

**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**RESOLUTION**

**SR 25-26-20 GAC Resolves Advocating for Appropriate Support and Funding for All Levels of Education**

**Whereas** The Marshall University faculty are first and foremost committed to the importance of education;

**Whereas** Marshall University Faculty remains steadfast in its commitment ensuring that educational opportunities are accessible and available to all individuals and that unnecessary barriers to success should be eliminated;

**Whereas** ensuring that students from all backgrounds have access to the appropriate educational preparation, including tools, guidance and supportive environments needed to succeed in post-high school education of all types is central to our core;

**Whereas** student success initiatives—including appropriate technology, teaching, advising, mentorship, and targeted support programs—are critical in both the preparation for higher education and for the successful completion of all post-high school educational programs;

**Whereas** high quality education at all levels is central to increasing retention and graduation rates in high school vocational school, college and beyond, thereby strengthening West Virginia's workforce and economy, ensuring a strong return on investment for state funding in education;

**Whereas** data continue to show high percentages of high school graduates below expected levels of proficiency with respect to math, science, and basic language skills;

**Whereas** we take it as our responsibility in higher education to meet all capable students where they are in terms of their skill development and put in place appropriate supports to ensure their success, including supports for academic remediation, psychosocial support and support to meet basic needs;

**Whereas** it has been established through research that easily accessible tailored supports are most effective in addressing disparities in academic/occupational achievement;

**Be it resolved**, that the Faculty Senate of Marshall University affirms our dedication to:

- Advocating for appropriate support and funding of education at all levels from pre-K through post-graduate education
- Supporting accessible programs that help all students overcome obstacles to success and timely graduation, strengthening West Virginia's higher education system.
- Advocating against initiatives that divert funds away from publicly accessible educational programs at the primary and secondary levels
- Providing a welcoming and supportive learning environment that fosters academic achievement and personal growth for all students, faculty, and staff by meeting needs for academic skill strengthening, psychological support, ensuring food and housing security.

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We call upon our legislative leadership and all educational administrative systems to continue to work collaboratively through shared governance to ensure equitable access to high quality educational experiences for all students in West Virginia at all levels of education to ensure pathways to health and wellness for our citizens as well as a vibrant productive workforce.

*We so resolve.*

**FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:**

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FACULTY SENATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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FACULTY SENATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

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