EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

SR-01-02-23 (EC)

Recommends that the following revisions be made to the Faculty Senate Constitution to make the language reflect verbiage used presently within the university community. Upon approval by the Senate, these revisions will be presented to the full Faculty for their approval to put in ballot format and subsequent vote.

Note: Current language to be revised is shown strikethrough and new language is in bold. Rationale is given with each revision.

1. RATIONALE: Although sent regularly, the University Newsletter does not print our notices.
   Article IV—Meetings.
   Section 1. The Faculty Senate shall meet once monthly during the regular academic year. Other meetings may be called by the Senate President. Special sessions of the Senate will be called at the request of ten (10) or more faculty members. Special sessions will be held as soon as practicable within two (2) weeks from the date they are called. The responsibility for notifying senators and faculty members of special sessions shall rest with the Senate President who shall use the most appropriate means available to fulfill this obligation. A written announcement of the agenda, time and place of every regularly scheduled Senate meeting shall be sent to each senator one week in advance of the meeting. The same notice, with the exception of special sessions, shall be placed in the University Newsletter one week before a Senate meeting.

2. RATIONALE: To reflect current procedure.
   Article IV—Meetings.
   Section 4. Minutes. The minutes of Faculty Senate meetings shall be distributed to each Senator and the University President within no later than seven (7) working days after each before the next meeting. The minutes will also be sent to each dean, to each faculty member upon request, presidents of both the Student Government Association and Graduate Student Council

3. RATIONALE: To reflect current procedure.
   Article VI—Standing Committees
   Section 2. Membership. The membership of Standing Committees, unless otherwise specified, shall include one Senator appointed by the Executive Committee President of the Faculty Senate to serve a two-year term. This member shall be the "Liaison." This may be renewed for one additional consecutive term. Other membership, unless otherwise specified, shall consist of one member elected by the faculties of each academic unit. One undergraduate student, appointed by the Student Government Association, will also serve with exceptions as noted. This shall be the voting membership of the committees. Ex-officio, nonvoting members will be designated according to each committee's nature and functions. The length of faculty membership on committees shall be four (4) years. Faculty members may serve no more than two consecutive terms on any one Standing Committee, and may not serve on any two Standing Committees simultaneously.
4. **RATIONALE:** To reflect current procedure.

**Article VI—Standing Committees**

**Section 5. The Executive Committee**

G. Should the office of Senate President, Vice President, or Recording Secretary become vacant during a time other than the end of a two-year term, the Executive Committee shall call for nominations from the full Senate at its next regularly scheduled meeting. All Senators including members of the Executive Committee and officers are eligible to fill the un-expired term of a Senate officer. Election shall be by the full Senate by secret ballot shall be conducted at the next Senate meeting following nominations. More than one Senator from a specific academic unit may serve on the Executive Committee if it is caused by filling an un-expired term of office. At any time that a unit is not represented on the Executive Committee, the Senate President shall call for nominations and elections to fill the vacancy.

5. **RATIONALE:** To release the University President of this obligation.

**Article VI—Standing Committees**

**Section 6. Academic Planning Committee**

B. **Membership.** Committee membership shall be consistent with that of all regular standing committees. Ex-officio nonvoting members shall be the Provost, the Dean of each college or school, the Vice President for Development, and the Director of Institutional Research & Planning. The president of the university shall Faculty Senate President may appoint two members from the community who are not currently faculty, or students at the university each of whom will serve two years as ex-officio, nonvoting members of the Academic Planning Committee and can be appointed for one additional term.

6. **RATIONALE:** To reflect current procedure.

**Article VI—Standing Committees**

**Section 7. Budget and Academic Policy Committee**

A. **Powers and Functions.** The Budget and Academic Policy Committee shall assume the primary responsibility for the development of policies that contribute to the maintenance of academic standards in the University. The committee’s responsibility shall include, but not be limited to, policies affecting the university calendar, the university budget, academic honesty, class attendance, grading and examinations. The Committee shall coordinate international student programs and process undergraduate student grade appeals.

7. **RATIONALE:** To reflect current procedure.

