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**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

SR-01-02-8 (LA)

Recommends that the Marshall University community actively participate in all legislative forums regarding the pertinent issues of higher education in West Virginia. In addition to voluntary efforts, appropriate representatives from the various campus constituencies (e.g., President's Cabinet, Dean's Council, Classified Staff Council, student organizations, Faculty Senate, Legislative Affairs Committee, and other faculty and staff organizations, etc...) and alumni organizations should be identified. The University President, the President of Faculty Senate, and/or their representative is responsible for the coordination and assignment.

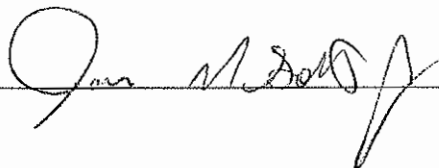
The assignees are encouraged to attend the public hearings as well as the interim and regular legislative sessions. These representatives could be granted official leave time and reimbursed financial expenses as appropriate.

RATIONALE:

1. A coordinated, wide-based, and grass-rooted body to represent the University community and give its voice to legislative concerns is not currently available.
2. This Recommendation is aimed at addressing the problem of the University's chronic under-representation in the legislative forums, which has long been criticized by our local legislators.
3. An effective representative group enhances the University's visibility in the Legislature and earns further support from Legislators.

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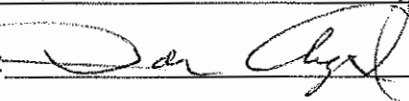
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COMMENTS:

SEE ATTACHED

While the university encourages voluntary participation in legislative forums, it is imperative that the institution speak through its official representatives to avoid the sending of mixed or conflicting messages and to focus on priority issues. Legislative efforts are handled by Bill Burdette, Charlotte Weber, David Ice and Tom Hunter in addition to the president and members of the Marshall University Board of Governors who represent all campus groups.