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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
HELD
ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009, AT 4:00 P.M. IN
ROOM BE5 OF THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Stone, Deepak Subedi, Maurice Lockridge (Assistant Chair), Linda Dobbs, Jonathan Cox, Joan St. Germain, Mark Zanter, Brian Morgan, Ralph Oberste-Vorth, Bonita Lawrence, Karen Mitchell, Basant Karna, Huong Nguyen, Tom Jones, Burnis Morris, Jennifer Perry, Sandra Prunty, Pat Conlon, Wael Zatar, Chuck Bailey, Eldon Larsen, Janet Dozier, Jennifer Mak, Eric Arnold, Mary Jo Graham, Gregg Twietmeyer, Keith Beard, Camilla Brammer (Chair), Marty Laubach, Donna Sullivan, Barbara Tarter, Christine Huhn, Thomas Linz, Genevieve Meyers, Kathleen Bledsoe, Mike Goldman, Rudy Wang, Elaine Hardman, Charles Clements, Pier Paolo Claudio, Sandra Stroebel, and Tracy Christofero.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Uday Tate, Rex McClure, Liz Murray, Karen McNealy, Kelly Harlow, Christina Burgueno, Chris White, Ernest Walker, Nancy Norton, and Tina Sias. Jennifer Sias (Recording Secretary) participated by conference phone.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Cheryl Brown present.

GUESTS: David Pittenger, Whitney Burdette, Dallas Brozik, Leandra Carey, Clark Davis, Chuck Somerville, Mary Todd, Frances Hensley, Rosalyn Templeton, Corley Dennison, Don Van Horn, Stephen Kopp, Bill Rosenberger, Donna Spindel, Steve Hensley, and Gayle Ormiston.

Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Camilla Brammer called the meeting to order at approximately 4:04 p.m.

DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY CHAIR BRAMMER REQUESTED A VOLUNTEER; ELAINE HARDMAN VOLUNTEERED.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting were approved as read.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Camilla Brammer

- A. Invited everyone to help themselves to the refreshments and the 2010 magnetic calendars.
- B. Announced a reminder that Senators should sit around the table, others should sit at the chairs provided and cell phones should be set to “silent” mode. Also, to ensure an accurate recording of the meeting, Senators should use the microphones when speaking and are to state their name and department.
- C. Expressed gratitude to Huong Nguyen for her service to the Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate this semester; she has been a temporary substitute for Scott Sara who is on

sabbatical. Also thanks to Whitney Burdette, the Faculty Senate's Parthenon reporter this semester.

- D. Announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2010 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.
- E. Announced that the next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2010 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.
- F. Announced the December meeting schedule: ACF: met December 4, 2009 in Charleston, WV; HEPC: no meeting scheduled in December; and the MUBOG – scheduled to meet December 15, 2009.
- G. Announced that the university president has approved the following recommendations: SR-09-10-(08) 54 UFC, SR-09-10-(09) 55 CC, SR-09-10-(10) 56 CC, and SR-09-10-(11) 57 CC.
- H. Provided the Faculty Senate with a status update on the Faculty Petition Investigation Ad Hoc Committee. The committee has requested and received documentation from all the parties involved; has met three times to discuss the petition and documentation; and is in the process of preparing a summation of its findings.
- I. Wished everyone a safe and joyous holiday break and that she would see them next year!

3. RESPONSE TO IMPEACHMENT PETITION: Dr. Maurice Lockridge

Stated that he would begin with a summary and then offer details, but the bottom line is that an impeachment of the chair would not happen and for two reasons: 1. The petition's grounds that the chair failed to provide leadership on a matter of great importance to the faculty is not true. He presented a timeline of events leading up to the presentation of the petition which provided evidence that the chair acted in a timely manner and that she was proactive by giving counsel on the matter, and 2. There are no provisions for impeachment in the faculty constitution.

4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

SR-09-10-(12) 58 LAC: Resolves that the Faculty Senate of Marshall University endorse a revision to WV Code §18B-2A-1 which controls the composition and appointment of the Boards of Governors (BOGs) of higher education institutions: (1) at Marshall University, the size of the BOG would increase to 17 members with the number of faculty representatives increasing from 1 to 2, and (2) Faculty representatives would be non-administrative only, below the level of dean, and be teaching faculty who are eligible to serve on the Faculty Senate. Faculty representatives are to be elected by the faculty. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

