

# President's Update Fall General Faculty Meeting

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## Recap: 100 Day Listening Tour

**Academic Units** 

Alumni

**Board of Governors** 

**Business Leaders** 

**Cabinet** 

**Classified Staff** 

**Community Leaders** 

**Faculty** 

**Health Professionals** 

**Students** 

CONDUCTED HIGHER LEARNING EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT

18 6 Dozens
PRESIDENTS CAMPUS VISITS PUBLICATIONS

50+ Pages
PRE-READ MATERIALS

SUMMARIZED AND SHARED

38
LISTENING SESSIONS



1,000+
PARTICIPANTS

1,200+

CAPTURED RESPONSES

2,000
PERSON HOURS TO COMPILE DATA

RESEARCH AND
DATA ANALYSIS
APPLIED TO ENSURE
ACCURACY



## Recap: Top Themes Across All Questions



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## Recap: "BIG FIVE" strategic priorities













## STRATEGIC ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT (SEM)



- SEM plan developed & SEM Council executing
- College-specific SEM plans finalized & underway
- Segment-specific plans in-process
- External resources underway to strengthen execution
- **SEM Dashboard** operational by end of October



# Progress and Next Steps MARKET-BASED PRICING STUDY



- Market-based pricing study completed Spring 2022
- 9 strategic levers prioritized & teams assigned
  - SEM Plan, underutilized capacity, certificates, distance learning, ROI value prop., merit aid distribution, needs-based scholarships, graduate distance pricing, Metro-eligible counties
- Metro-pricing expanded effective Fall 2023
- 10-year goal of no student-loan debt announced



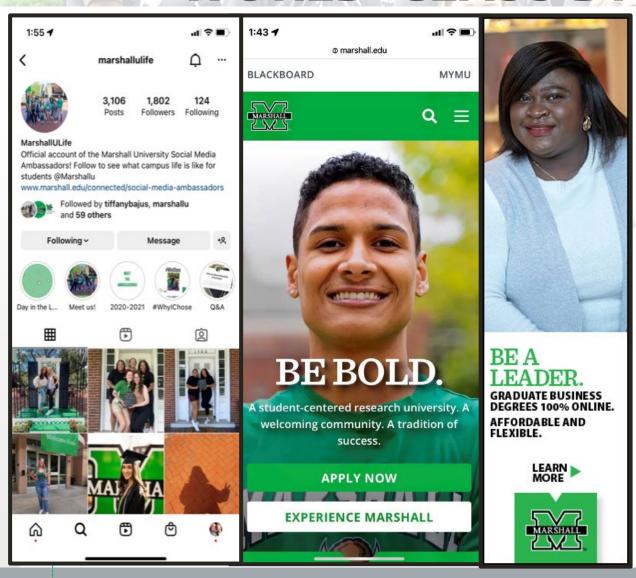
## **END-TO-END (E2E) STUDENT EXPERIENCE**



- Hired & trained team of students & project manager
- Developed 10 student personas conducted interviews
- Narrowed focus: **student orientation** to reduce melt
- Conducting rapid prototypes & experiments (D4D)
- Developing project implementation schedule



## **WORLD-CLASS DIGITAL MARKETING**



- Conducted external benchmarking of exemplars
- Reviewed current state staffing & budget vs. peers
- Conducted design-thinking exercise with H.S. students
- Incorporated learning to optimize digital assets
- Hired Chief Marketing Officer digital/storytelling
- Engaging viral thought leaders Who's Your We?



## VISION AND STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE



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## **Recap: No Regret Decisions**





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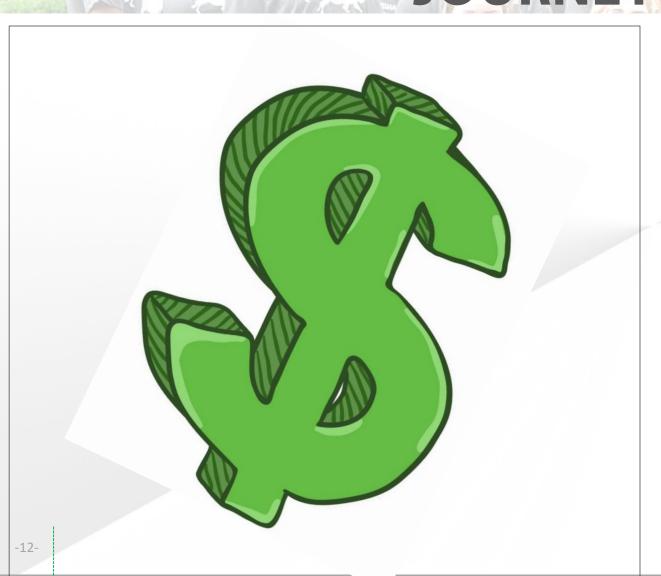
## OUTSOLVE BEYOND COMPLIANCE



