

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY
GENERAL FACULTY MINUTES

NOVEMBER 21, 2013

I. Call to Order

President Farley called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in HC 100.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 29, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

III. President's Remarks

President Farley welcomed the faculty and wished everyone a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday. Noting that the students value the faculty's presence greatly, he urged the faculty to attend graduation.

President Farley talked about enrollment. Both President Obama and the Kansas Board of Regents have set a goal that 60% of the population will have a successful postsecondary education experience. That calls for getting students here and getting them to complete their degree program. It is a natural goal for faculty to facilitate enrollment. Tuition is a significant part of Washburn's funding and fluctuations in enrollment affect all of us.

Unfortunately, this year, we had a slight downturn. There are a number of areas where we can all affect enrollment:

- a. Full time enrollment of first time freshman was down a little, but generally what we expected. Washburn allows students from neighboring states to pay in-state tuition.
- b. Transfer student enrollment has historically been significant for Washburn. This is something we should be able to do better at by reaching out to community college faculty and students perhaps by including them in events on campus.
- c. Student participation in campus life and clubs should help us improve our retention numbers. Get students connected to their discipline early in their college experience.
- d. More pro-active advising can improve students' experience
- e. The Executive Staff, the deans, and the regents will have a work session in the middle of December on improving enrollment.
- f. Everyone can think about reducing administrative red tape.

The KBI Forensic Crime Lab is moving ahead. Washburn will try to get this project underway before the legislature returns next spring. Washburn has

hired an architect and a construction manager. Bonds have been sold to finance the project (\$57 million) .

The bids for the Morgan Hall Welcome Center have come in under the estimated budget. We are still raising money for this project. Construction activity and the accompanying dislocations will start in the spring of 2014.

Fund raising for the Law School projects continues.

The 17th Street Boulevard project should finish relatively soon.

IV. Vice President of Academic Affairs Remarks – Randy

- a. The Higher Learning Commission reviewed and approved Washburn's Quality Initiative (QI) proposal. The proposal received the highest evaluation in all five evaluation criteria. The call for nominations for the director of the teaching center has gone out.
- b. Please encourage your students to enroll for next semester
- c. The dean searches are only slightly behind schedule. Thanks to all who participated in that process. We expect to have some announcement before the semester is over.

V. Proposals

- a. 13.13 Kinesiology Proposal (deletion of old program).

The proposal was moved, seconded, and approved.

- b. 13.14 Associate Degree in Liberal Studies.

The proposal was moved, seconded, and approved.

- c. 13.15 New Mass Media Minor in Film and Video

The effective date of the new program is fall of 2014. The program was moved, seconded, and approved.

- d. 13.17 Legal Scholars Program 3.5 + 3.0

The program was moved, seconded, and approved.

- e. 13.12 Communications Minor.

The program was moved, seconded, and approved.

- f. 13.16 Cross Listing and Numbering for Women's and Gender Studies

The proposal was moved, seconded, and approved.

VI. Announcement

- a. Shaun Schmidt announced that registration for Apeiron will open on February 13, 2013.
 - b. Dan Petersen announced that Leslie McCullough had received a \$50,000 grant from the Horse and Humans Research Foundation (HHRF) to study how boys with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) respond to equine-facilitated psychotherapy (EFP).
- VII. Adjournment.