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

**ON THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008, AT 9:00
A.M. IN
ROOM 105 OF CORBLY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shane Tomblin, Larry Stickler (Chair), Michael Stroehler, Michael Norton, Brian Morgan, Ralph Oberste-Vorth, Karen Mitchell, Dan Hollis, Karen McNealy, Kelly Harlow, Sandra Prunty, Venkat Gudivada, George Watson, Laura Wyant, Gary McIlvain, Janet Dozier, James Leonard, Susan Gilpin, Pam Mulder, Keith Beard, Camilla Brammer, Marty Laubach, Donna Sullivan, Kay Wildman, Wendy Moorhead, Kenneth Guyer (Assistant Chair), Tina Sias, Mike Goldman, Rudy Wang, and Elaine Hardman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rex McClure, Uday Tate, Joe Stone, Deepak Subedi, Stephen Lawson, Linda Dobbs, Peter Saveliev, Dan Babb, Clayton Brooks (Recording Secretary), Jennifer Perry, Scott Simonton, Barbara O'Byrne, Stephen O'Keefe, Jerry Doyle, Ben Miller, Sissy Isaacs, Melinda Backus, Jennifer Mak, Melisa Reed, Barbara Tarter, Jamie Warner, Dan Holbrook, David Winter, William Cocke, Ernest Walker, Nancy Norton, and Pam Staton.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Dallas Brozik present.

GUESTS: JoAnn Williamson, Amy Nash, Richard Esleton, Elsa Mangiarua, Barbara Guyer, Diana Maue, Mary Beth Reynolds, Rudolf Burcl, Michael McGuffey, Vernon Reichenbecher, Wendy Trzyna, Bill Nieman, Frances Hensley, Kathy Seelinger, Laura Richardson, Monica Brooks, Lynne Weston, Renna Moore, Diane Williams, Anne Silvis, Jackie Fannin, Anita Lockridge, Will McCumbee Maurice Lockridge, Kathy Chezik, Paige Muellerleile, Simon Collier, Jennifer Reynolds, Elaine Baker, Janet Dooley, and Judy Silver.

Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Larry Stickler called the meeting to order at approximately 9:08 a.m.

As the recording secretary was not in attendance, Brian Morgan volunteered.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Dr. Larry Stickler

- A. Announced that Senators should sit in the front rows, others should sit in the back rows and cell phones should be set to “silent” mode. To ensure an accurate recording of the meeting, Senators and guests should speak loudly; also, they are to stand and state their name and department.
- B. The MU Board of Governor’s is scheduled to meet Monday, June 30, 2008 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at RCBI on Fourth Avenue, Huntington WV.

2. **REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:** Dr. Stephen Kopp

He addressed the issue of the recently announced study of the graduate assistant waiver program.

- He read and clarified bullet points of the May 9, 2008 memorandum that was sent to the senior vice presidents; he reiterated that he wants a study and that there will be no curtailment of the program at the current time.
- The study has been requested because in 2006-07 there were waivers of nearly \$11 million granted with the largest portion being to nonresident graduates.
- He stated that a restructuring of the program could be a means to improve discretionary monies in the university’s base funding in order to provide additional funds for compensation and other areas.
 - In 2001-02 the base funding from the state was \$46.1 million; after four years of reductions, the university is, in 2007-08, back to \$46.6 million with a projection of \$49.3 million for 2008-09.
 - Based on inflation, the \$46.1 million appropriated in 2001-02 should have equaled an appropriation in 2008-09 of \$58.6 million instead of the \$49.3
 - A study of the student population shows that since FY03 the number of resident students has dropped from 9,929 to a projection of 8,324 while the non-resident population has slowly risen from 1,225 to a projection of 1,653.

- As a result, he will be requesting that the Board of Governor's approve a change to increase the area of the Border States Scholarship Program. This program offers the Metro tuition rate to out-of-state residents as long as they meet all the requirements.
- He stated that any decisions concerning the tuition waiver program should be implemented in a phased approach and he challenged researchers to build the expense for graduate assistants into the expenses of their grant.
- He assured students that if they have a waiver when they entered their program that they would be able to keep it as long as they are continuing their education and will complete their education within a reasonable timeframe.

CHAIR STICKLER ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WAS NO LONGER A QUORUM BUT SENATORS COULD REMAIN FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion was held concerning the formation of an ad hoc committee composed of volunteers from the Faculty Senate; several of the senators present agreed to serve.

3. RESOLUTION:

SR-07-08-(46) 77 IS: Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate establish an ad hoc committee made up of the 2006-2008 Faculty Senate Executive Committee to require access and copies to all the information, figures, memos, and rationale that led to the Presidential directive on the new policy on graduate assistantships, so that all faculty can provide informative comments individually and collectively. The ad hoc committee is to report its findings to the 2006-2008 Faculty Senate, as well as the 2008-2010 Faculty Senate by email no later than July 15, 2008. ***NO ACTION TAKEN, LOSS OF QUORUM***

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:36 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary

Brian Morgan, Acting Recording

Faculty Senate