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**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION**

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Regarding all of higher education in West Virginia, the Legislative Affairs Committee urges the Faculty Senate to do the following: (1) go on record as opposed to arbitrary tenure caps and in favor of the awarding of tenure based on accomplishments in teaching, scholarly and creative activity and service; and (2) urge the University President and each faculty member to encourage state legislators to support this recommendation.

**RATIONALE:**

The Legislative Affairs Committee feels that: (1) student learning is based on the presence of a core tenured faculty in any campus; (2) arbitrary caps insure greater turnover in faculty, which is detrimental to students; (3) arbitrary caps insure greater use of part-time faculty which is detrimental to student learning because, as studies have shown, part-time faculty are less likely to spend time in advising students outside of class (One recent study showed, for example, that 50 percent of part-timers say that they spend no time with students outside of class); and (4) other reasons beyond the scope of this recommendation.

**FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:**

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