School, new construction of the School of Pharmacy, and Student Affairs new folders as a resource for faculty to assist students.
6. Report of the University President – Jerome Gilbert
  - a) The University insurance policy covered the cancelled football game, resulting in \$1.3 million revenue
  - b) The Coits game will be played tomorrow and the Media Coits game will be played on Monday
  - c) State of the University report will be held next Thursday
  - d) Will work with the Provost to implement suggestions from Dr. Virginia Valian, gender bias expert
  - e) Encourage faculty to take the inherent bias test on Harvard University's Inherent Bias website
  - f) Change spring graduation by groupings of colleges to cover both undergraduate and graduate; secure speakers for both, morning and afternoon, graduation ceremonies.
7. Report of the Provost – Jaime Taylor  
Strategy for recruitment
  - a) Academics will be the centerpiece of Green and White Day
  - b) President visit high schools in the State to drive people to Green and White Day
  - c) Goal is to get 8 to 9 out of every 10 people who visits the event to become Marshall Students
8. Advisory Council of Faculty Report - Marybeth Beller
  - a) Marybeth was elected Chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty at the July retreat
  - b) ACF is working on reducing the cost of textbooks for students
  - c) ACF has asked the Governor to appoint faculty to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education
  - d) Encouraging each campus to have a legislative forum right after the election, to talk to elected legislators about issues that are important to higher education before January session
9. Request to Speak and/or Answer Questions to the Senate - Hunter Barclay (Student Body President) and Hannah Petracca (Student Body Vice-President)



- a) Affordability of educational materials and read snippets of the Board of Governor's textbook affordability policy
- b) Highlighted various open access options for faculty to consider adopting: Cengage, Openstax, textbook loan repayment program, use of older editions, adopting a textbook price cap of \$100

A motion to extend speaking time for five additional minutes was properly moved and seconded. Motion passed.

- c) Suggestions/comments from the Senate:
  1. Faculty can ask book reps about prices for books
  2. Jeff Garret will pursue Cengage and the use of older editions
  3. Greg Michelson suggested faculty look into using Vital Source

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4. Eryn Roles suggested speakers to talk to the library as a resource and the library is looking at resources included in the information presented to the Senate
5. Marybeth Beller asked for information from the bookstore about textbook markups so faculty can make a more informed decision on textbook adoption
6. Make a list of faculty who are currently using Cengage
7. Anita Walz suggested establishing marketplace for students to resell textbooks on-line
8. President Gilbert encouraged the Senate to recognize faculty who are participating in ways to reduce textbook costs and encourage other faculty to use sources to reduce textbook costs
9. Philippe Georgel suggest students check with faculty for copies of books in their office
10. Sandra Reed encouraged speakers to reach out to all faculty to see what they are doing in their departments for best practices to share with other areas
11. Sherri Smith suggested sending a Qulatricks survey, setup through academic affairs, to faculty to compile a list of known options for faculty to check off and a text entry option for additional ideas

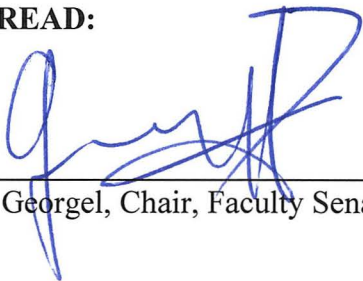
**Adjourned at 4:54 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia B. Jones, Ph.D., Recording Secretary, Faculty Senate

**MINUTES READ:**



Dr. Philippe Georgel, Chair, Faculty Senate



Dr. Jerome Gilbert, President, Marshall University