

# Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting

August 5, 2025 I 11 a.m.

Brad D. Smith Center for Business and Innovation, Room 113



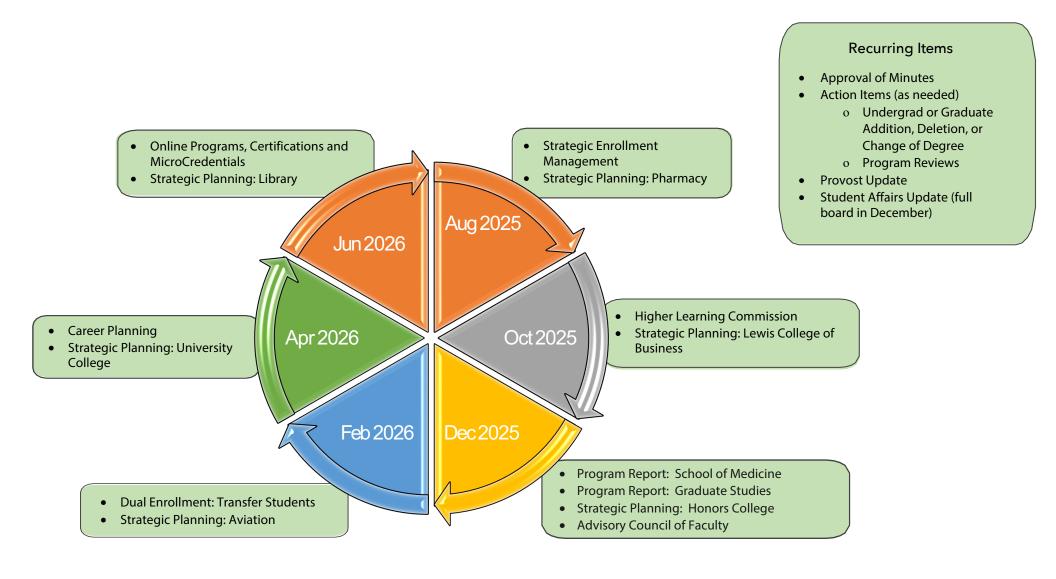
### August 2025 Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting

### **AGENDA**

11 a.m.	
Academic and Student Affairs Committee Kathy D'Antoni, Chair	
Action Items None	
Information Items	
Committee Annual Activity Calendar Robert Bookwalter, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs	3
Provost Report Robert Bookwalter, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs	
Academic Affairs Update Robert Bookwalter, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs	
Intercultural and Student Affairs Update  Marcie Simms, Vice President for Intercultural and  Student Affairs	
Sustainable Enrollment Growth  Jerry Ross, Chief Enrollment Officer / Vice  President of Enrollment Management	4
Strategic Planning: School of Pharmacy  Eric Blough, Dean of the School of Pharmacy	14

Lunch

# Annual Activity Calendar Academic and Student Affairs Committee



### Strategic Enrollment Management

# Sustainable Enrollment Growth



# Executive SUMMARY

# Our Plan for Today

- **❖SEM** within shared University vision
- Overview of the admissions funnel
- **❖** Scale and scope of EM activity
- **❖ Fall 2025 successes**
- ❖ Fall 2026 and beyond
- Ongoing challenges

### Our PLAN-ON-A-PAGE

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Responsible

Safe

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**Judicious** 

**2037 GOALS** 



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#### **Innovative Ideas**

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3X Start-Ups Incubated



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### Marshall for All, Marshall Forever

In-Demand Curriculum • On-Demand Delivery • Distinctive Value Proposition

**PRIORITIES** 

**METRICS** 

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- 1<sup>st</sup> yr retention/6 yr graduation
- E2E student experience
- Al-based customized support
- In-demand programs & microcredentials
- HyFlex/Hybrid courses
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# Strategic Enrollment Management PLAN-ON-A-PAGE

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MISSION

The Division of Enrollment Management brings together student-centered, data-informed teams to collectively recruit, enroll, and support all students across all pathways - advancing Marshall's mission through collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to student success.

