

MINUTES OF MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING

HELD ON MAR 14, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M.

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ATTENDANCE: 2022-24 Faculty Senate & Guests:

COLLEGES MEMBERS PRESENT (if checked) – V*
Virtual attendance recorded per Teams
auto entry

CAM:	Jack Colclough <input type="checkbox"/> , Christine Ingersoll <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Heather Stark <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Sarah McDermott <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Phil Vallejo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CECS:	Sungmin Youn <input type="checkbox"/> , Ross Salary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Tanvir Chowdhury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Joon Shim <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LCOB:	Amanda Thompson-Abbott <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Uday Tate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Timothy Bryan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Uyi Lawani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Jamey Halleck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
COHP:	Sujoy Bose (<i>Recording Secretary</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Alysha Nichols <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Jodi Cottrell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Zach Garrett <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Georgiana Logan <input type="checkbox"/> , Scott Davis (<i>Cross-refer w/ex-officio voting</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Bethany Dyer <input type="checkbox"/>
COLA:	Shawn Schulenberg (Chair) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Puspa Damai <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Robert Ellison <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Joel Peckham <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Kelli Prejean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Boniface Noyongoyo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Anita Walz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Amine-Oudhigiri-Otmani (<i>cross-refer w/ACF – Ex-officio Voting</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Clinton Brown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Megan Marshall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Penny Koontz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Marianna Linz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Jana Tigchelaar <input type="checkbox"/> , Marybeth Beller <input type="checkbox"/>
COS:	Sean McBride <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Rick Gage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Stephen Young <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Raid Al-Aqtash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Judy Fan <input type="checkbox"/> , Bill Gardner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Kyle Palmquist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Avishek Mallick <input type="checkbox"/> , Philippe Georgel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
COEPD:	Melinda Backus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Timothy Melvin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Feon Smith-Branch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Andrew Burck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Jerry Dooley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Conrae Lucas-Adkins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SOM:	Nitin Puri <input type="checkbox"/> , Eva Patton-Tackett <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Dana Lycans (sub) <input type="checkbox"/> , Ji Bihl (sub) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Jessica Buerck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Usha Murughiyan (sub) <input type="checkbox"/>
SOP:	Gayle Brazeau <input type="checkbox"/> , Melinda (Mindy) Varney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Jen Sparks (sub) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Michael Hambuchen (sub) <input type="checkbox"/> , Two Vacant
South Charleston:	Thomas Hisiro <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ULIB:	Paris Webb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Eryn Roles (Vice Chair) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DOAR:	Nancy Ritter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SGA	Walker Tatum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EX-OFFICIO, VOTING	Scott Davis (<i>Graduate Council – cross refer w/COHP</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Amine Oudghiri-Otmani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (<i>ACF; cross refer w/COLA</i>)
EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING	N/A
BOG	Robin Riner <input type="checkbox"/>
REPRESENTATIVE: PARLIAMENTARIAN	Zelideth Rivas
GUESTS	Present IF Checked (V-Virtual attendance) - Brad Smith (President) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> -V, Geoff Sheils (Chair, BoG) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Avinandan Mukherjee (Provost) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Ginny Painter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Karen McComas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Monica Brooks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - V, Nancy

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Lankton ☒, Robert Bookwalter ☒, Carl Mummert ☒, Anna Mummert ☒, Brian Morgan ☒, Allison Carey ☒ - **V**, Sherri Stepp ☒, Matt Tidd ☒ - **V**, Maria Gindhart ☒, Mary Beth Reynolds ☒, Bruce Felder ☒, Jodie Penrod ☒ - **V**, Julia Spears ☒, John Maher ☒ - **V**, Jerry Ross ☒, Montserrat Miller ☒, Anna Hughes ☒ - **V**, Lori Tompson ☒ - **V**, Hailey Bibbee (Staff/Elections) ☒.

Call to Order: Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Shawn Schulenberg, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:01 p.m.

