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FACULTY VOTES NO CONFIDENCE IN KOPP

Faculty has no confidence in Kopp. BOG supports president’s leadership

By TAYLOR STUCK
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Marshall University faculty passed a vote of no confidence Wednesday against university President Stephen Kopp through e-vote. Out of the 420 total votes cast, 290 agreed with the motion, 107 did not agree and 23 abstained. According to Anjela Rosa, faculty senate office secretary, a total of 745 faculty members are eligible to vote.

The motion to have a vote of no confidence was presented during an emergency general faculty meeting. According to Kathleen Duffy, university archivist, there is no record of a vote of no confidence of a university president ever happening at Marshall. Pamela Malden, professor of psychology, said her vote of no confidence does not remove the president because only the Board of Governors has the ability to.

In a campus-wide email, Joseph Touma, chair of the Board of Governors, expressed the majority of the board’s support for Kopp.

“Dr. Kopp has succeeded in achieving the goals set by the Board of Governors for Marshall University and he has exceeded the board’s performance expectations in numerous areas,” Touma said in the email. “The board also believes that he is the right person to keep our great university moving in the right direction.”

In another campus-wide email, Kopp expressed his gratitude for the support from the Board of Governors.

“During the past few weeks, I have received an outpouring of affirmations and expressions of support from across the entire university community and our extended family of Marshall Sons and Daughters,” Kopp said in the email. “It has been very gratifying and encouraging, and I personally thank those who have taken the time to express themselves.”

The initial outcry from faculty came after Kopp announced two budget conservation measures, which included a sweep of all revenue funds and a hiring freeze of non-mission critical employees. Kopp said all funds were returned to faculty at the emergency faculty meeting.

The measures were in anticipation of an 8.94 percent cut in state appropriations, which would result in a loss of $5.13 million to the university’s budget.

Kopp said in his email he is proud to lead the university and that he believes the university will continue to work together through the difficult times.

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The doors will open at 6 p.m. Tickets will be sold all day. A table will be set up in the Student Center, Thursday from 12:2-2 p.m. Tickets are $15 per person, and entry into the event is $15 per person. The $15 dollar ticket will pay for 20 bingo games and a Vera Bradley tote bag.

MU students preparing for final examinations

At the April 19 emergency general faculty meeting, a motion of no confidence in Kopp was read by Eldon Larsen, faculty senate chair, which reads:

> Whereas, Dr. Stephen Kopp has engaged in communication practices that undermine the goals of transparency, accountability, collaboration, and consensus, particularly when individuals are representing the common good of the university;

> Whereas, the communication practices engaged by Dr. Stephen Kopp include the sweeping of funds left faculty, departments and programs in a state of chaos and crisis without sufficient cause or explanation;

> Whereas, Dr. Stephen Kopp has severely diminished trust in the administration and the faculty, and has lost the confidence of the faculty in his leadership;

By removing the Marshall University faculty members indicate whether they agree or disagree with this statement. “We, the Marshall University faculty have no confidence in the present leadership of the university under the president, Dr. Stephen J. Kopp, in an online e-voter system as soon as possible.”

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By selecting and studying key words, you can remember the material.

I think the other tests I’ve had in the classes will help me know what to expect,” Smith said. “They gave me experience. I’ve done multiple choice, essays and other questions, so I shouldn’t be anything I haven’t seen before.”

All faculty, department and marketing present said she was surprised by the results, but thinks studying will help her.

“We’re a little nervous,” Fenerty said. “I feel prepared, but thinks studying will help her.

I just have to finish things off,” Cassidy said. “It’s the only one actual test,” Cassidy said. “It’s the type of test you can’t study for. I just have to read and study the things I haven’t studied yet. I’m overwhelmed, but I’m trying to stay calm and reviewing vocabulary and preparing for the next test.” Smith said. “I think the hardest part will be remembering every thing for the comprehensive exam.”

I respect the views of the faculty who have shared their opinion in this fashion, however the budget challenges we set out to address is far from over, and I do not see additional public funding on the horizon,” he said in the email. “We have much work to do in the coming days and months to ensure Marshall continues its progress with even more limited public resources.”

Student Body President Eli Hasan said he appreciated the Board of Governors putting students in the forefront of the discussion of the budget cuts and he appreciated the administration’s collaborative approach to solving the issues.

“The people of West Virginia voted for the preservation of the administration, faculty and staff in order to find solutions to the issues that we currently face, as well as any other that may arise,” Hasan said.

Eldon Larsen, chair of faculty senate, said faculty members have facetv.com

*All faculty members were eligible to vote. Only 56% of eligible votes participated.

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By CAITIE SMITH ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Like many two-sport student-athletes, Marshall University baseball teams hope to take the win leading into the Mountain East Conference tournament. After losing 17-9 to Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky this week, the Thundering Herd in three games during the last two meetings.

The weekend was a big one for Marshall's baseball team as it hosted a top-notch opponent in the Thundering Herd in three games -- the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and the University of Kentucky.

The series ended with a 3-2 loss to the Volunteers on Sunday, leaving the Herd with a 17-19 record.

The Herd scored only one run in both games, and struggled with their pitching.

Catcher Bane said of the weekend, "We made some errors on the field, and that's why we lost both games."

On the mound, the Herd's pitching was inconsistent, with poor control and lack of strikeout ability.

The Herd's offense was also hindered by poor hitting and lack of clutch situations.

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plight of teachers and pupils alike at Marshall.

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