- Gender & Racial Equity assessed 22 Pay Analysis Groups
  - **6 groups flagged** for further investigation
    - 3 groups women potentially underpaid
    - 2 groups men potentially underpaid
    - 1 group under-represented race overpaid
  - Unjustified discrepancies reconciled by 9/24
  - Conducting external assessment every 24 months
- Market-Based Pay Equity licensed PayScale "Pay Factors"
  - Assessing market-based pay equity vs. peer group
  - Establishing baseline and prioritizing targeted actions
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VP of Intercultural and Student Affairs Assistant Provost for Inclusive Excellence

#### **PROGRESS TO-DATE**

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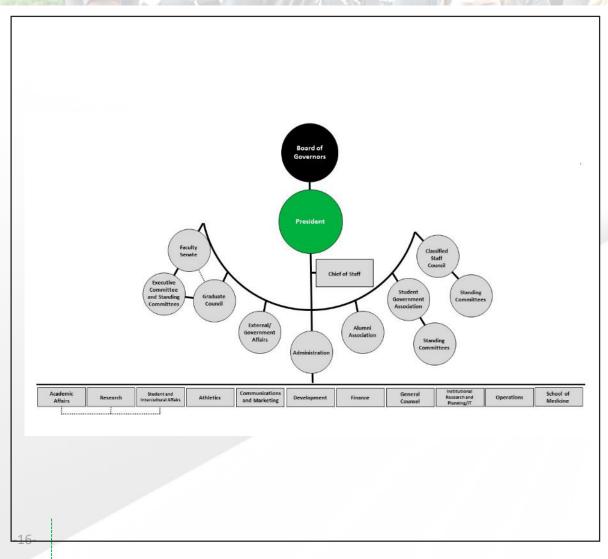
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## Vision and strategy for the future

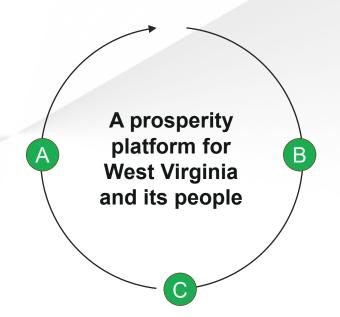
#### Three primary deliverables:

- 1 Deeply engage with university stakeholders
- Develop a renewed, distinctive, and durable value proposition and vision for Marshall University
- Diagnose the current state: enable Marshall to chart the course forward to the renewed value proposition and vision

The aspirational themes that emerged from university stakeholder engagement

Accelerate student success, allowing individuals to benefit from opportunities in West Virginia

Via highly flexible, affordable, inclusive & equitable degree & skill-building programs & world-class research



**Driver of economic development** to create
opportunities for West
Virginians

In partnership with all in-state universities and community colleges

The foundation: a sustainable financial structure and academic offerings

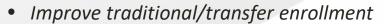


## Three horizons of work to reach our aspiration



## 1: Optimize to promote long-term sustainability

Realize potential of current model Sustainable financials & academic offerings



- Strengthen student success
- Grow high potential programs



## 2: Transform to lead with the best

Match exemplars for access, affordability, student mentorship, flexible modalities and career pathways



## **3: Leapfrog to become** the reference case

Pioneer "leapfrog" efforts
Change trajectory of education/economic dev.
Set the bar for higher ed. innovation

