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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. IN
ROOM BE5 of the MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Stickler (Chair), Philippe Georgel (Assistant Chair), Kelli Johnson (stand in for 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, James Dauber, Susan Welch, Jamil Chaudri, Andrew Nichols, Hillary Brewster, Robin Conley, Paige Muellerleile, Pamela Mulder, Amine Oudghiri-Otmani, Shawn Schulenberg, Barbara Tarter, Stephen Underhill, Anthony Viola, Mindy Armstead, David Cartwright, Derrick Kolling, Karen Mitchell, Carl Mummert, Liz Murray, Wendy Trzyna, Eugenia Webb-Damron, Tom Hisiro, Isaac Larison, Edna Meisel, David Chaffin, Tom Dougherty, Jung Han Kim, Jan Paul Muizelaar, Travis Salisbury, Megan Salisbury, Leonard White, Karen Willenburg, Stephanie Anderson, Eric Blough, John, Biros, Thom Walker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Migernier, Scott Simonton, Lori Ellison, Feon Smith, Fadi Alkhankan, Charles Clements, Jim Denvir, Peter Ray, Emine Koc, Nick Chongswatdi, Jennifer Gerlach, Louis Nieuwenhuizen, Zach Tankersley, Lauren Waugh

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

EX-OFFICIO, VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Cam Brammer

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Cheryl Brown

GUESTS: Mike Prewitt, Chuck Bailey, Andrew Harrison, Wael Zatar, RB Bookwalter, Monica Brooks, Asad Salem, Jackie Agesa, David Pittenger, Teresa Eagle, Mary Ellen Heuton, and Mark Robinson.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the February 18, 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:
 - APC and CC recommendations
 - President read LAC resolutions
- The Executive Committee will convene again on Monday, April 4, 2016 at noon in the John Spotts Room.
- The Faculty Senate will convene again on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 4:00 PM in BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.
- Next ACF meeting is April 28, 2016.
- Next BOG meeting is April 27, 2016.
- General Faculty Meeting is Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 2:00 PM at the Joan C Edwards Playhouse.
- Moment of silence for Mr. Danny Ray and Dr. Harold Blanco.

- **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- LAC Resolution to Recommend Issues for the ACF Legislative Agenda: moved, seconded and approved.

- **REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Jerome Gilbert**

- First 2 ½ months at Marshall have been a great experience.
- There is still uncertainty regarding next year's budget. Admin is making plans for multiple scenarios.
- Attended an opiate addiction program at the Health Department; MU is committed to being a good citizen and helping address the problem.
- First Coffee with the President was productive; hope to schedule another in the upcoming year.
- Has visited Dr. Muellerleile's class, Dr. Walker's class, and Dr. Beller's class.
- Wrote an op/ed piece on the importance of a Liberal Arts education.
- Menis Ketchum will be the commencement speaker.
- Dr. Fox has resigned effective 4/15/16 after years of strong service to the University. Edward Aractingi will serve as the acting CIO. There will no longer be a Senior VP for IT. Libraries and Online Learning are now a part of Academic Affairs.
- Will be working with Dr. Ormiston on a new strategic plan in the fall.
- The General Education curriculum is under review. We do not want to put obstacles in the students' way.
- Has been working with Dr. Stickler on the idea of an ombudsman and whether or not it will fit in the budget. Dr. Gilbert prefers the model where the ombudsman is a resource person rather than an arbitrator.
- Open House at the President's house on 4/4 from 4:30 to 7pm. Almost 100 people had already signed up.

Dr. Chaudri commented that he was happy about the discussion regarding an ombudsman.

- **REMARKS FROM BOG CHAIR MICHAEL SELLARDS:**

- Commended Dr. Brammer for her great work as a faculty advocate
- Thanked Dr. Stickler and Dr. Brammer for the service on the Presidential Search Committee
- BOG role is to provide strategic leadership to MU
- Priorities in the past year included: redefining public higher education in the state including high levels of achievement; student recruitment and retention; INTO; maintaining a symbiotic relationship with the community; establishing Division I athletics; and promoting interdisciplinary research.
- Regarding the budget: write letters and call the legislature because we need to be heard in Charleston.

Dr. Muellerleile asked if the BOG would provide us with some talking points and Mr. Sellards said that he would do so.

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

- UG classes will be offered at MUSC; a marketing and media blitz has yielded promising results; recruiting in 11 counties; open houses on 4/5 and 4/19.
- Campus conversations: 4/13 from 3:30-5 discussing budget, strategic plan, athletics; 4/21 discussing the 2017 budget.
- The academic portfolio review is closed and a report will be on the 20/20 website by 4/5.

- Will be working with Dr. Stickler and Staff Council on the new strategic plan starting in August of this year.

Dr. Georgel asked how offering classes at MUSC will affect the budget and whether or not driving to and from MUSC will be an inconvenience for faculty. Dr. Ormiston answered that classes could be taught by faculty who live in the Charleston area already as well as by the pool of adjunct instructors.

