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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016 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, Dale Shao, Uday Tate, Burnis Morris, Fredrick Bartolovic, Mike Murphy, Rob Rabe, Susan Booton, Carrie Childers, Monika Sawhney, Susan Welch, Jamil Chaudri, Andrew Nichols, Scott Simonton, Hillary Brewster, Robin Conley, Eric Migernier, Paige Muellerleile, Pamela Mulder, Amine Oudghiri-Otmani, Shawn Schulenberg, Barbara Tarter, Stephen Underhill, Anthony Viola, David Cartwright, Derrick Kolling, Karen Mitchell, Carl Mummert, Liz Murray, Tom Hisiro, Isaac Larison, Edna Meisel, David Chaffin, Jim Denvir, Tom Dougherty, Jan Paul Muizelaar, Louis Nieuwenhuizen, Travis Salisbury, Lauren Waugh, Stephanie Anderson, Eric Blough, John, Biros, Kelli Johnson, Thom Walker.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** James Dauber, Mindy Armstead, Wendy Trzyna, Harold Blanco, Eugenia Webb-Damron, Feon Smith, Fadi Alkhanan, Charles Clements, Peter Ray, Jung Han Kim, Emine Koc, Nick Chongswatdi, Bobby Miller, Megan Shepherd, Zach Tankersley, Leonard White, Kara Willenburg, John Wilkinson.

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

**EX-OFFICIO, VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cam Brammer

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Cheryl Brown

**GUESTS:** Gary McIlvain, RB Bookwalter, Jeff Garrett, Andrew Goably, Mike Prewitt, Taylor Stuck, Dale Shao, Michael McGuffey, Joe Beckett, Paulus Wahjudi, Tony Szwilski, Chuck Somerville, Dru Bora, Shane Tomblin, Jan I Fox, Teresa Eagle, Gayle Ormiston, and Mary Ellen Heuton.

Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Larry Stickler called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Jan 21, 2016 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. Senators, when speaking, should use the microphones. All should remember to sign in legibly.
- Recommendations signed:
  - To move the midterm grade reports up one week
- The Executive Committee will convene again on Monday, March 7, 2016 at noon in the John Spotts Room.
- The Faculty Senate will convene again on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 4:00 PM in BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.
- Next ACF meeting is March 25, 2016
- Next BOG meeting is Feb 24, 2016.

- **BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Cam Brammer** –
  - The Board has not met recently but will be meeting next week
  - Cam would like to know what questions we have for Board members
  - There will be some Board members visiting classes this semester. If you would like a Board member to come to your class, please ask Cam to make those arrangements.
  - Cam asked if there were any questions from senators.
  - Cam asked if we have questions for the Board to please get them to her by Monday 2/22/16.

- **COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The following recommendations were approved as written:

- SR-15-16-27 APC recommends that the following programs be continued at their current level of activity
- SR-15-16-28 APC recommends that the following programs be continued with a recommendation for resource development
- SR-15-16-29 CC recommends approval of undergraduate program changes in the College of Arts & Media
- SR-15-16-30 CC recommends approval of undergraduate course additions in the College of Business and College of Liberal Arts
- SR-15-16-31 CC recommends approval of undergraduate major additions in the College of Business
- SR-15-16-32 CC recommends approval of undergraduate course changes in the College of Liberal Arts
- SR-15-16-33 CC recommends approval of undergraduate major changes in the College of Science

There was some discussion regarding approval of these recommendations while there are programs being moved and restructured in the College of Science.

The APC introduced a recommendation from the floor. There was a motion to approve, which was seconded. The Motion carried.

The Legislative Affairs committee presented some information on time-sensitive legislation that needs attention. They passed a handout with four resolutions they wished the Senate to approve. All four resolutions were approved as presented in the handout.

- **REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: No Report**
- **REPORT OF THE PROVOST: Dr. Gayle Ormiston**
  - We will be hosting a 20/20 recruitment reception for first year students already admitted on Saturday, many are scheduled to attend.
  - At the Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Senate meeting, he talked about the third element on Academic portfolio review regarding the viability study. They are still looking at programs with fewer than 30 junior/senior students as declared majors. The programs not meeting that threshold are identified for a closer look, not imminent program demise.
  - Explained why 30 is the number chosen. Recommendations on program viability are being made on this review process, projections, and the 5 year reviews.
  - Four programs have been recommended for elimination: MS in Athletic training, BA in Geology, BA IST in Biotechnology, and BA in German.

