The Minutes of the Marshall University Faculty Senate Meeting, November 20, 2008

Marshall University Faculty Senate
THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING HELD

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008, 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), Linda Dobbs, Karen Mitchell, Michael Norton, Liz Murray, Basant Karna, Scott Sarra, Tom Jones, Burnis Morris, Karen McNealy, Kelly Harlow, Sandra Prunty, Pat Conlon, Wael Zatar, Ben Miller, Eldon Larsen, Eric Arnold, Mary Jo Graham, Gregg Twietmeyer, Cam Brammer (Chair), Marty Laubach, Donna Sullivan, Barbara Tarter, Christina Burgueno, Josh Hagen, Chris White, Kathleen Bledsoe, Jennifer Sias (Recording Secretary), Ernest Walker, Nancy Norton, Tina Sias, Mike Goldman, Rudy Wang, Charles Clements, and Tracy Christofero.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jonathan Cox, Mike Murphy, Mark Zanter, Brian Morgan, Bonita Lawrence, Charles Hossler, Mike McComas, Janet Dozier, Jennifer Mak, Keith Beard, Christine Huhn, Elaine Hardman, Pier Paolo Claudio, and Jerry Jones.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Cheryl Brown present.

GUESTS: Gary McIlvain, Monica Brooks, Allan Stern, Stephen Tipler, Frances Hensley, Dale Shao, Deven Swartz, Aaron Ryan, Stephen Kopp, James Sottile, Roberta Ferguson, Larry Stickler, and Rosalyn Templeton.

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

Minutes of the October 23, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Dr. Cam 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 November meeting schedules: ACF – scheduled to meet November 20, 2008 in Charleston WV; HEPC – next meeting scheduled for November 21, 2008 in Charleston, WV; and the MUBOG – met November 13, 2008 in Huntington, WV.

   C. Announced that the Faculty Senate office had conducted a training session for the officers of the Faculty Senate, standing and ad hoc committees on Friday, November 7, 2008.

   D. Announced that Jennifer Mak, ESSR, has been selected as the faculty representative on the Student Recreation Center Advisory Committee.

   E. Announced that the University President has read the following resolution: SR-08-09-01 EC; has approved the following recommendation: SR-08-09-03 LAC; and has disapproved the following recommendation: SR-08-09-02 IS.

   F. Announced that the Academic Planning Committee has been charged to review and possibly make recommendation on the Intent to Plan in Medical Imaging from the College of Health Professions.

   G. Announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 1, 2008 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the John Spotts Room of the Memorial Student Center.

   H. Announced that the next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2008 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.
I. Announced that the January 29, 2009 meeting of the Faculty Senate has been moved to room BW5 which is the new meeting room in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

J. Announced that at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 there is scheduled an update meeting on the state personnel series actions mandated in SB603.

K. Announced that the Faculty Senate office has received the room reservation policy and request form for using space in the First Year Residence Halls and to contact Bernice Bullock in the Faculty Senate office to receive the information.

L. Announced that in relation to last month’s Request to Speak to the Senate by Senator Rudy Wang, that recommendation SR-07-08-(29) 60 FECRAHC states the University President or designee is to make a report to the Faculty Senate no later than its March meeting on various topics pertaining to faculty compensation issues.

M. Announced that PEIA has scheduled a public hearing to discuss its proposed changes. The hearing is scheduled for this evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Harless Auditorium at Cabell Huntington Hospital. All are encouraged to attend.

N. Announced that the Faculty Senate office has received documentation from WVU’s Faculty Senate concerning its resolution questioning the need by the PEIA finance board to propose such increases in employee premiums, co-pays, and out-of-pocket maximums and their response to the PEIA proposals.

O.Requested the Parliamentarian to discuss WV Code 6-9A-4 which permits an executive session and explain to the Faculty Senate the procedures for an executive session.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR SESSION

CONFIDENTIAL SR-08-09-04 UFC: Recommends that the following nominees be considered for commencement speaker and/or recipient of an honorary degree and that new nominees be added to the perpetual lists. The committee recognizes that, if more appropriate, the university president has the option to choose another candidate and that traditionally, the
newly elected governor of West Virginia has been invited as commencement speaker. *MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.*

**SR-08-09-05 BAPC:** Recommends that the University adopt the attached Academic Calendar 2009-2010 and the Academic Calendar 2010-2011. *MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.*

*MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO SUSPEND THE AGENDA TO ADD TWO RECOMMENDATIONS*

*MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO LIMIT THE DEBATE TIME FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO 20 MINUTES*

**SR-08-09-XX LAC:** Recommends that the Faculty Senate, President Kopp, Marshall University Board of Governors, and the WV Advisory Council of Faculty, jointly endorse a resolution that urges the State and WV-PEIA to implement a 2-year moratorium on any increases in PEIA premiums, co-payment deductibles, and out-of-pocket maximum and/or decreases in medical/pharmacy benefits to all state employees both active and retired. *MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.*

*MOVED, SECONDED, AND DISAPPROVED TO EXTEND THE DEBATE TIME AN ADDITIONAL 15 MINUTES*

**SR-08-09-XX IS:** Recommends that the Chair of the Faculty Senate convene an ad hoc committee comprised of faculty, students, staff, and community members to investigate options to name the recreation center after Paul Ambrose and to report back to the Faculty Senate no later than its January 29, 2009 meeting. *MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.*

*MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO RETURN TO THE AGENDA*
4. **REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:** Dr. Stephen Kopp

- Expressed appreciation to Senator Lockridge for his preparation and distribution of the PEIA Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 (on file in the Faculty Senate office) and his discussion of its implications as to the current proposals being requested by the PEIA Board.

- He stated that he has no problem with the LAC recommendation that was approved today and he expressed a desire that all constituencies across campus to develop a similar recommendation.

- He reminded everyone that the winter convocation will be held December 6, 2008 for those students graduating and that this ceremony is viewed as an experiment as it has yet to be determined if this will become a regular event.

5. **REPORT OF THE PROVOST:** Dr. Gayle Ormiston

Absent, no report.

6. **BOARD OF GOVERNOR’S REPORT:** Dr. Monica Brooks

Distributed and discussed her written report which is on file in the Faculty Senate office.

7. **ACF REPORT:** Dr. Ben Miller

- Reported that the ACF had met earlier that day with Chancellor Brian Noland and Vice Chancellor Bruce Flack being in attendance. He then related some of the discussion topics: That the Chancellor is willing to speak with the Faculty Senate and an invitation should be offered; that higher education in West Virginia is in better shape than other states; that the HEPC is preparing its budget request for presentation to the legislature; that they received information pertaining to the high school advanced placement courses;
and that the role of the community and technical colleges vs. that of four-year colleges was addressed.

- The ACF will be making its annual presentation to the HEPC at its meeting scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2008.

8. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Each liaison that was present reported to-date on their respective committee; there was no report for the Library Committee.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:12 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Jennifer Sias, Recording Secretary

Faculty Senate