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WHEREAS: The Higher Education Advocacy Team has recommended that state colleges and universities be given the authority to write checks in order to speed payments to vendors and reduce operating costs, and

WHEREAS: Auditor Glen B. Gainer, Jr., has stated "If we give the university system the power to write checks, we open the door to fraud," and

WHEREAS: Unlike certain political figures, there are currently no West Virginia college or university officials serving prison sentences for fraud,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Faculty Senate of Marshall University supports the HEAT recommendation that would allow institutions check writing authority and urges the Legislature to provide that authority to all West Virginia colleges and universities.