**VALUES** 

Respectful | Accessible

**Transparent** 

**Adaptable** 

Comprehensive

**Collaborative** 

**Innovative** 

**OBJECTIVE** 

### Marshall for All, Marshall Forever

Enrollment Growth • Team Empowerment • Technology Integration • Student-Centered • Campus Collaboration • Eliminate Barriers • Data-Driven Decisions

THREE YEAR ENROLLMENT GOALS

#### **First Year Students**

- Total: 10% growth Fall 2025, 5% growth subsequent years
- Metro:150 student increase Fall 2025
- Out of State: 5% increase Fall 2025
- International: growth of 10% per year

#### **Transfer Students**

- Total growth: 10% annually
- Metro growth: 80 total = +16% for Fall 2025

#### **Graduate Students**

- First Time Graduate: 10% growth
- International growth:10% per year
- Maintain professional enrollment levels
- Program specific growth goals for research doctoral programs

#### **Online/Distance Students**

- YOY: 10% growth
- Five new programs annually

**STRATEGY** 

#### **Innovative Practices**

- · CRM optimization
- Territory Management
- Data Analytics
- Scholarship leveraging
- MFA Automation

### **Collaboration & Partnerships**

- Colleges
- Alumni
- High School Counselors
- Herd Academy
- Current Students
- Partnership Agreements

#### **Marketing and Outreach**

- · Student Experience throughout the funnel
- Digital marketing
- Strategic lead sourcing
- New market development
- Parent & supporter engagement
- · FAFSA workshops-virtual and in person

KPI AND SUCCESS METRICS

### **Total Applications**

First Year: 10,000 Transfer: 1,750 Graduate: 3,660

### **Completed App Rate**

Domestic First Year: 85% Transfer: 55% Graduate: 60% International: 20%

### Reduced Melt/Yield

First Year: 80% IE to Orientation
Transfer: 70% admitted to enrolled
Graduate: 70% admitted to enrolled

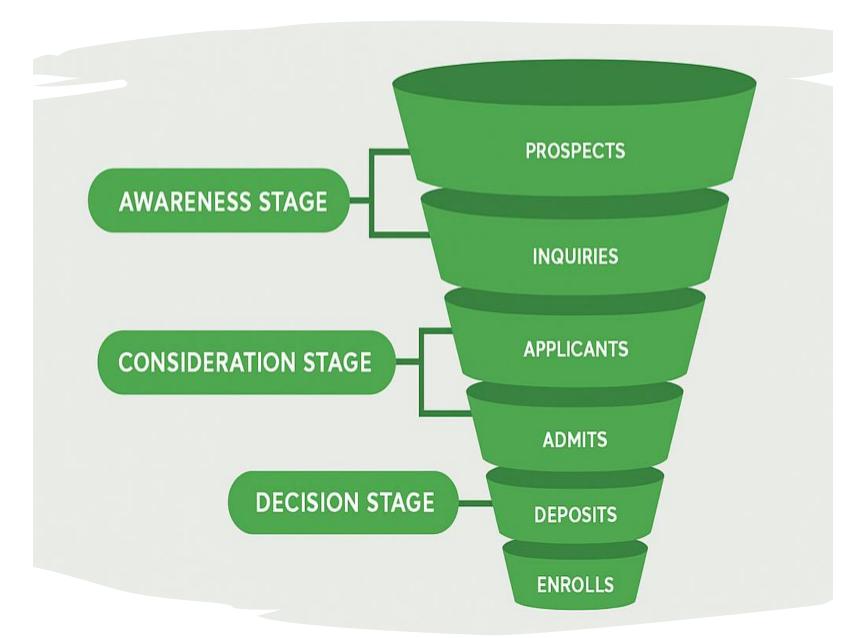
### **Increased Event Attendance**

Green and White Days: 5% increase Improved show rate: 70% (up from 61%) High School G&W Days: 10% increase Admitted Student Event: 15% increase

#### **Financial Aid**

Scholarship Portal Applications: 3,100 FAFSA Completion: 5% better than national % 25-26 FAFSA Applications: 17,000

# Higher Education Admissions Funnel



# 24-25 Enrollment Cycle Data

### **RECRUITMENT**

403
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL VISITS

660
GENERAL CAMPUS TOURS

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE TOURS

415 TOTAL FAIRS/EVENTS/ETC.

174K
TOTAL INQUIRIES

### STUDENT COMMUNICATIONS

6.07M TOTAL EMAILS SENT

352.6K

223.3K

334.9K SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS

### **EVENT ATTENDANCE**

248
MARSHALL BOUND

912
GREEN & WHITE DAY

### FINANCIAL AID

9,344
TOTAL STUDENTS WITH AID PROCESSED

\$158.9M



### **CRM OPTIMIZATION**

- ✓ DATA INFORMED TERRITORY MANAGEMENT
- ✓ ENHANCED AND AUTOMATED COMMUNICATIONS
- ✓ MOVED FROM IMPLEMENTATION TO STABILITY