Dr. Muellerleile asked about the cuts to the athletics budget. Dr. Ormiston responded that the total cuts to the athletics budget was \$300,000. Dr. Muellerleile asked for context and Dr. Ormiston replied that he would get that information from Mary Ellen Heuton.

- **MU BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Cam Brammer – (read by Larry Stickler)**

- Each Board meeting one of the colleges is presenting a 30 minute presentation about the college. The colleges of Arts and Media and Lewis College of Business have presented thus far. Both presentations were well received. The College of Arts and Media set a very high platform for the rest of us to meet! The remaining colleges will present at later meetings.
- Other items:
 - Final approval of the Electronic Records Management Policy
 - Intent to Plan: Master of Arts in Education
 - Additions made to Code of Student Conduct to meet federal regulations/mandates that were passed by President Obama in March 2015.
 - Approved the Budget Reforecast for 2015-2016 and Proposed School of Pharmacy Tuition and Fees, per Semester for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and Addition of a Trimester Billing for Academic Year 2015-2016.
 - The Board is meeting today and tomorrow to review the 2015 Program Reviews of 24 undergraduate and graduate programs offered at the University.
 - Please continue to invite Board Members to visit your classes, so far three Board members have visited classes. Many of the others are very much interested in coming to see what we do...so let me know if you are willing to have a visitor!

- **ADVISORY COUNCIL OF FACULTY REPORT: Marybeth Beller –**

- Sent an email via Rachel Ward regarding the PEIA cuts.
- There will be no special session called for the state budget until legislators agree which most likely will not happen until; after the primary on 5/10. Contact legislators before then.
- ACF meeting will be on 4/1 after the HEPC meeting.
- Many bills died this session including RIFRA, the soda tax, and guns on campus.
- SB 104 passed; this establishes MU's Forensic Science Center as a criminal justice facility.

Dr. Trzyna asked if there was any discussion regarding an alternative to PEIA.

- **REQUEST TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE: (5 minutes per person)**

- Dr. Chaudri invited Dr. Gilbert to visit his class.
- Dr. Chaudri discussed complaints from some of his students regarding the scheduling of classes. A required class is not offered during the summer causing international students to have to stay until the fall semester to graduate. This is an unfair burden; international students cannot work.
- An additional 5 minutes of speaking time was moved, seconded, and approved.
- Dr. Chaudri presented a student petition requesting that the required class be offered during the summer to facilitate on time graduation.
- Dr. Stickler recommended that Dr. Chaudri resend the information to Academic Affairs.

- **REPORTS FROM 20/20 COMMITTEES:**

- Budget Working Group: Met twice 3/11 and 3/29. Next meeting is 4/12. The budget for FY 15/16 has a 2.6 million deficit which has been closed as the result of not filling vacancies, \$300,000 from athletics, and \$500,000 from SOM. The 16/17 budget process is ongoing and will include a 4% cut. There is a possibility of a tuition increase but it would not be over \$5. Dr. Gilbert has asked for 5 and 10 year budget projections. There has been a change to Graduate Assistantship funding. Teaching Gas will be funded at 100% while service Gas will be funded at a lower rate or eliminated. Remember to check the 20/20 website. Contact Carl Mummert with feedback for him to take to the BWG.
- Communications Plan: No report
- Roles & Responsibilities: No report
- Academic Portfolio: No report
- Service Portfolio: No report
- Pro-Forma Model: No report
- Key performance indicators: No report

- **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- Academic Planning – The program reviews they sent forward have gone through FS.
- Athletic – No report
- Budget & Academic Policy – Working on the electronic submission of grade appeals process and early registration for certain groups of students. The software for the electronic grade appeals process is internally developed.
- Curriculum – Submit items to the committee by 4/8 for the 4/15 meeting.
- Faculty Development – Approved 35 applications for INCO grants (declined 2). Next deadline for INCO grants 4/1.
- Faculty Personnel – All sabbatical requests were approved. There is concern about the quality of some of the requests. Committee suggests using the CAM format for requests.

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- Dr. Isaac Larison discussed the value and benefits of study abroad programs. Asks that there be a course schedule for study abroad programs as well as indicating how study abroad opportunities fit within a student's plan of study.
- Dr. Karen Mitchell discussed the "Minds of Marshall" program and asked for suggestions to improve the calendar that lists student activities as well as suggestions on how to get people to use it and share information. She asks that you send her any suggestions or let her know at the next FS meeting.
- Dr. John Biros asked for clarification regarding gaveling out FS members who engage in character assassination during the meeting.
- Mary Ellen Heuton stated that Oasis may be delayed again, that there have been several sessions regarding shared services, and that the travel office is opening with training taking place in August.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelli Johnson, Stand-in Recording Secretary
Faculty Senate

MINUTES READ:

Dr. Larry Stickler, Chair
Faculty Senate

Dr. Jerry Gilbert, President
Marshall University