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**STUDENT CONDUCT AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

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Recommends the following concerning Student Health Services:

1. The Student Health Service clinic should be more accessible to students. Either a location should be found on the main campus, or a more convenient transportation should be provided.
2. The staffing at the Health Service clinic should include a full-time physician's assistant (PA) or family nurse practitioner (FNP) to deliver most primary care to students, plus 2 FTE *licensed* nurses or other mid-level providers to support the primary care staff. There should also be a full-time physician *on-call* to consult and treat students when appropriate. In addition, medical records and reception functions should be maintained, requiring one FTE employee.
3. Ancillary services, including laboratory, X-ray, and pharmacy, are critical to the health care of students, and should be maintained. Confidential testing for pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV should be provided.
4. If the Student Health Service clinic is relocated to a campus site, the facility must at a minimum include: 1) room for a reception and waiting area, 2) six (6) examination and treatment rooms, 3) close access to rest rooms, and 4) space for storage of materials and medical records.
5. The SHS should continue to focus on primary treatment, referring to specialized treatment to facilities and practitioners outside of the Student Health Service. Costs for this specialty care would be borne by the students.
6. The Health Service should continue its educational focus, assisting students to learn how to get well and how to maintain their health once the illness episode ends.
7. Improved access and awareness of area family planning services should be provided.

RATIONALE:

1. The Marshall University Mission Statement describes the expectation that students meet "rigorous standards and high expectations for student learning and performance." In support of this mission, Marshall University must provide health services to assist students in maintaining the health and vigor necessary to succeed in their classes.
2. The relocation of the Student Health Services to the M.U. Medical Center at Cabell-Huntington Hospital has resulted in substantial inconvenience to students due to its

location at a site over a mile from the main campus. Even though the university provided free passes on TTA Bus Service to students seeking a ride to the Clinic, the number of students using this service has been small, about 20 per week.

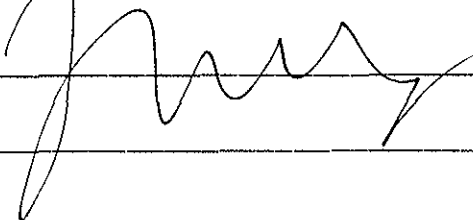
3. The move to MUMC this year has resulted in a decline in SHS clinic usage. The average daily count was 51 in the 1997-98 academic year, and only about 35 so far in this academic year. The Health Service clinical staff has observed that fewer students with minor health problems are being treated at the clinic, raising the concern that for some cases, untreated minor problems may result in more severe health problems later.
4. Elimination of family planning services is partly to blame for the lower number of patients seen.
5. A user satisfaction survey indicated that clinic location was the major weakness followed by waiting time.

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:

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COMMENTS:

Amended on the senate floor, 5/13/99. Amendments are in bold italic print.

Number 2, third sentence delete the word certified and add the word licensed; in

the fourth sentence, strike the word on-site and add the word on-call.