- These have been forwarded to the president for further review in line with making a final decision regarding these programs.
  - Questions were raised as to whether the IST program being eliminated is short sighted or perhaps moving them into the bioengineering programs might be a better option.
  - Another question regarding whether the degrees will be eliminated or what was being proposed and what would happen to those programs. Perhaps these will function in an auxiliary role rather than as a major.
  - Question raised as to what athletics budget proposed cuts have been. That information will be made available.
  - There was one final question about summer teaching which was asked via email and will be forwarded to the Senators.
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- **ACF REPORT: Marybeth Beller –**
    - Very concerned that we contact legislators regarding funding PEIA.
    - Governor has spoken with the legislature that they are moving on ideological bills and letting those that would generate revenue sit.
    - She met with Senator Walters, vice-chair of finance, and he stated there are some solutions to help with part of the money, but are concerned it won't be enough.
    - There is concern that they will not take up the PEIA issue until after the session ends.
    - The speaker is not willing to move on bills that would generate revenue. She recommended that we begin to use social media, phone calls, emails etc. to encourage them to work on these issues.
    - HB 4610 and 4611 eliminating the coordinating bodies for Higher ed (HEPC) and Comm colleges and we would definitely benefit by those bills not passing.
    - ACF will be meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have the opportunity to send in thoughts about the issues on the legislative agenda for next year.
    - Question about the tobacco tax bill and asking whether the new tax would resolve the PEIA issue if it does, in fact, get moved until FY 2017.
    - Much is contingent upon the Governor's budget proposal.
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- **REPORTS FROM 20/20 COMMITTEES:**
    - Budget Working Group: Met yesterday. There is really no forecast for the budget due to the lack of movement in the legislature. The budget for FY 15/16 has a 2.6 million deficit as of December. This has been reduced to 1 million via various cost-saving efforts, fund transfers, and contributions from the school of pharmacy (\$500,000) and athletics (\$300,000). The expectation is the remaining will be closed by the end of the fiscal year. For 16/17, the anticipation is that we will begin with funding after the two 4% cuts and then have to account for an additional 4% cut along with that. This amounts to a \$1.8 million decrease in funding. At the moment state funding is about 20% of our total budget. President has asked for a longer term budget forecast (5 yr.) to allow for more strategic planning. Short term plan will certainly include recruitment and retention. Please contact him with questions and concerns as he is the representative for the faculty on this committee.
    - Communications Plan: Update on marketing efforts. The focus groups held in January and the timelines for the process were distributed on a handout. The Firm will be back on campus in a couple of weeks with a revised product based on the feedback from the 7 focus groups held. Will be asking for more input to refine the product further.
    - Roles & Responsibilities: No report

- Academic Portfolio: No report
- Service Portfolio: Will have to redouble our efforts in Phase 2 (implementation of the recommendations already made) moving toward Phase 3. They are working on setting policies for travel and talking with consultants for new initiatives. A Phase 3 group is organizing and training and will be looking for more feedback. We need to convince the legislature that we are being good stewards of the funding we receive and perhaps that will help.
- Pro-Forma Model: They have the Asperger's program using the model now and are looking for other programs to pilot the model. They are looking at more programs, BSEE and MSEE and two doc programs (Psy D and EdD) to see if they could use this.

The Pro-Forma model is a spreadsheet tracking resources and needs for programs.

- Key performance indicators: In the midst of a project with SAS institute for installing hardware and software for a visual analytics and office analytics system which will give us the ability to aggregate and distribute data along with a dashboard for the BOG to be able to see that data. There will be a web-based platform and ipad platform to make this accessible. They are looking at how to use these for both immediate changes (such as admissions) and for long-term goals.
- **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:**
  - Legislative Affairs – already heard from them earlier
  - Library – No report
  - Physical Facilities & Planning – No report
  - Research – No report
  - Student Conduct & Welfare – No report
  - University Functions – No report
- **OTHER BUSINESS:**
- **REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE: (5 minutes per person)**
  - None
- **AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**
  - None

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:48 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lori Ellison*

Lori Ellison, Recording Secretary  
Faculty Senate

**MINUTES READ:**

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Dr. Larry Stickler, Chair  
Faculty Senate

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Dr. Jerry Gilbert, President  
Marshall University