SR-09-10-(13) 59 LAC: Recommends that the Marshall University Faculty Senate and President Kopp jointly express our appreciation to Governor Manchin and the 2009 State Legislature for their support to the state's higher education system. We are especially thankful to members of our regional representation for their continuous efforts of working together with the University and its faculty, staff, and students in the initiation of various

legislations, approval of funding requests, and the promotion of Marshall University in achieving its educational missions. We look forward to their further support of the 2010 University Legislative Agenda and the 2010 ACF-Faculty Legislative Agenda. **WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.**

SR-09-10-(14) 60 LAC: Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate and the Legislative Affairs Committee jointly extend our sincere gratitude to the former Delegate Susan Hubbard for her dedicated service to the Faculty Senate Legislative Affairs Committee. Being an elected ex-officio member to the Committee since 2007, Ms. Hubbard has been actively participating in the committee function, providing the most insightful legislative advice and helping in the assessment and formulation of many legislative proposals. We look forward to continuing our cohesive interaction with her so that a strong faculty voice could be effectively heard at the university and state levels. **WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.**

SR-09-10-(15) 61 CC: Recommends approval of the revisions to add General Education Council Chair to the Signatures area of the attached forms, Request for Undergraduate Course Addition and Request for Undergraduate Course Change. **WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.**

SR-09-10-(16) 62 CC: Recommends approval of the listed COURSE ADDITIONS in the following colleges and/or schools: COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES, COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS, COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, and the COLLEGE OF SCIENCE. **WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED AS AMENDED.**

SR-09-10-(17) 63 CC: Recommends approval of the listed COURSE CHANGES in the following colleges and/or schools: COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS, COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS, COLLEGE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, and the COLLEGE OF SCIENCE. **WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.**

SR-09-10-(18) 64 CC: Recommends approval of the listed COURSE DELETION in the following college and/or school: COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS. **WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.**

SR-09-10-(19) 65 CC: Recommends approval of the listed REQUEST FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADDITION, DELETION, OR CHANGE OF DEPARTMENT HONORS in the following college and/or school: COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS. **WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.**

SR-09-10-(20) 66 CC: Recommends approval of the listed REQUEST FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADDITION, DELETION, OR CHANGE OF CERTIFICATE PROGRAM in the following college and/or school: COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS. **WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.**

SR-09-10-(21) 67 CC: Recommends approval, as requested by Academic Affairs and University College, that UNI 101 be eliminated as a graduation requirement for incoming students effective fall 2010. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Each liaison reported to-date on their respective committee.

6. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Stephen Kopp

- Wished everyone a happy holiday season.
- Provided admissions updates: Applications for first time freshmen are up 38% and 17% for metro and non-residents. Total first year freshmen admittances are up 40% with metro and non-residents up 15%. There is also an increase in applications from parts of the state not traditionally drawn from and local numbers are up as well. All recruiters have been very active both in- and out-of-state with positive results.
- The 2009 Winter Commencement was the first since the 1940's. The winter convocation was changed to a commencement due to the interest and attendance at last year's event.
- Thanked those that attended and wished everyone could have attended Tuesday's holiday celebration.
- He is very proud of the recent newspaper article pertaining to the green efforts taking place at Marshall University; the improvements are remarkable and not all are completed; and the finance department is already seeing a decline in utility expenses.
- Before Christmas there is a possibility of an announcement from the Athletic Department about the vacant football coaching position.

7. REPORT OF THE PROVOST: Dr. Gayle Ormiston

- Distributed and discussed a handout (on file in the Faculty Senate office) that details the six Ad Hoc Faculty Workgroups that have developed from the Campus Conversations that have taken place.
- The next Campus Conversation is scheduled for February 16 & 17, 2010.
- After all of the Campus Conversations have been held there will be two additional meetings to discuss any recommendations submitted by the Faculty Workgroups.

8. BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Dr. Larry Stickler

Absent, no report.

9. ACF REPORT: Dr. Chuck Bailey

- ACF met November 19, 2009 in Morgantown, WV and were also invited to attend the HEPC Financial Summit.

- He has distributed, via the all-faculty email list, information about the 2010 Great Teacher's Seminar and encouraged faculty to attend.
- He distributed the following handouts (on file in the Faculty Senate office): The ACF legislative brochure; The New Normal, a message from George L. Mehaffey to AASCU Chief Academic Officers, November 19, 2009; and a HEPC memorandum with Salary Increases as the subject.
- Announced that the ACF will meet in January 2010 with the HEPC to discuss student retention.

10. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE: (5 minutes per person)

A. Dr. Dallas Brozik, former member, officer, and parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate.

11. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

There were none.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Elaine Hardman
Acting Recording Secretary
Faculty Senate