

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY
GENERAL FACULTY MINUTES
JANUARY 30, 2014

I. Call to Order

President Farley called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in Washburn B.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Remarks of President Jerry Farley:

- a. The Kansas Legislature is back in town. Last year they approved a 2 year budget. That budget called for a 1.5% decrease in the Washburn allocation which would amount to almost \$200,000. Washburn has asked to have that money back, but that is unlikely to happen. Washburn has also asked for some funding related to Washburn's forensic programs: some CSI positions in anthropology, chemistry, biology, etc. in conjunction with the KBI building. That may or may not happen. There are other pressures on the budget: the school finance suit for funding of P-12 education should be resolved soon. The income tax cuts are not likely to be rescinded if the Kansas Supreme Court insists on a higher level of funding for P-12.
- b. The legislature approved the KBI project at the very end of the legislative session and Washburn has been moving along rapidly on this project. Washburn needed some statutory changes so that this could happen; those changes were approved. The Topeka Public Building Commission will finance and build this project; the university cannot have the debt for this project on its balance sheet. The commission has sold \$60 million of debt to finance this project. Architects have reviewed the plans with the President and Vice President Anderson. Washburn expects to have a ground breaking on this project in late April or early May. The project should be completed in September / October of 2015; it seems to have broad support both on and off campus.
- c. Enrollment was down in the fall. Washburn does not have the enrollment figures for the spring of 2014 yet. The enrollment decrease will have budgetary implications. Some costs continue to increase whether the

enrollment is up or not: utilities, databases, information technology, etc. Therefore the University will have to adjust the budget in other areas. There will likely be a small increase in tuition this year, but no figures are available. The deans and the Washburn University Board of Regents met in mid-December and looked at the enrollment figures and came up with four pages of action items. A major action item is to make Washburn more transfer friendly. It is hoped that the Associate in Liberal Studies degree will encourage some former students to complete their degrees at Washburn.

- d. Construction has started in Morgan Hall. Some folks have already moved out. Morgan Hall will be back online in the summer of 2015.
- IV. Remarks of Randy Pembroke, the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- a. Floyd Davenport has been linking WU ID photos to our class lists on D2L. This project is going well. Many online students, however, do not have WU IDs.
 - b. There was a town hall meeting on advising yesterday AT 11:30 A.M. There will be another luncheon study session on February 4. These were set up by Alan Bearman and John Hamlin.
 - c. The Freshman Year Experience will have a scholarship reception in the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center (BTAC) at 3:30 p.m. on February 6, 2014.
 - d. Pat Munzer is the new dean of the School of Applied Studies. The search for a dean of the College of Arts and Sciences continues. Dean candidates will give presentations on 1/31 and 2/4 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
 - e. The promotion and tenure process continues. The University Committee on Promotion and Tenure Standards will review the recommendations in February, and Board of Regents should take action in March.
 - f. Washburn will continue to use faculty to promote re-enrollment of continuing students.
 - g. There will be recognition of undergraduates doing research at Washburn and the Regents' Universities at Undergraduate Research Day. There will be a ceremony at the Capitol Complex on February 12 at 11:00 a.m.
 - h. The Lincoln Lecture will be John Stauffer from Harvard University on February 6 at BTAC. He will be talking about the parallels between the lives of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln
 - i. The 60th anniversary of Brown versus Board of Education is coming up.
 - i. There is an exhibit in the Mulvane Gallery from March through June.

- ii. On spring break, some Washburn students under the guidance of Mark Peterson, Mike Russell, and Bruce MacTavish, will be retracing the routes of some of the civil rights events.
 - iii. There will be a concert on May 9 in honor of the Brown vs Board decision.
 - j. Vicky Kelly has developed an exhibit in Mulvane on 150 years of educational technology at Washburn University.
 - k. Registration for Apeiron starts on February 13, 2014 and closes on March 13, 2014. The 2014 Apeiron will be held in the afternoon of April 18, 2014.
 - l. The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (C-TEL) under the leadership of Margaret Cook has started operations.
- V. New Business – Randy Pembrook
 - a. Items Requiring Board of Regents Approval
 - i. The Faculty Handbook Committee will be sending things through the General Faculty in a piecemeal fashion. At the end of that process, the General Faculty will take a comprehensive look at the Handbook before it is given final approval.
 - ii. 13.18 Faculty Handbook – Probationary Period This was moved and seconded. This motion makes the probationary period for tenure track faculty 6 years across the entire University. A friendly amendment adjusted the counting of years. At least three of the years must be at Washburn. Up to three years at another university may count This was approved.
 - iii. 13.19 Tenure Recommendation This was moved and seconded. This motion allows promotion to associate professor and granting tenure to be done separately. This motion provides for offering guidance to faculty who are tenured, but not promoted. There was a clarifying, friendly amendment. This motion was passed.
 - iv. 13.22 Student Success Committee This was moved and seconded The name and structure of the retention committee was changed. There were several friendly amendments concerning the membership of the committee, the titles of the members, grammar, and punctuation. This motion was passed.
 - v. 13.23 General Education Transfer Policy Revision This was moved and seconded. This motion simplifies and transfer process and describes how the process works for international students. Extensive discussion resulted in multiple friendly amendments to the process. This motion was passed.

vi. 13.24 Online RN to BSN Program. This was moved and seconded and approved.

b. Items not requiring Board of Regents approval.

i. 13.20 Probation and Reinstatement Committee The motion changes the chair of the committee to the Associate VPAA. This motion was moved and seconded and approved.

ii. 13.21 Program Review Committee This was moved and seconded. The motion changes the leadership of the committee and provides for the unit review to develop an action plan and review it with one of the committee chairs. The motion passed.

VI. Announcements (none)

VII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by

Bill Roach, Secretary of the General Faculty