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INDIVIDUAL SENATOR RECOMMENDATION

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Recommends that the Faculty Senate endorse the establishment of an annual, campus-wide festival to celebrate student learning that will provide a common time for presenting and publicizing to the Marshall University community, alumni, Legislators, Board of Governors, prospective students, and other members of the region the work that students and faculty mentors are already doing.

RATIONALE:

While many departments and colleges hold events that showcase student work, these events tend to be poorly attended by students and faculty outside that department or college. The consequence of this isolation is that student accomplishments are invisible outside their colleges. A common spring festival with a shared webpage of events offers a mechanism for building a strong interdisciplinary community of learners who can rejoice in each other's successes. Students who are unhappy with their major sometimes see leaving the university as their only option. A festival has the potential to rekindle their interest in staying at Marshall University by demonstrating the work of other majors. Alumni events and student recruitment tends to occur when the campus is inactive. Inviting these groups to campus during the festival gives a more genuine view of what Marshall University has to offer today. While each college will ultimately decide what events they wish to have included in the festival, events like tours of significant resources, workshops, student presentations and performances would provide members of the Board of Governors and Legislators with a clearer view of the impact of the work that occurs at Marshall University.

Festival Goals:

1. Celebrate student successes
2. Build a strong interdisciplinary community of learners
3. Retain students
4. Recruit students
5. Provide Board of Governors and Legislators with insight into the work at Marshall University
6. Share accomplishments with alumni

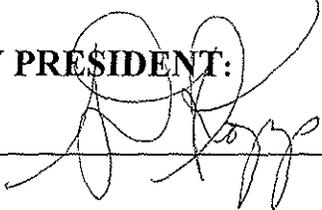
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