#### **Potential initiatives include**

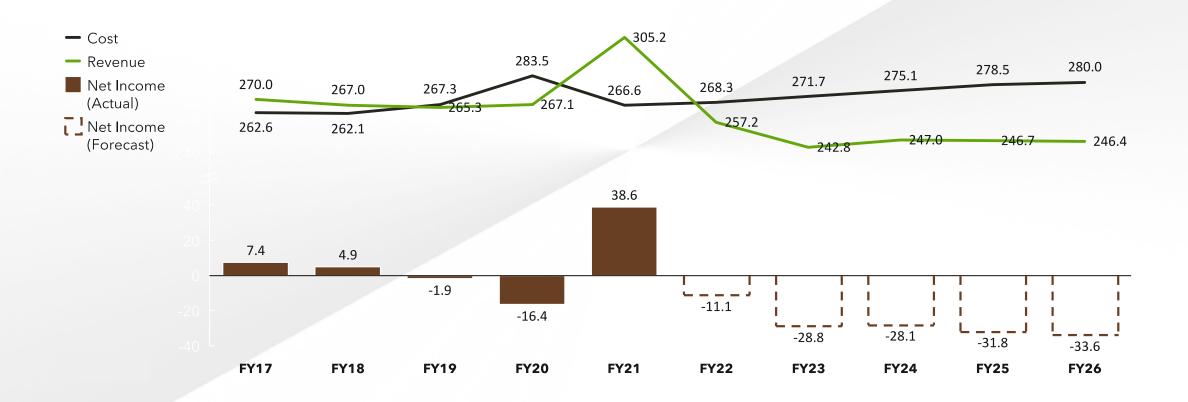
- Pilot Marshall for All debt-free
- Accelerate online program offerings
- Launch faculty engagement fund

- Scale Marshall for All for all students
- Build an economic development engine



## First, we must return to sustainable financial status

Marshall's annual deficit could grow to ~\$34M by 2026 with current trajectory



## Enrollment peaked in 2010 ... decline is not inevitable

#### Enrollment Information Fall Semesters 1997-98 through 2021-2022

Fall Semester	Headcount	% Change	FTE	% Change
1998	13,607		10,361	
1999	13,371	-1.7%	10,343	-0.2%
2000	13,643	2.0%	10,573	2.2%
2001	13,829	1.4%	10,642	0.7%
2002	14,222	2.8%	11,065	4.0%
2003	13,967	-1.8%	11,064	0.0%
2004	13,925	-0.3%	10,902	-1.5%
2005	13,996	0.5%	10,969	0.6%
2006	13,940	-0.4%	10,819	-1.4%
2007	13,814	-0.9%	10,754	-0.6%
2008	13,584	-1.7%	10,681	-0.7%
2009	13,779	1.4%	10,966	2.7%
2010	14.196	3.0%	11.549	5.3%
2011	13,971	-1.6%	11,410	-1.2%
2012	13,715	-1.8%	11,365	-0.4%
2013	13,413	-2.2%	11,167	-1.7%
2014	13,390	-0.2%	11,236	0.6%
2015	13,631	1.8%	11,485	2.2%
2016	13,654	0.2%	11,610	1.1%
2017	13,259	-2.9%	11,330	-2.4%
2018	13,215	-0.3%	11,042	-2.5%
2019	12,862	-2.7%	10,655	-3.5%
2020	11,962	-7.0%	10,197	-4.3%
2021	11.143	-6.8%	9,508	-6.8%

#### **Market Insights and Execution Opportunities**

- Access (Huntington/Ashland MSA only)
  - HS grads/no college: 16,000 (25% were admitted)
  - 25-54 yr. old HS grads/some college: **81,000**
  - 5 CTC's within 55 miles: **1,400** associates/year

#### Affordability

- Affordability is a MU strength for families making <\$50K</li>
- 27% below poverty line; 63% grads student debt of \$26K

#### Flexibility

- 3,433 WV completions online ... MU has 6% share
- 2010 SNHU Enrollment 12.6K => 2021 enrollment 178K
- 2010 ASU Enrollment 70.4K => 2021 enrollment 134.5K

#### Student Success

- Demonstrated success improving retention & completion
- 39% of MU graduates remain in-state vs 22% for WV



### MARSHALL FOR ALL ... MARSHALL FOREVER

#### Increase access

Target currently underserved populations (e.g., adults, out-of-state students, certificate seekers)

#### **Ensure affordability**

Lower debt burdens for students (e.g., income share agreements, hardship programs)

## **Grow mentorship and support programs**

Program selection, personalized learning pathways, increased retention and completion

## Deliver across flexible modalities

Hyflex modalities across all programs to serve diverse populations Marshall seeks

## Enable career success and employer engagement

Prepare students for strong jobs aligned with employer demand, grow programs that meet student interests and industry needs





## **Moving Forward**

#### Next steps include

- Continue to execute on the Big Five strategic priorities and six "no regret" decisions
- Continue to syndicate and refine the Marshall For All, Marshall Forever value proposition & strategy
- Accelerate our strategic enrollment management efforts to grow enrollment

#### What Marshall needs from you

 #1 Priority: student growth & success
 "Recruitment & Retention Officers"

Curiosity: change & experimentation

 UBUNTU: "I Am, Because We Are" "Shared Governance To Grow"