1. **Approval of Proposed Agenda – MSAP¹**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the following minutes (pending Presidential approval):

Dates of Minutes	Discussion	Approval
2/15/2024	None	MSAP

3. **Announcements** – Shawn Schulenberg:

Items	Reports & Discussion
Chair Announcements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The President has signed the following documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. January 8 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes b. January 18 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes c. Recommendations 26-31. All submitted recommendations/resolutions are signed except for program reviews, which are signed later in the year. 2. Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Post-Tenure Review: No update. Still awaiting a time to discuss with the Deans. b. Rule, Policy, Procedure Review: As part of our new review process, the Executive Committee reviewed the following documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Technology Governance and Procurement Review (ITP-3) ii. Information Technology Terms of Use Policy (UPGA-9)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Campus Carry (MU BOG Rule GA-10), with suggestions. c. Senate and Standing Committee Elections: Your academic units should be holding elections this month to fill the 2024-26 Faculty Senate and any standing committee vacancies. Please look out for this email. Election results are due to the Senate office on April 1. The new senate will select its leadership on April 25. d. One Marshall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Jessica Buerck and I met with JSESOM Dean David Gozal and Darshana Shah to brainstorm ideas to identify pain points in shared governance between the main campus programs and the non-main campus programs. We identified several areas where some simple interventions could help. We hope to continue this conversation and extend it to other programs as well. e. AI Taskforce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cody Hall and Sarah Molette are helping to coordinate university trainings. Be on the lookout at any time for this announcement. Julia Spears and Hilary Gibson are helping to arrange these into Microcredential sequences using the Marshall Skills Exchange. https://www.marshall.edu/microcredentials/. Thank you to them, Rick Weible, David Wiley, Jamie Maxwell, and Sarah Clemins for these trainings. ii. We're inventorying research and teaching practices right now, so expect to see some surveys soon in your inbox. iii. Two weeks ago, we reviewed proposals for the M365 Copilot pro licenses, and people were notified of the committee's decision. This committee had its first launch explaining expectations. f. Legislative Session: The WV legislative session ended earlier this week. A sincere appreciate to the legislative affairs team, Sara Payne and Charlotte Weber, for their
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work in Charleston. I am proud of what they were able to accomplish.

- g. 2024-25 Faculty Senate meeting dates are set and posted on the website.

**Executive Committee Meetings
– MSC SRC**

- August 26, 2024
- September 16, 2024
- October 14, 2024
- November 11, 2024
- January 13, 2025
- February 10, 2025
- March 10, 2025
- April 14, 2025

**Faculty Senate Meetings – Two
locations**

- September 5, 2024 - MSC BE5
- September 26, 2024 - MSC BE5
- October 24, 2024 – Don Morris
- November 21, 2024 – Don Morris
- January 23, 2025 – Don Morris
- February 20, 2025 – Don Morris
- March 27, 2025 – Don Morris
- April 24, 2025 – Don Morris

3. Upcoming Meetings/Events

- a. Campus Carry Townhalls. March 12 (Face-to-Face) and March 27 at 4PM (virtual)
- b. I'll be reporting at the MU BOG Meeting on April 10.
- c. Our last Executive Committee meeting as a Senate is scheduled for April 8, for items to be taken up at the April 18 Faculty Senate meeting. All recommendations and resolutions for those meetings are due at senate@marshall.edu by March 28.
- d. General Faculty Meeting: Monday, April 15 at 4PM in Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

4. **Guest Speaker – Geoffrey Sheils (MU Board of Governors) -**

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Introduced self, role within BOG, tenure dates, and major actions to date. Born & raised in Huntington; Marshall graduate – class of 1986. Significant number of family Marshall graduates.

BoG members are volunteers. Meet 6x/year – creates significant challenges in tracking complex issues in higher education, requiring interdependence among the board, the faculty & the administration. This is a joint effort & shared governance is a necessity. “....shared governance foundation is open communication and transparency and from where I sit, I know the board is more than pleased with the levels of transparency and communication from the administration and I know the administration longs for truthful feedback from all of its constituents in order to do what is best for Marshall....”

Recognized BoG faculty representative Dr. Robin Riner’s input and thoughtful questioning as a matter of value to the board.

