

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY
GENERAL FACULTY MINUTES

24 APRIL 2014

I. Call to Order

President Farley called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. He made a series of remarks about the University budget. Last year the legislature put forward a two year budget for state appropriations for Washburn. This budget called for successive and cumulative annual 1.5% cuts in the annual Washburn operating grant. Washburn experienced the first of these cuts in the current fiscal year, but this year the legislature rescinded both of those cuts.

Washburn's income from sales tax receipts is level at best. Washburn has experienced a loss in enrollment which caused a \$1.4 million loss in funding. This was a loss of some 200 students. Budget reductions of \$800,000 have helped Washburn deal with some of this loss. Going forward a fee will be assessed for the use of a credit card to pay tuition. Washburn is in the process of undertaking some 30 initiatives to help grow its enrollment and respond to these budget shortfalls.

Washburn now allows instate tuition for students from neighboring states. The CEP program currently includes some 600 students; the hope is that some of these students will continue their education at Washburn.

Washburn hopes to see its international enrollment grow. The new ALS degree will allow some students to continue their education more easily – hopefully at Washburn. Washburn's transfer credit policy has been liberalized. Washburn needs to work on its relationship with community colleges so that Washburn recruits more effectively from community colleges. Students who have not yet enrolled for fall should be contacted about fall enrollment

If the fall enrollment indicates that Washburn has dealt with the enrollment problems, there could be a mid-year salary program. A modest tuition increase is likely to be part of this. In the absence of enrollment improvements, there can be no salary program. Any extra tuition monies collected will be diverted to student scholarships for this year.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 30 January 2014 General Faculty meeting were approved as submitted.

III. New Business – Randy Pembroke

14.1 New International Business Concentration

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.2 Modify Faculty Handbook – Probationary Period/ Early Petitions

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.3 Communication Studies Name Change

Moved, Seconded, and approved as submitted

14.8 Modify Associate of Science General Education Requirements

Moved, seconded. This proposal was modified to change the effective date to the fall of 2014. It was approved as modified. .

14.9 New BBA Concentration – Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.13 Modify BS in Biology – Secondary Education

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.14 Delete BA in Biology – Secondary Education

Moved, seconded and approved as submitted.

14.15 New BS in Environmental Biology

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.16 New BA in Environmental Biology

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.17 New BS in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.19 New AS in Engineering Physics

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.22 Modify International Credit Policy

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.23 New JD/MAcc Program

Moved, seconded and approved as submitted.

14.11 Modify BS in Biology

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.10 Modify BA in Art History

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.12 Modify BA in Biology

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.18 New BA in Computer Information Science

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.20 Modify BEd in Physical Education / Teaching

Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

14.21 BA in Philosophy

Moved, seconded,

PH 315 was added to the proposal.

The proposal was approved as amended.

IV. Announcements – Randy Pembroke

The new emeriti faculty were thanked for their service to Washburn.

Shawn Schmidt and his team were thanked for his efforts on this year's Apeiron.

David Price noted that the School of Business is sponsoring an entrepreneurship idea competition in the fall

- Commencement is on May 17, 2014. Please attend.
- V. Comments – President Farley
The Student Success Committee has done some great work.
The Transfer Friendly Committee has done some great work.
Academic Advising is doing well in its new setting, Mabee Library.
The groundbreaking for the new KBI building will happen next week.
The University is exploring the possibility of new student housing on the east side of campus.
- VI. Adjournment

Submitted by

Bill Roach, Secretary of the General Faculty