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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
HELD**

**ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009, AT
4:00 P.M. IN THE
DON MORRIS ROOM OF THE
MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Uday Tate, Rex McClure, Joe Stone, Deepak Subedi, Maurice Lockridge (Assistant Chair), Jonathan Cox, Mark Zanter, Brian Morgan, Ralph Oberste-Vorth, Bonita Lawrence, Michael Norton, Liz Murray, Scott Sarra, Tom Jones, Burnis Morris, Jennifer Perry, Karen McNealy, Kelly Harlow, Sandra Prunty, Pat Conlon, Wael Zatar, Ben Miller, Eldon Larsen, Mike McComas, Jennifer Mak, Mary Jo Graham, Gregg Twietmeyer, Keith Beard, Camilla Brammer (Chair), Marty Laubach, Donna Sullivan, Barbara Tarter, Christina Burgueno, Christine Huhn, Josh Hagen, Chris White, Kathleen Bledsoe, Ernest Walker, Nancy Norton, Tina Sias, Mike Goldman, Rudy Wang, Elaine Hardman, Charles Clements, Jerry Jones, and Tracy Christofero.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Dobbs, Michael Murphy, Basant Karna, Janet Dozier, Eric Arnold, and Jennifer Sias (Recording Secretary).

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Cheryl Brown present.

GUESTS: David Pittenger, Ryan Bloomfield, Marcia Harrison, Frances Hensley, Stephen Kopp, Barbara Winters, Michael McGuffey, Cicero Fain, Gina Evans, Monica Brooks, Rosalyn Templeton, Wayne Elmore, Leonard Deutsch, Shortie McKinney, and Steve Hensley.

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

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY, DR. BRAMMER REQUESTED A VOLUNTEER, ELDON LARSEN VOLUNTEERED.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the January 29, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected: Ralph Oberste-Vorth was absent, not Karen Mitchell.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Camilla Brammer

- A. 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. To ensure an accurate recording of the meeting, Senators should use the microphones when speaking; also, they are to stand and state their name and department.
- B. Announced the February meeting schedules: ACF – met February 19, 2009; HEPC – no meeting scheduled; and the MUBOG – no meeting scheduled.
- C. Announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2009 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the John Spotts Room of the Memorial Student Center.
- D. Announced that the next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in Room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center. In fact, the remaining Faculty Senate meetings for this semester will be held in Room BE5 and a revised calendar was emailed with the meeting notice and reminder.
- E. Announced that the university president has disapproved recommendation SR-08-09-10 BAPC (revisions to the Class Attendance Policy) with the following comments, “Since the amendment to the language in paragraph 2 of the definition appears to not permit an excused absence for required treatment of a chronic or acute illness (i.e., radiation/chemo therapy), this amendment could be construed as harsh, overreaching and possibly discriminatory”. The recommendation has been returned to the standing committee for review and further action.
- F. Announced that the university president has approved the following recommendations: SR-08-09-12 IS (establishment of a campus-wide festival to celebrate student learning); SR-08-09-13 CC (course additions in COHP, COLA, and COS); SR-08-09-14 CC

(course deletions in COLA and COS); SR-08-09-15 CC (course changes in COFA, COLA, and COS); SR-08-09-16 CC (COLA area of emphasis in Literature; area of emphasis in Creative Writing; major in Asian Studies); SR-08-09-20 APC (programs be continued with corrective action—BA Sociology/Anthropology, BS Integrated Science & Technology, BS Park Resources & Leisure Services, and BA Social Work); and SR-08-09-21 APC (intent to plan BS in Medical Imaging).

G. Announced that a name change has been approved for the Division of Exercise Science, Sport & Recreation to that of the Division of Kinesiology.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

SR-08-09-23 FPC: Recommends that all tenure-track faculty members be provided a pre-tenure review per the attached policy. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Each liaison reported to-date on their respective committee.

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

Using PowerPoint he gave a presentation on the university's FY 2010 Budget Plan (on file in the Faculty Senate office).

6. REPORT OF THE PROVOST: Dr. Gayle Ormiston

Using PowerPoint he gave a presentation on the university's student recruitment and retention (on file in the Faculty Senate office).

7. **BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT:** Dr. Monica Brooks

No report.

8. **ACF REPORT:** Read by Dr. Camilla Brammer for Dr. Ben Miller

- ACF met February 19, 2009 in Charleston, WV with Senator Oliverio in attendance. Discussion topics were PEIA, legislation to permit faculty to serve in the legislature, legislation to permit faculty to serve on the HEPC with voting privileges, and legislation to increase the number of faculty serving on boards of governors. Vice-Chancellor Flack discussed the efforts by the state board of education to better prepare high school graduates for college, efforts at improving the quality of advanced placement classes for high school students and the Westest Program.
- He requests that faculty consider attending the Great Teachers Seminar which is sponsored by the HEPC. Additional information is available from the Academic Affairs office. It is suggested that at least two faculty from MU attend.

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

There were none.

10. **AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- A. Dr. Brammer reminded the Faculty Senate that the March meeting is when President Kopp or his designee is to report on issues of faculty salary, per recommendation SR-07-08-(29) 60 FECRAHC.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Eldon Larsen

Acting Recording Secretary

Faculty Senate