The BoG does 3 things:

- a. Hire the President
 - b. Approve the policies (now called “rules”).
 - c. Approve the budget
- Elaborated on each of the above three points, that expounded on the roles & responsibilities of the President, and his evaluation (first & second years informal, third year more formal – coming up). (BoG) will request feedback from faculty & other constituent groups, students, staff, community, the board, etc. The President has already solicited and received feedback from over 1300 individuals about where we have performed better than the other high ranked higher education institutions, and areas where we lagged peer institution.
 - Policies require board approval. BoG tasked in reviewing the 105 odd policies on a regular basis and approving them. The board policies (now “rules”) have not been changed or moved to a university policy. The board is not ceding powers to the President. *Side note* – 13 years trend of stagnant to declining enrollment has ended, despite significant headwinds.
 - Budget approval coming up in April 10th BoG meeting. Finance committee impressed with level of transparency regarding the financial statements and the budget process. The plan appears to be working as the structural deficit is

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reducing at a faster rate than originally envisioned, and the board really appreciates the overall acceptance of the *save-to-serve* initiative and moving to the *incentivized budget model*. Both initiatives are playing a crucial role in eradicating the deficit.

Encouraged to read transcripts of the President’s comprehensive reports, along with the reports from Provost Mukherjee, as well as Dr. McComas which outlines achievements & accomplishments of the faculty & students.

Celebrated the opening of the Brad Smith College of Business Building, and its 80,000 square feet space as a very good investment. “We are on a very exciting path trajectory; indications suggest the universities focus on student first priorities and the areas where we are distinctive is working. “... with enrollment increasing combined with efforts to increase efficiencies throughout the campus, I'm confident we're on the right steps to solve our structural deficit issues....” . Board tries to support as much as they can.

5. **Recommendations / Resolutions:** None for this session.

Items	Discussion	VOTE
a. SR 23-24-32 FPC Recommends amending Board of Governor Rule MUBOG-AA-1 Sabbatical Leave to reflect the new rule/policy changes regarding sabbatical allocation, applications, the approval/denial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Clinton Brown - Motion – Move to amend.... Sr 232432 FPC, also known as MUBOG AA1, the Sabbatical leave on 4.3.1. The amendment changes the language as follows: “The President will issue final approval of sabbatical leaves by January 29 or the next business day and will present the Board of Governors with the approved sabbatical project proposals. Faculty members will be notified of their sabbatical application status within seven business days following the President’s decision.” ➤ Details in the e-mail that has been circulated. ➤ Rationale provided per e-mail. 	MSAPAA²

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<p>process, and to outline specific procedures for submitting sabbatical applications and post-sabbatical leave reports.</p>	<p>➤ No discussion. - MSAP</p>	
<p>b. SR 23-24-33 FPC Recommends amending Presidential Policy UPAA 2 "Annual Evaluation of Faculty" to reflect new rule/policy number changes and updates on planning pages and the renegotiation of faculty planning pages.</p>	<p>➤ None</p>	<p>MSAP</p>
<p>c. SR 23-24-36 BAPC Recommends moving the day for common final exams be from the Saturday after the last day of class to the Wednesday of finals week beginning AY24-25</p>	<p>➤ None ➤ Done</p>	<p>MSAP</p>
<p>Shawn Schulenberg – Motion – Any objection to combine recommendations 37 – 41 – No Objections</p>		
<p>a) SR 23-24-37 CC Recommends approval of the listed UNDERGRADUATE</p>	<p>➤ Motions combined</p>	<p>See below</p>

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<p>MAJOR ADDITION, DELETION, CHANGE in the following college and/or schools/programs: Communication Studies (LC30); Integrated Studies (UC10).</p>		
<p>b) SR 23-24-38 CC Recommends approval of the listed UNDERGRADUATE MINOR ADDITION, DELETION, CHANGE in the following college and/or schools/programs: Communication Studies (VCM1).</p>	<p>➤ Motions combined</p>	<p>See below</p>
<p>d. SR 23-24-39 CC Recommends approval of the listed UNDERGRADUATE AREA OF EMPHASIS ADDITION, DELETION, CHANGE in the following college and/or schools/programs: Public Communication; Organizational Communication; Interpersonal</p>	<p>➤ Motions combined</p>	<p>See below</p>

