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**MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1997, AT 4:00 P.M.  
IN THE JOHN MARSHALL ROOM OF THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Abramson, Blankenship, Desai, Stone, Sottile, Hall, Karickhoff, Lowry, Marley, Stern, Anthony, Jackson, Miller, Baker, Dennison, Duke, Gripshover, Gross, Rotter, Shaver, Dolmetsch, Taft, Woodward, Merritt-Damron, Doyle, Perry, Brown, Wildman, Januskiewicz, Green, Guyer, Beaver, Reichenbecher, Simmons, Walker, Davis, Stotts, Tarter, Aluthge, Hubbard, Pupplo-Cody, parliamentarian, Denman; and several guests.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Turner, Sporny, Perkins, Cowell, Finver, Larsen, Valluri, and Wilson.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Elaine Baker. Minutes of the December 12, 1996 meeting were approved as distributed, with the addition of Sheldon Finver's name to those present at the meeting.

**1. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

All of the recommendations of the December meeting have been approved, including the Mission Statement which the President verbally affirmed at this meeting, even though the Senate office had not received it yet. Baker also pointed out that in signing all the recommendations, the President has agreed to fund the transportation of the Marshall delegation to "M.U. Day at the Legislature" coming up next month.

Baker also reported that the Calendar Committee has suggested changing the 1997 fall break to October 6-7 rather than the Oct. 12-13 dates as previously planned. Ben Miller asked the committee to check on whether or not a home game is scheduled for Oct. 4 as it would create problems for the marching band if a game falls during the break.

Baker introduced guests from the West Virginia Graduate College who came to participate in the discussion about the merger between our two schools.

**2. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

Dr. Gilley reported that the merger has been approved by the Board of Trustees; lawyers are still working on the language that will come before the Legislature this session. The merger is viewed as a very positive move, allowing outcomes that could not be accomplished individually. Target date for the merger is July 1 of this year. At that time, groups will be established to identify problems and issues, one of which will include 3 faculty from each institution to deal with concerns most critical to that constituency.

Dolmetsch moved and it was seconded to extend the discussion 10 minutes. Motion carried.

A question was asked as to whether faculty salaries at the two schools are comparable. Dr. Gilley responded that there is just as much internal inconsistency as there is between the two institutions.

As programs develop, there will be more flexibility for faculty teaching at either or at both locations. There will be a merging of faculty into like programs.

### **3.ACF REPORT:**

Bert Gross reported that in the near future there will likely be more retirement options-commercial companies will be allowed to compete with TIAA/CREF. With regard to Series 36, the Chancellor has sent back revisions to campuses for comment. Although there was some general discussion, no more formal action by the Senate was taken.

### **4.COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**SR-96-97-(51) 117 (EC):** Baker stated that this recommendation was mistakenly added to the agenda since it doesn't require Senate action; thus it was withdrawn.

**SR-96-97-(52) 118 (AC):** The Athletic Committee has asked that this recommendation be removed for consideration at this meeting. Dolmetsch moved and it was seconded that this recommendation be postponed until the February meeting. Motion carried.

**SR-96-97-(53) 119 (UF):** Duke moved and it was seconded to go into executive session to consider nominees for honorary doctorate degrees for the May 1997 commencement. Motion carried. After returning to regular session, Gross moved adoption of the recommendation which includes 4 names. Motion seconded and carried. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kay Wildman, Secretary  
Marshall University Faculty Senate

### **MINUTES READ:**

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Elaine Baker, President  
Marshall University Faculty Senate

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Dr. J. Wade Gilley, President  
Marshall University