

**Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
November 16, 2015
3:00 PM – Kansas Room, Memorial Union**

PRESENT: Ball, Farwell, Francis, Jackson, Kwak, Leung, McHenry, Memmer, Modellmog, Palbicke, Pembroke, Porta, Routsong, Russell, Sadikot, Schnoebelen, Smith, Steinroetter, Stevens, Stevenson, Wohl, Worsely, Zwikstra

ABSENT: Alexander (Rebecca), Alexander (Ryan), Childers, Garritano, Mansfield, Mapp, Mastrosimone, Mechtly, Petersen, Sanchez, Scofield, Sourgens, Stacey, Treinen, Tutwiler, and Weiner

GUESTS: Craig Barnes and Blake Porter

- I. **President Ball called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.**
- II. **The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of October 19, 2015 were approved.**
- III. **President's Opening Remarks:**
 - **Thanks to our guests for bring here: Craig Barnes from Shawnee County Health and Blake Porter, Washburn Student Government Association (WSGA) President.**
 - **Thanks to those who came to one of the Dean Forster talks about active shooter situations on campus.**
- IV. **Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents:**
 - **Health care plan changes—there was not much of a change to the base plan though copays have changed; the buy-up plan costs increased fairly significantly.**
 - **Local preference for contracts was discussed and reaffirmed once again.**
- V. **VPAA Update—Dr. Randy Pembroke:**
 - **Dean Forster meetings: we need to create and discuss specific plans, especially regarding how we secure rooms. Do we want to have Forster instruct us more on this issue of preparedness (and then, given that, do we feel like we have an obligation to pass along information to our students?)?**
 - **Conceal and carry conversation: At Washburn Tech, a couple of issues came up regard control of the weapon during class and in the event required uniforms not allowing students to conceal weapons (since it might conflict with the law). Another issue that came up was establishing when a gun a weapon (if the gun isn't operational, does it still have to be concealed/should it be included under the law?).**
 - **Student honor code dinner coming up tonight: do we need an honor code? What might it include?**
 - **What are we doing for adjunct faculty to make sure they're represented and supported? On Wednesday night we'll be having a focus group with some nominated individuals to address these issues.**
- VI. **Faculty Senate Committee Reports: NONE**

VII. University Committee Reports:

- The General Education Committee minutes from October 20, 2015 were received.
- The Library Committee minutes from October 21, 2015 were received.
- The Assessment Committee minutes from October 15, 2015 were received.
- The Honors Advisory Board minutes from September 2, 2015 were received.

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business: None

X. Information Items: None

XI. Discussion Items:

- A proposal for a smoking ban on campus passed last spring by WSGA (presented by Blake Porter, president WSGA). Russell wondered if this would apply to campus visitors (including parents). Porter noted that enforcement isn't the purview of WSGA, but some campuses have used a Good Samaritan policy for not doing it, or providing tickets to violators. Some campuses have also worked on phasing out smoking over time. Ball asked if this year's WSGA had talked about specific ways to honor this; Porter responded that it needs to be a broader university policy. Modellmog wondered if this ban might hurt recruitment; Porter countered by noting that Pittsburg State has turned this into a recruitment tool. Craig Barnes also noted that seven public institutions in Kansas have banned it. Steinroetter wondered if this would apply to e-cigarettes; Porter said yes though the current language would have to be changed to reflect that. Francis wondered about the impact on neighborhoods around Washburn; Porter noted that he hadn't considered this issue. Russell wanted to know where Porter would go from here; Porter wants Faculty Senate to move on it in some way. Porter noted that some schools, to help with this would also give out nicotine gum, and Barnes also said there were County services available to help with tobacco cessation, as well. Pembroke clarified that something like this should eventually get to the Board for approval and policy clarification. Steinroetter felt uncomfortable making a policy decision of any kind without finding out how faculty felt about it. Ball noted that a survey was sent out last year and while she didn't have specific figures from it, the majority of faculty who reported back indicated they wanted a smoke-free campus. Wohl worried about enforcement and the right of a person to sit in her or his private vehicle and do what s/he wants. Jackson said among law school faculty, having clearly marked and delineated areas away from public areas is the preference. Francis said the law faculty also said that keeping our campus neighbors happy is key since parking issues already annoy them.
- Faculty office door policy in Morgan Hall (Ball). Ball spoke to Rick Anderson since this is under his purview. Ball said he indicated they don't want stuff taped to doors but we don't want to make a policy. Ball asked if we should push for a policy about what we can do with our doors or something else? Porta wondered if we could ask the person who wants the doors to be free of things to come before Senate and justify it. Ball thinks that since we're advisory to the administration, the request wouldn't work. Zwikstra asked for clarification of the policy. Steinroetter noted that it is being enforced; people will pull items posted on doors and push them underneath or present them forcefully to faculty.

Wohl seconded bringing the person who was policing the hallways to come before the Senate to indicate the logic. Ball will seek a clarification of the policy.

XII. Announcements: NONE

XIII. President Ball adjourned the meeting at 3:54pm.