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<p>Communication; Health Communication.</p>		
<p>d) SR 23-24-40 CC Recommends approval of the listed UNDERGRADUTE COURSE ADDITIONS in the following college and/or schools/programs: HS 365L; HS 476.</p>	<p>➤ Motions combined</p>	<p>See below</p>
<p>e) SR 23-24-41 CC Recommends approval of the listed UNDERGRADUATE COURSE CHANGES in the following college and/or schools/programs: HS 410; CMM 103; CMM 104H; CMM 205; CMM 207; CMM 213; CMM 239; CMM 302; CMM 303; CMM 308; CMM 310; CMM 315; CMM 316; CMM 319; CMM 322; CMM 374; CMM 411; CMM 420; CMM 456; CMM 478; HST 208; HST 378; HST 425; HST 435; HST 439.</p>	<p>➤ Motions combined</p>	<p>See below</p>
<p>Motion to approve combined Recommendations 37-41 - MSAP</p>		

5. **Regular Reports:**

- a. **President’s Report** – Brad Smith (15 mins) – Appearing virtually.

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Thanks to Chairman of the Board for continued support. 3 topics to report:

1. Legislative Session – Lauded work by Sarah Payne, Scarborough, Charlotte Weber, Toney Stroud. Because we entered this legislative session with a clear set of priorities when new bills emerged, we quickly convened representatives from the campus community.

We got aligned on our position and our approach and then we moved in unison to have the most optimal outcomes, not only for the state but for the university.

Every day of the legislative session Marshall University had a presence in Charleston and we had a seat at the table for every major bill. In the last 60 days, 2575 bills were put out for consideration. Of those, 62 bills specifically mentioned higher education. After significant work, negotiation, and discussion, 280 bills passed both the House of Delegates and the Senate and ultimately 38 of those have already been signed into law by the governor.

This is going to be an evergreen legislative process because there is some reconciliation of federal funds going on which were received during COVID and were distributed before rules were clearly defined. As a result, we're going to have a phased approach to the budget approvals for all higher ed institutions. Currently, we're roughly flat in our year over year budget from the state. We do anticipate a special session in May that the Governor will most likely call. And in that scenario, will have supplemental requests that will be considered.

This is the first year the performance-based funding formula was implemented on behalf of higher education. All the president's worked together for three years.

President Gilbert did this on our behalf before I arrived. It's supposed to include both performance as well as inflation adjustment. At this point in time, they are not considering an inflation adjustment, it's going to be performance only.

They're going to consider inflation adjustments in May after they have a better understanding of the total budget.

For Marshall, this translates into -

- a. If you take just the numbers because we have it in arrears, we're going to get about \$200,000 less than we did last year, roughly flat but slightly less than last year.
- b. The Governor put forth pay increases for state employees. When this is net out to the percentage of employees that are state employees at Marshall, we are in line to get about \$3.2 million on top of that; i.e. \$3.2 million that will go towards pay increase.

While the budget remains relatively flat with some money for pay increase, but also the Marshall team worked to protect other funds that were already in the base budget on

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behalf of the School of Medicine, on behalf of the main campus in areas like brownfields, the Luke Lee Learning Lab, the West Virginia Autism Training Center and the joint effort with WVU, where we have West Virginia grant resources that help write grants for our local communities. This positions us for the May special sessions.

In May special session we will be asking for –

- a. For PEIA.
- b. Consideration for the inflation adjustment that was built into the performance funding formula.
- c. Supplemental funds for to help us with the Advanced Manufacturing Center and to continue to support the growth of the aviation program.

We'll see in May if we get any of those dollars, but we continue to be at the table having the discussions.

The second thing that our legislative team did really well is they got more flexibility from Marshall University, really two bills

- a. House Bill 5594, which gives us and other higher Ed institutions the ability now to enter into agreements and memorandums of understanding with units of the state government to take some of the friction out. So we can work with the state government to move things faster through procurement.
 - b. Senate Bill 543, which now puts economic development side by side with research. So, as we're doing all this work on behalf of the state to try to bring companies in, there's opportunities for us to get incentives and increase dollars for the work we're doing on behalf of the state.
 - c. Team really did a great job of building relationships not only in Charleston, not only in DC but across the campus.
2. Showcasing milestones accomplished on campus – Following are not an exhaustive list, but a showcase:
- a. Academic Excellence –
 - i. Fortune Magazine named Marshall University's Online Master's program of Computer Science, the number one online program in the nation.
 - ii. Our student athletes scored at the top of the Sunbelt Conference and grade point average. Kudos to Karen McComas as our faculty Rep for academics.

