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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
HELD  
ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2007, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE  
DON MORRIS ROOM OF THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rex McClure, Uday Tate, Shane Tomblin, Joe Stone, Deepak Subedi, Larry Stickler (Chair), Stephen Lawson, Peter Saveliev, Dan Babb, Bonnie Lawrence, Ralph Oberste-Vorth, Karen Mitchell, Clayton Brooks (Recording Secretary), Dan Hollis, Karen McNealy, Kelly Harlow, Sandra Prunty, John Biros, Barbara O'Byrne, Stephen O'Keefe, Jerry Doyle, Ben Miller, Sissy Isaacs, Mindy Backus, Gary McIlvain, Janet Dozier, Melisa Reed, James Leonard, Marybeth Beller, Susan Gilpin, Pam Mulder, Kevin Barksdale, Camilla Brammer, Marty Laubach, Donna Sullivan, David Winter, Floyd Csir, Wendy Moorhead, William Cocke, Kenneth Guyer, Ernest Walker, Nancy Norton, Tina Sias, and Mike Goldman.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Linda Dobbs, Michael Stroehler, Brian Morgan, Daniel Dementiev, Jennifer Perry, Venkat Gudivada, James Burton, Kathy Seelinger, Laura Wyant, Karl Winton, and Keith Beard.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Cheryl Brown present.

**GUESTS:** Menis Ketchum, Sarina LoPresti, Frances Hensley, James Sottile, Corley Dennison, Jim Stephens, Michael McGuffey, Don Van Horn, Stephen Kopp, Elizabeth Hanrahan, Rosalyn Templeton, Sarah Denman, and Steve Hensley.

Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Larry Stickler called the meeting to order at approximately 4:03 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the January 25, 2007 meeting were approved as read.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Larry Stickler**

- A. Introduced Melinda (Mindy) Backus, COEHS, who is the spring semester replacement for Jennifer Mak who is on sabbatical and Kevin Barksdale, COLA, who is the spring semester replacement for Jamie Warner.
- B. Announced a reminder that Senators should sit around the table, others should sit at the chairs provided; cell phones should be set to "silent" mode; senators are to state their name and college when addressing the Faculty Senate; and if necessary, use a microphone when speaking.
- C. Announced a reminder to those in the gallery to refrain from conversations or to go out of the room to have conversations.
- D. Announced that the University President has approved the following recommendations: SR-06-07-02 CC, SR-06-07-04 UFC, SR-06-07-05 FECRAHC, SR-06-07-06 CC, SR-06-07-07 CC, and SR-06-07-08 CC.

- E. Announced that the University President has not approved the following recommendations: SR-06-07-09 AC and SR-06-07-10 FPC.
- F. Announced the February meeting schedules: ACF – met February 1, 2007, next meeting scheduled for March 30, 2007; HEPC – met February 2, 2007, next meeting scheduled for April 26, 2007; and the MUBOG – met February 9, 2007, next meeting scheduled for March 14, 2007.
- G. Announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2007 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center’s John Spotts Room.
- H. Announced that the next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, 2007 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center’s Don Morris Room.
- I. Announced that the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Faculty Senate will be celebrated with a variety of events:
  - On Monday, February 26, 2007 there will be a reception in the Memorial Student Center Shawkey Room from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with honored guests including Dr. Dale Nitzschke, members of the constitution committee, and current and previous senate officers and senators.
  - On Tuesday, February 27, 2007 the MU & MUGC bookstores will offer a 20% discount on MU clothing, gifts, and general reading books and there will be a drawing for door prizes. Also, Sodexo has scheduled a faculty/staff appreciation pasta bar buffet for \$3.99 in the John Marshall Dining Room. As this is MU Day at the Capital, faculty are urged to participate in this event. Faculty should also be on the lookout for a gift of appreciation from the Faculty Senate that will be delivered in campus mail.
  - On Wednesday, February 28, 2007 plaques honoring award winning faculty will be unveiled at 11:00 a.m. in the Atrium of Drinko Library with a reception to follow. The plaques list the winners of the Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award, the Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award, the Pickens-Queen Teaching Award, and the Marshall University Distinguished Artists & Scholars Award (DASA).

**3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**SR-06-07-12 CC:** Recommends approval of the listed COURSE ADDITIONS in the COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE MARCH 2007 MEETING.***

**SR-06-07-13 CC:** Recommends approval of the listed CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST from the SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATIONS. ***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**

- He stated that once renovations are completed in Smith Hall that the inconveniences of fluctuating temperatures and gale force winds from the HVAC vents should end.
- He addressed the two recommendations that he did not approve—the ombudsperson recommendation was well written and thought out but it would require \$100,000 from the base budget and there is no space to house this office. He felt this position should have separate roles for staff and faculty and he is waiting to see what will happen with current legislation pertaining to state grievance procedures; as to the recommendation from the Athletic Committee he feels that there is a misconception about the Athletic Department because they take their role in student responsibility very seriously. Since joining Conference USA there has been improvement in the students' GPA rankings and the Conference is conducting its own study on the issue of class attendance.
- He will be scheduling breakfast meetings with faculty to discuss general education requirements.
- He is in the process of creating a new process for internal communications and he hopes the first edition will come out shortly. He would like to know what mode of communication is most preferred—email, web, video, etc...
- He spoke about the recent announcement, Chief of Staff and Senior Vice President of Communications—this is not a new position; some responsibilities were taken from one position and given to this one to reduce the possibility of a conflict of interest. This position will be the spokesperson for the university and the president. He decided against there being an interim position due to many issues currently in place and as this is a promotion there was no need to advertise.
- He announced the creation of the John Marshall Emerging Leaders Institute which will be a mechanism for student recruitment, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

**6. BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Dr. James Sottile, Jr.**

- He will send to all faculty the proposed sketchings for the Wellness Center.
- The Board's Policy Review Committee is working on developing a numbering and cataloging system for the universities policies.
- The Background Check Policy will soon be distributed for review and comments.
- The Board recently approved the purchase of property near 20<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue for an academic building for the MCTC.
- He reported that the Board's chairman is working on a draft for a document retention policy.

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

- He distributed the ACF's legislative pamphlet and stated that it will be distributed to the legislature. He urged faculty to get involved by being visible and vocal with the legislature stating that a united voice will attract more attention.
- The subcommittee to which he was appointed has completed most of its work for the HEPC; there is discussion of creating a new type of faculty appointment, one that is a continuing appointment without the possibility of tenure.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:47 P.M.**