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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, September 24, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M. IN
ROOM BE5 of the MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Stickler (Chair), Philippe Georgel (Assistant Chair), Lori Ellison (Recording Secretary), Nancy Lankton, Daesung Ha, Marc Sollosy, Uday Tate, Fredrick Bartolovic, Mike Murphy, Hannah, Kozlowski-Slone, Susan Booton, Carrie Childers, Monika Sawhney, James Dauber, Susan Welch, Robin Conley, Paige Muellerleile, Pamela Mulder, Amine Oudghiri-Otmani, Shawn Schulenberg, Barbara Tarter, Stephen Underhill, Anthony Viola, Mindy Armstead, Derrick Kolling, Karen Mitchell, Liz Murray, Wendy Trzyna, Jamil Chaudri, Andrew Nichols, Scott Simonton, Tom Hisiro, Isaac Larison, Edna Meisel, Feon Smith, Charles Clements, Jung Han Kim, Emine Koc, Louis Nieuwenhuizen, Travis Salisbury, Megan Shepherd, Lauren Waugh, Kara Willenburg, Stephanie Anderson, Eric Blough, John, Biros, Kelli Johnson, Thom Walker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shane Tomblin, Burnis Morris, Hilary Brewster, Eric Migernier, David Cartwright, Carl Mummert, Harold Blanco, Tina Cartwright, Fadi Alkhankan, David Chaffin, Jim Denvir, Tom Dougherty, Raj Khanna, Nick Chongswatdi, Bobby Miller, Jan Paul Muizelaar, Zach Tankersley, Leonard White.

EX-OFFICIO, VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracy Christofero (Graduate Council), Marybeth Beller (ACF)

EX-OFFICIO, VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Cheryl Brown

GUESTS: Denise Landdy, Cam Brammer, Alex O'Donnell, Akeem Curenton, Mike McGuffey, Nadia Spitzer, Malik Robertson, Don Van Horn Monica Brooks,, Mary Beth Reynolds, Sherri Smith, RB Bookwalter, Gayle Ormiston, and Mary Ellen Heuton.

Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Larry Stickler called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the May 7, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Larry Stickler**

- Senators should sit around the table, others should sit at the chairs provided, and cell phones should be set to silent mode. Asked that those speaking to the senate use the micro-phones. All should remember to sign in legibly.
- Procedure questions can be directed to the Parliamentarian, Cheryl Brown.
- Review of Executive Session procedures
- Request for a new Senate liaison to the Budget and Academic Policy Committee- volunteer noted.
- Recap of recommendations that have been disapproved.
 - Regarding the BOG policy on faculty salaries.
- Two resolutions read - Adding faculty to the search committee (did add one more), increase faculty allotment of tickets to football and basketball games, and regarding the NCAA Athletic stipend. Unsure of the states of those.

- The next Executive Committee will convene again on Monday, October 12, 2015 at noon in the John Spotts Room.
- The Faculty Senate will convene again on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 4:00 PM in BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.

Motion to depart from the agenda to hear Dr. Brammer's report since she has class at this time. Seconded and approved.

Dr. Brammer was elected faculty representative to the BOG last spring.

- The Board met in August.
- There is an item you need to look at regarding eligibility for tuition help for dependent children. Please go and read the website.
- There is an accreditation site visit next month.
 - There were good reports regarding academics and student affairs.
 - Athletes are doing well academically
 - Good news regarding the School of medicine and funding there.
- Search is proceeding and will have candidates on campus next month.
- The Board hears so much about what we are doing with athletics but not so much on what we are doing with academics. Suggestion was made that faculty come to present to the BOG regarding what they are doing. The Board needs to know what we do and what you or your students have accomplished. Let Cam know if you want to do so.
- Next meeting is October 28th.

Motion to return to the agenda. Clarification from the Parliamentarian that this was not needed. Returned to the agenda.

- **RECOMMENDATIONS approved**

- SR-15-16-02 BAPC recommendation on New Course Evaluations- discussion whether the participation rate would actually be affected by the changes proposed. Also discussion whether the role of these evals in the Promotion and Tenure position makes the wording here questionable and whether any of these changes would improve reliability and validity for these. Amendment was proposed to add to the fourth bullet. Seconded Amendment is to the 4th bullet after the period, replace it with a comma and add "Except for the purposes of violation of university policy." Motion was approved to amend. Question was asked regarding what exactly will be modified. Motion was made to table this recommendation until further investigation and full disclosure regarding the intent and procedure of the policy could occur. Motion to table was seconded and approved.
- SR-15-16-03 LAC recommendation on ACF Endorsement- ACF is asking Marshall to endorse the policy issues they have identified as significant for Higher ed. ACF representative explained the issue with the list and asked that we endorse only the first three items on the list of nine. There were concerns regarding the definition of the issues identified in the document. ACF's role is to advise both the legislature and the HEPC. They will see the vote regarding this in our minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

- **REPORT OF THE INTERIM UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: No report**

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

- HLC Site visit is going to be on October 12-13. A comprehensive evaluation of the university.
- The assurance argument is complete and edited thanks to 13 faculty members who aided in the process.

- Invitation is open to have them participate in the open forums those two days. There will be opportunities for students, staff, and faculty to meet with the team. There are five criteria on which we will be evaluated.
- The schedule will be in place soon.
- Please visit the website and read the assurance argument, especially if you plan to attend these sessions.
- Previous review was in 2005-6 and the next will be in 2025-6.
- The website has the pdf of the assurance argument, but be advised that the hyperlinks are not available on the website.
- You can also find the five criteria on the website. We have to provide evidence of how we are addressing each of the five.
- In 2019-20, there will be an assurance review which will require another writing of the assurance argument.
- Any questions about the assurance argument can be directed to him.
- He is confident we will be successful in this effort.
- There is a handout distributed on Critical thinking courses. It is time to review that program and there will be a group formed to work on this.
- Wants to have this completed by the end of this academic year.
- There is a DaVinci Lecture tomorrow night

President White was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in his family.

- **ACF REPORT: Dr. Marybeth Beller-**
 - They will be meeting again on October 22nd.
 - There are two missions of the ACF.
 - To make recommendations to the legislature regarding academic policy
 - To make recommendations to the HEPC.
 - ACF is written in legislative code.
 - They meet in July to determine the issues in the July retreat that need to be attended to and then to ask the institutions for endorsement.
 - Marybeth would like to propose a change in this process to have the issues originate with the institutions.
 - ACF has been instrumental in doing good things for faculty.
 - Motion was made to have Marybeth ask about the procedure for this change. Motion was seconded and approved.
- **Distribution of certificates for perfect attendance:**

The meeting in October will begin the reports from the 20/20 vision reports and standing committees
- **REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE: (5 minutes per person)**

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Ellison

Lori Ellison, Recording Secretary
Faculty Senate

MINUTES READ:

Dr. Larry Stickler, Chair
Faculty Senate

Mr. Gary White, Interim President
Marshall University