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- b. Enrollment and student success metrics still moving up in spring, as will be reported by Provost.
 - c. The ribbon cutting of the College of Business inspired the community and led Huntington Bank to grant \$500,000 to Marshall to continue to help build out the innovation district around the COB.
 - d. Worked with HealthPartners and two things happened.
 - i. Ribbon cutting on the opening of the historic Pritchard hotel to become a Center for healthy aging,
 - ii. We renamed the Huntington Civic Center “the Marshall Health Network Arena”.
 - e. Ribbon cutting for Marshall’s own home field for baseball – Jack Cook Field.
 - f. Achievements – A sampling of many achievements -
 - i. Coach Kim Caldwell, who you heard mentioned earlier, won the coach of the Year in the Sunbelt Conference.
 - ii. Abby Beeman won the player of the Year.
 - iii. Marshall women's basketball program won the Sunbelt Conference Championship and is going into the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1997,
 - iv. Zeli (Zelideth Rivas) recognized as a finalist for the West Virginia Professor of the Year.
3. Preparing for some time on WV Self-defense Act, a.k.a Campus Carry.
- a. Campus carry implementation group is meeting monthly with all the stakeholders across the campus to make sure we're hearing your questions and we're implementing things that we all feel good about.
 - b. Campus and community safety work group that meets with local and city officials to make sure we're doing the same thing and the community at large.
 - c. An action learning team that maintains open communication with the other states that went before us, and they're higher Ed institutions, so we're still bringing in their best practices
 - d. Launched the campus carry website - It's got real time updates.
4. Spring General Faculty Meeting – will share key metrics – financial performance, how and when we’re going to begin to address market pay. Expect maximum attendance at the meeting.
5. Thankful for the committee who have nominated the following:
- a. Nomination for the Commencement Speaker – Christ Gardner will be the commencement speaker. He was the inspiration behind the movie Pursuit of Happyness, in the titular role played by Will Smith.

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- b. Honorary doctorate to Joan Browning for her life's commitment to leveling the playing field of opportunity for all, and for her amazing body of work over her career.

Question(s) for President: None

- b. **Report of the Provost** – Avinandan Mukherjee (15 mins) – Reported on enrollment & accomplishments on campus.
1. Enrollment –
 - a. "...enrollment cures all ills..." – Chairman Jeff Shields. Enrollment can help solve many of our budgetary problems, so we are on that track to actually increase enrollment and we are looking at a remarkably strong fall 2024 enrollment season.
 - b. A record number of applications for fall as of this date - 8287 applications from first time full time freshmen for undergraduate programs, which is 21% (growth) more than the number of students that had applied at this time for fall 2023. (We) have already received applications that surpass the final application number of last fall.
 - c. Seeing a growth in acceptance of offer from students of about 39% day on day comparison and 80% increase in orientation registrations as of today, compared to same day last year.
 - d. Some nuances on some of these numbers reg. where we are getting these numbers from...
 - i. A relatively flat resident student numbers that students from West Virginia – relatively flat in terms of applications, even though we are seeing a higher 30% acceptance rate from this group.
 - ii. Real growth in applications coming from 3 sources
 - i. 37% growth in non-resident applications that are out-of-state for fall 2024.
 - ii. 60% growth in metro applications
 - iii. 30% growth in international applications.
 - iii. Thanks to Jerry Ross, Vice President of Enrollment Management; and Dr. Zeli (Rivas) for her work on international recruitment.
 - e. April G&W day – Last G&W day for this year. On April 6th, Saturday. Academic showcase is going to run from 10:50 am – might need a second session upto noon. College experience session 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Watch for communication from enrollment management, Lisa Williamson for confirmed timings. So far 245 students have registered, and 657 individuals that are likely to attend this event, all strong numbers.

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Numbers put forth by enrollment management - 721 students came for fall 2022 admissions season; increased to 1048 for fall 2023 admissions. This year, we are going to surpass 2000 students who would be coming to our green and white days. That increases the funnel in terms of both applications and eventual acceptances.

