

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL FACULTY MINUTES  
April 18, 2013

**I. Call to Order**

President Farley called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm in Henderson Learning Center Room 100.

**II. Opening Remarks**

President Farley welcomed everyone to the meeting. He discussed several items of interest.

1. Kansas Bureau of Investigation: WU has been asked by the KBI to help in their quest for a new Forensic Crime Laboratory. This would provide Washburn the opportunity to enhance our academic programs, provide internships for students, and opportunities for faculty as consultants. In exchange for the lease of land we would have access to some of the space as well as state of the art equipment.
2. Welcome center and remodeling of Morgan Hall: Moving forward. Some space on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor will be a sitting area for students.
3. New School of Law Building: The building will be located at the corner of 21<sup>st</sup> and Washburn Ave. It is a 40 million dollar project with 20 million raised by private sources and the remaining to be borrowed monies set aside to pay for the project. Expected date of opening will be no sooner than Fall 2018.
4. Legislature: The Legislature is recommending a cut for higher education. The house proposes a 4% reduction, the senate a 2% reduction, and the governor a 0% reduction. A decision should be made by July 1.
5. Governor's Visit: The Governor will be visiting college campuses around the state. He will be at WU on April 26<sup>th</sup>. He will spend half his time on the WU campus and half his time on the Tech campus.
6. Questions: Dr Farley was asked about his comment in the morning paper in regards to the slight decline in the state sales tax revenue for this year. Dr Farley stated that WU looks at last year by month and this year by month then projects what the revenue will be. We should know the actual revenue by the end of August.
7. Commencement: Dr Farley ask that everyone plan to attend the May Commencement ceremony.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Farley asked for a motion to approve the minutes. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2012 General Faculty meeting and the February 13, 2013 Online vote. Motion carried.

#### **IV. Unfinished Business** – no unfinished business

#### **V. New Business**

##### A. Items Requiring Washburn University Board of Regents Approval

###### 1. Masters of Studies in Law

It was moved and seconded to approve the Masters of Studies in Law. Motion carried.

###### 2. Changes to Graduate Committee

It was moved and seconded to approve the changes to the makeup of the Graduate Committee. Motion carried.

###### 3. Changes to Faculty Senate Constitution

It was moved and seconded to approve the changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution. A friendly amendment was made to remove “and faculty issues” and add “excluding those of the School of Law”. Friendly amendment accepted and motion carried

###### 4. Kinesiology: Delete Concentration in Coaching

It was moved and seconded to approve the deletion of the coaching concentration. Motion carried

###### 5. Kinesiology: Add Minor in Coaching

It was moved and seconded to approve the new minor in Coaching. Motion carried

##### B. Items Not Requiring Washburn University’s Board of Regents Approval

###### 1. BFA Concentration Changes in Six Areas

It was moved and seconded to approve the changes for the BFA concentration in six areas. Motion carried

###### 2. BFA with Licensure Program Changes

It was moved and seconded to approve the licensure program changes for the BFA. Motion carried

###### 3. English- Writing Emphasis Requirement Changes

It was moved and seconded to approve the writing emphasis requirement changes for English Majors. Motion carried

#### 4. Kinesiology: B.Ed., Physical Education Teaching Degree

It was moved and seconded to approve the B.Ed., Physical Education Teaching degree and B.A. Concentration options. Motion carried

#### 5. Mass Media Contemporary Journalism Emphasis Changes

It was moved and seconded to approve the Contemporary Journalism Emphasis Change. Motion carried

#### 6. Mass Media-Film and Video Emphasis Changes

It was moved and seconded to approve the Film and Video Emphasis Changes. Motion carried

### **IV. Final Remarks**

#### **A. From the Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Dr Pembroke encouraged all faculty and staff to participate and support Apeiron which will be tomorrow, April 19, 2013. Shaun Schmidt gave an overview of the events.

Next Monday will be the transition meeting for faculty senate. Please thank your officers Steve Angel, Bill Roach, and Vickie Kelly.

Congratulations to all faculty and staff who received recognition or awards at the Employee Recognition Ceremony. The faculty awards went to: Nan Palmer and Mike Russell for Teaching; Shirley Dinkel for Service; and Carolyn Carlson for Research.

Dr Pembroke indicated that there were three proposals for Quality Initiatives relating to HLC. The proposals deal with the High Impact Community Engagement initiative, Diversity, and Teaching Excellence. Dr Pembroke recognized Tom Underwood for leading this endeavor.

Nancy Tate indicated that Dr Michael Gleason was hired as the Leadership director and will start May 1. Connie Gibbons was hired as the Mulvane director and will start June 1.

Rick Anderson gave an over view of the 17<sup>th</sup> street project. It will start after graduation. Washburn Ave to College Ave is scheduled to be closed from May 15 to August 1. College Ave to Macvicar is scheduled to be closed from August 1 to about November 15.

### **V. Announcements**

Tony Palbicke announced that the Criminal Justice Department will have Detective James Leavelle (Retired) Dallas Police Department visiting Washburn University and the Criminal Justices students. Detective Leavelle is best known for his role during the investigation of the Kennedy assassination. Detective Leavelle was the Police Officer who was escorting Lee Harvey Oswald out of the Dallas Police Dept when Oswald was shot and killed by Jack Ruby. The Kansas City, MO FBI office, care of Special Agent Dave Burlew, a Washburn CJ grad is

arranging all logistics to get Det Leavelle to Washburn. Detective Leavelle is 92 years old. The event will be held in the Kansas Room on April 23, and will start at 11:00 AM.

Tom Prasch announced that Phi Alpha Theta, the history honorary society, will be hosting a special historical film night, featuring Kevin Willmott's new film *Destination: Planet Negro!* The filmmaker will be there to introduce and discuss the work on Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m., Henderson 204.

Steve Angel recognized Gordon McQuere, Dean of the College, for all he has done as dean.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Pat Munzer**

Secretary to the General Faculty