**Article VI—Standing Committees**

**Section 8. Athletic Committee**

A. **Powers and Functions.** This committee shall consider policies relating to the maintenance and development of the intercollegiate athletic program, eligibility of athletes, budgets, and athletic staff personnel. It will supervise the maintenance and development of the intercollegiate athletic program in conformity with the policies, goals, and standards of the NCAA, conference affiliation, and Marshall University scholastic standards. It will be responsible for determining the eligibility of requirements for athletic competition in compliance with NCAA, conference affiliation, and Marshall University scholastic standards. It will **review, evaluate, and approve** the Athletic Department budget in terms of its suitability to both short term and long term objectives and priorities of the Athletic Department and Marshall University. The committee shall review all policy matters relating to the Athletic program of
the University as requested by the faculty, the athletic director, or the president. The committee shall establish an athletic staff personnel subcommittee. The committee shall receive position requirements prior to public notice of vacancies. The committee shall be represented on Athletic Department search committees to fill vacancies.

8. **RATIONALE:** As per the Committee's request, to add the Associate Director for NCAA Compliance as an ex-officio, nonvoting member.

**Article VI—Standing Committees**

**Section 8. Athletic Committee**

**B. Membership.** Committee membership shall be consistent with that of all regular standing committees. Voting membership shall also include the faculty representative to the NCAA, a representative of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and a faculty member from Exercise Science, Sport & Recreation. Ex-officio, nonvoting members of this committee shall be the Vice President for Finance, the Dean of Student Affairs, the Athletic Director, **the Associate Director for NCAA Compliance**, one (1) representative from the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, and one (1) alumni representative.

9. **RATIONALE:** As per the Committee's request, to add a legislative liaison appointed by the university president [as per approved Recommendation SR-00-01-(13) 54 (LA)] and the representative of the WVHEPC or MUBOG as an ex-officio, nonvoting member.

**Article VI—Standing Committees**

**Section 16. Legislative Affairs Committee.**

**B. Membership.** Committee membership shall be consistent with that of all other regular standing committees with the exception that student representatives will be nonvoting members of the Committee. Other ex-officio, nonvoting members of this Committee shall be **a Presidential Legislative Liaison**, the faculty representative to the Advisory Council of Faculty and the faculty representative to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission or the Marshall University Board of Governors. The Committee Chair shall serve as liaison to any university-wide legislative committee.

**FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:**

APPROVED
BY SENATE: [Signature] DATE: 5-16-02

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BY SENATE: [Signature] DATE:

**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

READ: [Signature] DATE: 5/15/02
COMMENTS:  Approved March 28, 2002 as amended; Page 2, remove revision 4 with subsequent revisions being renumbered. RATIONALE: To increase the number of terms the officers of the Executive Committee may serve. Article VI—Standing Committees C. Officers. The officers of the Senate shall be the officers of the Executive Committee. These shall be the President, Vice President, and Recording Secretary of the Senate. They shall be nominated and elected by the full Senate by secret ballot at a special meeting of the newly constituted Senate (i.e., those who will comprise the Senate during the next academic year). Terms of office shall be two (2) years. The Senate may remove an officer by a “motion to rescind the election.” The successor of an officer removed in this manner shall serve until the next regularly scheduled election for that office. No officers may serve more than two consecutive terms in their respective positions. No two officers shall be from the same academic unit at any time except as provided in Section 5G.

AND

Page 3, insert italic so Revision 9 to read: RATIONALE: As per the Committee’s request, to add a legislative liaison appointed by the university president and the representative of the WVHEPC or MUBOG as an ex-officio, nonvoting member. Article VI—Standing Committees Section 16. Legislative Affairs Committee. B. Membership. Committee membership shall be consistent with that of all other regular standing committees with the exception that student representatives will be nonvoting members of the Committee. Other ex-officio, nonvoting members of this Committee shall be a Presidential Legislative Liaison, the faculty representative to the Advisory Council of Faculty and the faculty representative to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission or the Marshall University Board of Governors. The Committee Chair shall serve as liaison to any university-wide legislative committee.