Enrollment management team has cancelled the high school green and White Day on Friday, April 5th. We have been able to capture pretty much all the local high schools already this year for the fall recruitment and so this day we really don't need this one.

2. Success Stories – To add to the ones stated by President Smith...
 - a. Marshall University School of Physical Therapy was ranked #27 nationally in our first time NPTE board pass rate and tied for first place in the Ultimate pass rate at 100%. Thanked Scott Davis Chair, & senator Sujoy Bose and the entire school of physical therapy for this outstanding accomplishment.
 - b. Marshall University was selected as the recipient for the 2024 Association of Student Conduct Administration ASCA Institution Award for excellence. This is a well-recognized national award, Thanks to Lisa Martin in student affairs and her team for this recognition.
 - c. Dedication ceremony of our Brad D Smith Center for Business and Innovation, which houses our College of Business and is a big part of our expanding campus reported earlier by President Smith - The dedication ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd at 2:30 PM. Extended invitation to attend and celebrate the opening of this space and take a tour of this facility.
 - d. The search for new Executive Director for the Institute for Cyber Security is in full swing. Finished semifinal round of interviews in Columbus yesterday and will soon announce 3 finalists for campus visit. Thanked the search committee chair, Carl Mummert, and the entire search committee. Senators Bill Gardner, and Stephen Young and others serve on that search committee.
 - e. 2024 student research and creativity symposium - started this event in 2022 for the first time and this was our effort to bring all departments and schools and colleges across the university to come together to showcase their scholarly and research endeavors. Last year, we had 21 fewer Submissions than this year. This year we are looking at 144 submissions to be presented across two days. Thanked every college, every department and all our faculty and students. Thanked Philippe Georgel, and his advisory board for doing this remarkable work of making this research symposium, the student Research and Creativity Symposium, a signature event every year.
 - f. Marshall University Supplemental Instruction program - led by Katrina Schray, is one of our three main programs for Marshall Center for Student Success has been

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recognized recently by the International Center for Supplemental Instruction as one of the best programs in the world. This program serves over 300 students a year at Marshall. Students who attend supplemental instruction sections score an average of 18% higher on individual tests and exams, and on an average, are in a full semester grade higher than their classmates who do not attend SI sessions. This year, Marshall's Perrin Schray was recognized as an outstanding new supplemental instruction leader. Perrin is a senior majoring in chemistry. This highly competitive recognition brings national and international attention to Marshall University student success.

- g. Five year program reviews: Every year we have to do 5 year reviews for variety of different programs. This year we reviewed 22 programs that ran across the College of Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Media, College of Science, College of Health Professions, School of Pharmacy and University College. We got 17 external peer reviewers from various universities across the country to come and review our programs. This is a new addition to our program review model and it's something that really gets us some of the best feedback from peers in various competing and aspirant institutions around the country. Thanked Dr. Mary Beth Reynolds and the academic planning committee, the Graduate Council, and the faculty Senate to be a part of this long journey that leads to these program evaluations and eventually an improvement in the quality of teaching and learning.

Question(s) for Provost: None

- c. **Board of Governors** – Robin Riner (15 mins) – Dr. Riner not available today.
- d. **Advisory Council of Faculty** – Amine Oudghiri-Otmani (5 mins) – Written report The Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) had a Zoom meeting on Friday, Feb. 23 from 1:00 – 3:00. The following are important highlights from the meeting: I- We started by approving the January minutes. II- We then moved to discuss a number of bills, a couple of which died and hence did not pass following our meeting, namely "Women's Bill of Rights" (and other various forms of anti-trans legislation) and bans on critical race theory and the American Campuses Act. Some bills that passed were "In God We Trust" being displayed at higher education institutions, which is a light version as the original called for the slogan to be displayed in every class. The current version only says the student center. The other bill that passed was "Intelligent Design" can now be taught in K-12 as long as it is taught with other scientific theories, namely evolution. The state budget, which includes a 5% pay raise for all state employees, also passed. The legislature will essentially give institutions only enough money to give the 5% to all employees who are

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classified as state employees, except the School of Medicine. III- The next ACF meeting is scheduled to be held Apr. 19.

