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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
HELD  
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2005, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE  
DON MORRIS ROOM OF THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joe Stone, Joseph Samek, Blaker Bolling, Shane Tomblin, Mike Murphy, Joan St. Germain, Larry Stickler (Chair), Stephen Lawson, Clayton Brooks, Ashok Vaseashta, Karen Mitchell, Peter Saveliev, Bonnie Lawrence, Brian Morgan, Ralph Oberste-Vorth, Chuck Bailey, Dan Hollis, Denise Landry, Susan Imes, Karen McNealy, Venkat Gudivada, Stephen O’Keefe, Barbara O’Byrne, Jerry Doyle, Ben Miller, James Sottile, Sissy Isaacs, James Burton, Melinda Backus, George Watson, Nick Freidin, Cheryl Brown (Assistant Chair), Jerise Fogel, Marybeth Beller, Pam Mulder, Jamie Warner, Rainey Duke, Keith Beard, Floyd Csir, Rudy Wang, Charles Clements, Vernon Reichenbecher, William Cocke, Kenneth Guyer (Recording Secretary), and Tina Sias.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Uday Tate, Dan Babb, Debi Woda, Janet Dozier, James Leonard, Karl Winton, Wendy Moorhead, Ernest Walker, and Nancy Norton.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Dallas Brozik present

**GUESTS:** Robert Shell, Sarah Denman, Menis Ketchum, Frances Hensley, Dan Martin, Elizabeth Hanrahan, Tony Szwilski, Michael McGuffey, Jennifer Sias, Winnie Black, Leonard Deutsch, Rosalyn Templeton, and Michael Perry.

Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Larry Stickler called the meeting to order at approximately 4:05 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

There was a quorum. Minutes of the October 27, 2005 meeting were approved as read.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 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.
- B. Announced that the Executive Committee will meet Monday, November 28, 2005 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center’s John Spotts Room.
- C. Announced that the Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, December 8, 2005 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center’s Don Morris Room.
- D. Announced the November meeting schedules: ACF – December 8, 2005 in Charleston, WV; HEPC – no meeting scheduled for this month; and the MUBOG – November 9, 2005 in Huntington, WV.
- E. Announced that the University President has approved the following recommendation: SR-05-06-(03) 48-105 LAC.
- F. Announced that the letters faculty recently received from the Faculty Senate office was to document service on the senate, standing committees, and ad hoc committees; this letter can become a part of their annual report.

G. Discussed the composition of the Faculty Evaluation & Compensation Review Ad Hoc Committee; each college is to elect one representative.

### **3. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

Dr. Kopp stated:

- That a comprehensive strategic planning process for the university has begun; the process will be an inclusive and collaborative one with all sectors of the university family being invited to participate by posting suggestions and comments via a Share Point website that has internal and community portals. The website has four main areas: Intellectual Capital, Discovery and Innovation, Community and Service, and Economic Development.
- Postings to the website may be made until December 19, 2005, at which time the database will be queried to determine themes that will be ranked in order of importance to the future of the university. Further input on the themes will be solicited until the middle of January 2006. Then the information will be developed into a seven year strategic plan that will be presented to the Board of Governors for approval. When approved by the Board, the plan will be presented to the West Virginia Legislature on January 31, 2006.
- It is the desire of Dr. Kopp to develop not only a strategic plan but also to develop an action plan with goals and indicators for determining achievement and identifying necessary budget resources. It is envisioned that first the plan will be broken down into those goals that can be completed within three years then revisiting the plan every two years for reassessment and development of action plans; that this is an on-going process for the next seven years to getting things accomplished.

### **4. BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT:**

Dr. Sottile distributed the November 9, 2005, agenda for the Board of Governor's meeting and section 5.3.1 of the recently approved Athletic Policy. He thanked the Senate and the Athletic Committee for their input in developing the Athletic Policy. He introduced those Board members present: Chair Menis Ketchum, members, Robert Shell and Michael Perry. He then turned the floor over to Mr. Ketchum.

Mr. Ketchum encouraged everyone to participate in the strategic planning process and stated that he approves of the time lines that have been set for completion of the plan. He complimented Dr. Kopp on being an administrator who believes in shared governance and for his ability to demonstrate and educate the Board on how shared governance works. He stated that the university is purchasing the Weiler Steel facility for academic development and that the university has an academic advocate in Dr. Kopp.

### **5. ACF REPORT:**

Dr. Miller requested that on behalf of ACF the Faculty Senate endorse their legislative agenda; he stated that a brochure with more details about the agenda items will be distributed to the legislature before the spring session. He announced that ACF will make presentations

after Thanksgiving to the Legislative Oversight Committee on Educational Accountability (LOCEA) and the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC). He also addressed a section of West Virginia code, 18B-7-7, that states higher education faculty are to be 10% more productive...stating that legislators he has spoken with are not concerned with this piece of legislation as they consider the university's compact goals more important. He commented that the university's goal of achieving by 2008 a 40% graduation rate has been met in that our current rate is 41% (this figure was corrected by Michael McGuffey who stated that it is in fact, 42.7%).

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Each liaison reported to-date on the business of their respective committee. There was no report from the Research Committee.

## **7. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**SR-05-06-(04) 49-106 CC:** Recommends approval of the listed COURSE ADDITIONS in the COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS and the COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

**SR-05-06-(05) 50-107 CC:** Recommends approval of the listed COURSE CHANGES in the COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES and the COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

**WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO BRING A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR**

**SR-05-06-(07) 52-109 LAC:** Recommends endorsement of the attached Legislative Affairs Committee Legislative Agenda for the 2006 West Virginia Legislative Session. This agenda mirrors that of the Advisory Council of Faculty's (ACF) agenda in all substantive areas with the exception of points two and three in the section, *Parity with Public School Teachers*, where the Legislative Affairs Committee agenda provides clarification that properly reflects current state codes. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

**WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO SUSPEND THE AGENDA**

**WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED THAT THE FACULTY SENATE ENDORSES THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF FACULTY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, "HIGHER EDUCATION CONCERNS FOR 2006 WV LEGISLATIVE SESSION"**

**WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**CONFIDENTIAL SR-05-06-(06) 51-108 UFC:** Recommends approval to nominate the following individuals be added to the list for consideration as both commencement

speaker and recipient of an honorary degree. Also, the Committee nominates the following individuals be added to the list to be considered for an honorary degree. **WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.**

**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 5:30 P.M.**