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**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION**

**RETURNED TO COMMITTEE**

**SR-03-04-05 LA**

Recommends that the Faculty Senate of Marshall University reach out to all West Virginians by holding a media event prior to the beginning of the 2004 legislative session with the aim to articulate the impact on students, faculty, and staff of Marshall University and all residents of West Virginia any further budget reductions to institutions of higher education.

**RATIONALE:**

Many West Virginians are not aware of the every day implications, other than tuition increases, that have resulted from three consecutive years of reductions to the higher education budget. Presenting a forum to educate the public about the practical repercussions of budget cuts, such as – increasing class sizes, reducing the number of required class offerings, and it taking a longer time to graduate – could potentially create a grass roots movement against further budget reductions. Also it will educate the general public of the importance of higher education in achieving future economic development goals of West Virginia.

**FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:**

RETURNED TO COMMITTEE: Larry M. Stibler DATE: Dec. 2, 2003

**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

READ: [Signature] DATE: Dec 3, 2003

**COMMENTS:** The Executive Committee proposes that your committee organize the media event and that your recommendation list specific details, i.e. who will be invited, what will be discussed, when and where it will be held, and who will pay any expenses that may be incurred.

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