Questions for ACF Rep: None

- e. **Graduate Council** – Scott Davis (5 mins) – Written report
1. The next Graduate Council Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 29, 2024, at 1:00 PM in Drinko 349. For those unable to attend in person, a Teams link is available on the GC website for virtual participation.
 2. On February 23, 2024, the GC unanimously approved a Resolution requesting that President Smith or his designee explore the establishment of a Graduate Professional Student Association. I am pleased to announce that there is a meeting scheduled for Monday, March 18th at 3:00 PM to commence this exploration.
 3. On February 23, 2024, the GC approved a policy on Cross-Level Linked Courses. The final policy is accessible on the Graduate Council website.
 4. The Graduate Council has initiated discussions on a policy regarding Transfer students, and it is anticipated that this policy will be put to vote at the March 29th meeting. This policy focuses on defining the number of credits that can be transferred toward a graduate degree.
 5. Additionally, the Graduate Council is currently exploring a policy on deferred admission. We expect this to be a topic of discussion at the March 29th meeting.
 6. A Graduate Student Success Workgroup met last week to discuss opportunities for bolstering resources to help graduate students persist to graduation. Several ideas were developed and there will be follow-up discussions with President Smith, Provost Mukerjee, and the Foundation.
 7. A friendly reminder: the deadline for colleges to report the results of their elections for Graduate Council representatives is April 1, 2024
- Question for the GC:** None.
- f. **Student Government Association** – Walker Tatum (5 mins) – Written report
- Walker Tatum has just been announced as the new director of alumni engagement at the Marshall University Foundation. Will assume that role on May 1st after graduation on April 27th.

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- As of today, closed funding for our student organizations, but we've given out \$23,747 to student organizations on campus.
- Passed 18 resolutions within student government, to name a few.
- We had one past recently on campus recycling, one on printing information on campus and one on Marko's Mill share program
- For those ever interested in terms of what's being passed within student government, the SGA President & Vice-president take those to where we see fit in terms of whatever department on campus that it relates to. We also have those on our social media and on our herd link so you're able to see all of that within the minutes.
- Along with the student body President of WVU and Walker Tatum, will be attending the OL WV - Open educational resources textbook affordability retreat – will be sitting on a student panel and answering questions on that and giving student feedback.
- The Hunger Free Campus Act did not pass the West Virginia House. It died off, was killed off whatever term you want to use. We are already looking in terms of what we can do next legislative session that can be better than what we did this session. It made it the furthest that it ever has this session, so we're gonna (sic) continue to try and push as much as we can. But in terms of addressing food insecurity, a food pantry update and thrift store update - all the money has been committed to the expansion of the food pantry and thrift store here on campus. we are getting timelines as we speak, working with facilities and working with Brandy, Jacobs, Jones. Currently getting renderings made – will have some type of architectural mock up so that everyone can see what it will look like in the future.
- For the ACS, Walker is vice chair. They have the retention survey out. Encouraged everyone to push that to the students. They to an email and will be opened for around 2 more weeks. Have around 600 responses. Met with first descent to use at other universities & state level.
- SGA Elections - coming up. The filing is March 26th, the debates April 1st and then voting's April 2nd and 3rd. Winners will be announced on the 3rd at 4:00 PM for the SGA leadership successors.
- As chairman skills mentioned with the, I just wanted to mention this.
- Sunday from 7:00 to 8:00 and then starting at 8 – the selection process for the women's basketball team in March Madness. Solicited everyone's attendance.

Questions for SGA – None.

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6. Standing Committee Reports:

Committee	Report by:	Report Specifics
<p>a. Academic Planning</p>	<p>Sean McBride (4 minutes)</p>	<p>Written report received (if checked) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee met on – Click or tap to enter a date.</p> <p>The APC has not met since my last report. There are no future meetings on the horizon.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Click or tap to enter a date.</p>
<p>b. Athletic</p>	<p>Tom Hisiro (4 minutes)</p>	<p>Written report received (if checked) <input type="checkbox"/> Committee met on – Click or tap to enter a date.</p> <p>No new report.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Click or tap to enter a date.</p>
<p>c. Budget & Academic Policy</p>	<p>Kelli Prejean (4 minutes)</p>	<p>Written report received (if checked) <input type="checkbox"/> Committee met on – 2/16/2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Passed the proposal to move exams - Saturday exams to Wednesday, which just passed Senate. ▪ Also discussing updating the excused absence policy and putting parameters around that and timelines. ▪ If you have any strong opinions about that, you can email me or you can email Laura as Chair and we will continue to discuss that. We haven't made any decisions yet. The associate Dean's also discussed that at today's meeting. <p>Next Meeting: 3/15/2024</p>
<p>d. Library</p>	<p>Megan Marshall (4 minutes)</p>	<p>Written report received (if checked) <input type="checkbox"/> Committee met on – Click or tap to enter a date.</p>

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		<p>The committee has not met since October of 2023, but it's scheduled to meet on Monday, March 25th when we get back from break, but some notable updates from Dr. Monica Brooks, Dean of our university libraries –</p> <p>This fall, they kicked off a viability study to have a master's degree in library science. And they've gotten to go ahead to start planning for that.</p> <p>This will be the first MLS degree offered in the state of West Virginia, which is a big deal. It will address the current librarian shortage that's in the state. An ALA accredited MLS is required to work as a professional librarian in a public academic or special library in West Virginia and the country. With this program, Marshall has the potential to capture 100% of this state and regional market.</p> <p>As part of the Save-to-Serve commitment, the library faculty eliminated duplication of online resources and also suspended some low usage online resources. But they will try to obtain them quickly through the delivery services and consortium when needed - at no cost to users.</p> <p>Update for special collections and archives - They have received several large collections related to Marshall and Huntington history, but are awaiting the necessary renovations and ADA improvements in the first floor of Morrow library before the materials can be taken in and displayed for public use.</p> <p>In South Charleston, the South Charleston Campus Library may undergo some</p>
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		<p>changes and its footprint and its staffing, but the basic library services should not be affected.</p> <p>New podcasting studio at Drinko. It was founded by the MU Alumni Association and Foundation. It's installed in Drinko 203 and can be scheduled and used by any student or faculty member with staff assistance.</p> <p>Next Meeting: 3/25/2024</p>
<p>e. Faculty Development</p>	<p>Gayle Brazeau (4 minutes)</p>	<p>Written report received (if checked) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Committee met on – Click or tap to enter a date. See below:</p> <p>Gayle is not in attendance – did submit written report –</p> <p>The Marshall University Faculty Senate Faculty Development Committee held two informational meetings. The Committee met on Wednesday February 21, 2024, at 12:00 pm and on Thursday February 23, 2024, at 12:30 pm via Teams. Dr. Hillary Porter chaired the meeting. The following issues were discussed, and an email vote was sent out on February 23, 2024.</p> <p>1. MINUTES - The minutes from the October 18, 2023, meeting were approved as written.</p> <p>2. OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business to be discussed.</p> <p>3. NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>· The Committee discussed individual applications and adjusted requested funds</p>

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		<p>for those presenting and approved the following by an email vote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Scores were discussed and considered. We have \$30,025.00 to spend for the year. There were 35 total applications, with 1 duplicate. The committee voted to accept and fund 22 of 34 applications at a cost of \$18,264.00. <p>4. NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be in April 2024. Chair Porter will put out a date and time poll for this meeting.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Click or tap to enter a date.</p>
<p>f. Physical Facilities & Planning</p>	<p>Bill Gardner (4 minutes)</p>	<p>Written report received (if checked) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Committee met on – Click or tap to enter a date.</p> <p>No report. Committee has not met, and does not plan to meet.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Click or tap to enter a date.</p>

7. Other Requests to Speak – None

8. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn – MSAP. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 05:03 PM hours (5:03 pm).

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Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Sujoy Bose, Recording Secretary
Faculty Senate

MINUTES APPROVED BY SENATE:



4/18/24

Dr. Shawn Schulenberg, Chair
Faculty Senate

Date Signed

MINUTES READ:



4/24/24

Brad Smith, President
Marshall University

Date Signed

¹ MSAP: Motion Seconded & Passed

² MSAPAA: Motion Seconded & Passed as Amended