### **END USER EXPERIENCE**

- ✓ REVAMPED CAMPUS EXPERIENCE
- ✓ HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR
- ✓ RELATIONSHIPS AND EVENTS
- ✓ DIRECT ADMISSIONS EXPANSION
- ✓ EXPEDITED GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

### **ENROLLMENT GROWTH**

- ✓ METRO EXPANSION
- ✓ FOCUS ON ALL SEGMENTS
- ✓ OPTIMIZE ALL STAGES OF THE ADMISSIONS FUNNEL

# Looking Ahead - FALL 2026 and Beyond

### **SEM PLANNING**

- MOVING FROM BROAD TO SPECIFIC
- > IDEAS TO ACTION
- > SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

### **CRM/TECHNOLOGY**

- > AUTO ADMITTING
- > TRANSCRIPT AUTOMATION
- COMMUNICATIONS JOURNEY ENHANCEMENTS

### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

- > SPEED TO DECISION
- EVENT INNOVATION
- > TOUR EXPERIENCE
- > IMPROVED PARTNERSHIPS

# Ongoing Challenges and Opportunities

**DEMOGRAPHICS** 

COMPETITION

**AVOIDING COMPLACENCY** 

STUDENT SUCCESS AND SUPPORT

MELT REDUCTION & YIELDING FROM ADMIT POOL

# QUESTIONS?





# **Marshall University**

Strategic Planning

Dr. Eric Blough, Dean School of Pharmacy August 5, 2025

# Executive SUMMARY

### 3 Programs

Pharmaceutical Sciences (BS)
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# Our GOALS COMMITTEE OF COMMITTE

### We Are ...

### BEST VALUE

### **Affordable**



Low (or no) student debt Opportunities to work on campus Potential for paid internships

### BEST TEST SCORES

### NAPLEX / MJPE Board Exams



PRACTICE READY

### BEST STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Durable Skills
Certificates
Research Opportunities
Credentials
Job Fairs



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**SCHOOL MISSION** 

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**VALUES** 

Academic Excellence | Graduates prepared for the workplace | Research and Scholarship | Financial Sustainability

**Best student experience** 

**OBJECTIVES** 

**PRIORITIES** 

**METRICS** 

PharmD, MS/MA, BS

International recruitment

development of additional revenue

credentials, CE, scholarships, State

1. School costs relative to in state and peer

streams: new BS/MS programs' micro-

3. Enhance revenue: Investigate the

1. Stabilize tuition costs

2. Increase enrollment

Best program value in the state

- Develop specific plans to improve each experience
- 2. Improved communication- student of the month program, newsletter, monitors, Townhalls

of each segment: student, staff and faculty.

- 3. Student support- lounge, printer, tutors
- 4. Student services- Job-fair, CV, Soft skills
- 5. New student rotations
- 6. New certificates

- Best test scores
- Increase rigor
   Develop "NAPLEX culture"
- 3. MPJE / NAPLEX bootcamp
- 4. Exam days / Integrated tests
- 5. Study skills instruction

institutions

2. # of new scholarships, grants, contra

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- 3. Number of Pubmed-indexed papers
- 4. Number of students PharmD program MS/MA program BS program
- 5. # new programs developed

- 1. Student, staff and student survey responses
- 2. Expand opportunities for clinical experiences
- 3. # of new certificates / programs developed
- # of new initiatives (HyFlex, micro-credentials, certificates, CE, wellness, other) designed to improve student / staff / faculty experience
- Percentage of students (PharmD, MSPS / MAPS / BS graduates) employed, seeking residencies or entering doctoral level programs after graduation.

1. Passage rate- NAPLEX, MPJE

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# Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

- ✓ Enrollment trending upward (2023 2 students; 2025 39 students)
- ✓ STEM-Designated 4-year degree
- ✓ Perfect for careers in medicine, pharmacy, dentistry and research
- ✓Only program of its kind in WV; 1 of 19 programs nationwide
- √\$87K average salary; strong job growth in pharmaceutical sciences
- ✓ Capstone and research opportunities included in the degree
- √ 18-month OPT Training for international students
- ✓ Built in minors: Marketing, Management or Entrepreneurship

# MA or MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences

- ✓ Enrollment trending upward (2023 2 students; 2025 21 students)
- ✓ STEM-Designated
- ✓ Perfect for careers in medicine, pharmacy, dentistry and research
- ✓Only program MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences program in WV
- √ 18-month OPT Training for international students

# PharmD

- ✓ Enrollment: 2024 121 students; 2025 119 students
- √4-year, clinical doctorate
- √1 of 2 PharmD programs in WV
- ✓ Best value in the state; second lowest tuition in ~500 mile radius
- ✓ New school
- ✓ New curriculum (modified block, lab sequence, CPD, pharmacogenomics, revamped Therapeutics core)
- ✓ New pathways (1+4, 2+4, 3+4); new scholarships
- ✓ New early warning system/Research honors program
- ✓ Built-in certifications: MTM, diabetes, immunizations
- √"Pharmily" concept

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cancer - Amin, Varney

Cardiac remodeling / hypertrophy - Blough, Rorabaugh

Immunology - McAleer

Microbiology - Long, Sparks

Nanotechnology - Blough, Long

Pharmaceutics - Jones, Long

Proteomics - Koc, Long

Substance abuse - Blough, Hambuchen, Rorabaugh

SOTL - Brazeau, Davis, Kimble A., Riley

# CHALLENGES

- ✓ Decreasing enrollment = Increased competition for students
- ✓Increasing cost of education = Concerns about student debt
- ✓ Evolution of pharmacy practice (e.g., new healthcare models, effects of AI)
- ✓ Curriculum changes to meet ACPE / CAPE outcomes
- ✓ Need for greater assessment / CQI
- ✓ NAPLEX / MPJE performance
- √ Faculty recruitment and retention
- ✓ Declining state support for higher education
- ✓ Decreased federal funding for pharmaceutical research

# Principled INNOVATION

- 1. People are the most important part of success. We must work together best ideas will come from the faculty, staff and students.
- 2. "Do no harm."
- 3. Decisions must be data-driven, inclusive and transparent.
- 4. Consider the past but *plan for the future*. Ensure that priorities are aligned with institution needs and resources.

(It is *critical to both promote novel and exciting new ideas as well as support the traditional mission* of the school and the faculty and staff who carry out these missions.)

# Investing in ENROLLMENT GROWTH

Social Media Advertising

MOU; Campus Geo-fencing; Instagram;

Facebook, Google search

Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia

High School/College Recruitment Fairs

Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia

**On-Campus Events** 

Green and White days; Department/college

visits; Student Center (COS tables); Campus

Job Fairs; SoP Open Houses

**International Efforts** 

Social media geofencing; in-person visits

# **ENROLLMENT GROWTH**





\$40K Tuition

1 Incredible Pharm.D.

The Marshall Promise

**∅** Undergraduate Degree Prices

**⊘** Doctoral Degree Earned



We are WAIVING enrollment deposits for applicants wh complete their PharmCAS application by January 15, 2025 and are subsequently offered admission. Join the Marshall Pharmily!

**APPLY NOW** 

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY



APPLY TODAY!



# **ENROLLMENT GROWTH**

### **International Efforts**

- 1. Social media / geofencing selected areas in Hyderabad and Amdhra Pradesh
- 2. In-person visits selected high schools and colleges in Hyderabad and Amdhra Pradesh



# **Enrollment Growth**

### **International Efforts**

- Vishnu Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (Andhra Pradesh)
- Shri Vishnu College of Pharmacy (Andhra Pradesh)
- CMR College of Pharmacy (Hyderabad)
- Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre (Andhra Pradesh)
- Nitte College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Andhra Pradesh)
- Dayanand Sagar University (Andhra Pradesh)
- Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Andhra Pradesh)
- Sultan Ul- Uloom College of Pharmacy (Andhra Pradesh)
- Bhaskar College of Pharmacy (Andhra Pradesh)
- Mallareddy University (Andhra Pradesh)
- TKM University (Hyderabad)







Dr. Shreedhar Venkatesh, MD

# PROGRESS to date

- 1. COST SAVINGS \$1.5M
  - ~ 33% reduction in faculty lines
  - ~ 50% reduction in staff
  - Cut all extraneous expenses
- 2. 7 year accreditation; CE program reaccredited
- 3. Enrollment gains (BS, MS and PharmD)
- 4. NAPLEX scores = +23% (tied for sixth largest gain nationwide)

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