

**Washburn University**  
**General Faculty Minutes**  
**August 27, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Farley called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM in Room 100 of the Henderson Learning Resources Center. The room was 85% full (approximately 180 faculty present).

**II. ELECTION OF GENERAL FACULTY SECRETARY**

Matt Arterburn was nominated to serve as General Faculty Secretary for the 2015-2016 academic year. Following a motion and a second, he was elected unanimously.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2015 General Faculty meeting. These minutes were approved unanimously.

**IV. OPENING REMARKS**

**A. From the President**

1. President Farley addressed the faculty regarding enrollment, including these major points:
  - He thanked faculty for helping with reaching out to students to get them enrolled, crediting new policies and procedures for improved success in encouraging enrollment.
  - Emphasized ongoing efforts to build and rebuild enrollment. Reiterated that the university is still feeling effects of enrollment drop a few years ago (e.g., smaller upper classes as a consequence).
  - Discussed the growing phenomenon that fewer students complete a degree within four years, mainly because they enroll in fewer hours per term. The average WU student credit hours is 11.6 hours (this number includes many part-time students). Promoted the encouragement of students, both subtly and directly, to always enroll in 15 hours.
  
2. President Farley addressed building projects and student housing needs:
  - Funding for KBI was approved, despite unusual activity in the legislature. The governor did not cut KBI from the budget along with other items that were subject to cuts.
  - Expressed a wish to see more faculty helping with move-in.
  - This year there were as many as 80 students on waiting list for student housing. To accommodate these students WU rented 12 apartments for and purchased furniture. This effort provided housing for additional 40 students.
  - The new dormitory project is well under way. This is a critical part of building the on-campus student population base of WU, for those many who want a traditional college experience.

- Thanked many faculty and staff for hosting international students in their homes.
- Morgan Hall construction is near completion and will be a defining feature of the campus.
- Recital Hall project is in planning stages and funding has been secured from primarily private donations.
- Indoor practice facility, also funded by private donations, is up for WUBOR approval soon. Building will include portions designated for Facilities Services.

3. President Farley commented on marketing and promotional events:

- Washburn has put out RFPs for a firm to produce promotional materials and conduct marketing work for WU. Several applications that have been narrowed down to four groups that are being considered for our contract.
- Our principal marketing goal is how to deploy resources to maximize enrollment for the institution.
- Grand Homecoming will represent the culmination of five years of celebration of Washburn's sesquicentennial. Considerable efforts have gone into all of the preparation and execution of a variety of events associated with this commemoration. The weekend of October 23/24 will be the beginning of those events. Departments are encouraged to contact Denise Ottinger with any additional events that you are planning; there are many events taking place and full publicity is desired for all of these.

**B. From the Vice President for Academic Affairs**

1. Dr. Pembroke thanked faculty for their attention to curriculum innovation, noting a number of new items related to curriculum.

2. Dr. Pembroke reviewed the founding of new programs:

- Thanked the units and leaders involved in developing the KBI-related forensics programs (Biology, Chemistry, Criminal Justice, Anthropology, Computer Information Sciences, Deans), as well as Dr. Farley and our lobbyist for securing the necessary funding.
- Announced the simulation center for health care programs (Nursing & Allied Health) which will be ready on the Tech campus in October.
- Announced that over two-thirds of our faculty participated in C-TEL events.
- Community engagement is part of C-TEL initiatives, and a series of lunches is being planned to promote community engagement (HI-CEP).
- The Farley Professorship in Ethics and Leadership, supported by endowed funds has been established, and Dr. David Carter is the first faculty member appointed to this position. He will be working with faculty to discuss important ethical issues in various disciplines and looking to invite speakers, visitors, etc. to establish dialogue on these issues.
- This is the third year of the Fink visiting professor program. Faculty are encouraged to nominate individuals in various disciplines. Visiting professors should demonstrate or represent leadership in their field and be willing to interact with our students as part of the program.

3. Dr. Pembroke discussed accreditation:

- The School of Law has recently been reaccredited with a very positive review.
- Business school accreditation visit will occur in one month.
- The sonography program was successfully reaccredited.
- The HLC visit which determines the university's accreditation will occur in 2018-2019 academic year.

4. Dr. Pembroke discussed visits to community colleges:

- Thanked faculty, etc. who participated in recent visit to Allen CC. This year we will have similar interactions with Highland and KC CC. In the future we will work also with Johnson CC. Trying to build stronger connections with these campus. Highland visit will be November 9.
- WU Tech is working to clarify process for students moving from WU tech to WU campus.

5. Dr. Pembroke thanked faculty for participation in convocation.

Vickie Kelley presented awards for assessment. Award for "most improved" was awarded to Biology. The Excellence in Assessment award was given to Radiation Therapy in Allied Health.

Coletta Meyer discussed employee wellness program. 10<sup>th</sup> year of the program. New programs include 5K program and the Octoberfest challenge. 540 faculty and staff members currently participate in the three-tier program. This program provides \$75 in incentive money for "Tier 1" blood screenings. Tier 2 and 3 activity are incentivized with \$25 and \$50 respectively for completion. Reminded faculty that After Hours, Homecoming participation and other events are valid activities for these two tiers.

## **V. INTRODUCTION OF NEW FACULTY**

1. Dr. Laura Stephenson introduced faculty joining the College of Arts & Sciences in 2015-16:

### **NEW CHAIRS**

Marguerite Perret	(Interim Chair of Art)
Corey Zwikstra	(Interim Chair of English)
Kathy Menzie	(Chair of Communications, Pending WUBOR approval)
Cherry Steffen	(Chair of Education)

### **NEW FACULTY**

Yu-Fang Chen	(Asst. Prof., Music)
Gladys Chow	(Asst. Prof., Art)
Christopher Conner	(Asst. Prof, Sociology)
Matthew Cook	(Asst. Prof, Biology)
Rick Duet	(Lecturer, Mass Media)
Andrea Garritano	(Lecturer, Music)
Danielle Head	(Asst. Prof., Art)
Louise Krug	(Asst. Prof, English)
Monette Mark	(Lecturer, Art)

Lynda Miller	(Lecturer, Art)
Martha Placeres	(Lecturer/ Director of Orchestra, Music)
Sue Salem	(Lecturer, Chemistry)
RaLynn Schmalzried-Schmidt	(Asst. Prof, Psychology)
Jason Shaw	(Asst. Prof, Mathematics & Statistics)
Heather Snyder	(Lecturer, Biology)
Cindy Wooldridge	(Asst. Prof, Psychology)

**1. Dr. David Sollars introduced faculty joining the School of Business in 2015-16:**

Dion Harnowo	(Asst. Prof., Production/Operations Management)
Sunita Rao	(Asst. Prof., Accounting)
Shane Van Dalsem	(Asst. Prof., Finance)

**2. Dr. Pat Munzer introduced faculty joining the School of Applied Studies in 2015-16:**

Katlin Bryan	(Lecturer, Director of Occupational Therapy)
Kristina Collins	(Lecturer/Coordinator, Radiologic Technology)
Tracy Matthews	(Lecturer, Health Science)
Jason Jolicoeur	(Asst. Prof., Criminal Justice, Police/Detention)
Ruth Owens-Jurgens	(Lecturer, Human Services, Substance abuse/addiction)
Don Crowder	(Lecturer, Human Services)
Ryan Alexander	(Co-chair, Criminal Justice)
Deb Altus and Kayla Water	(Co-chairs, Human services)

**3. Dr. Monica Scheibmeier introduced faculty joining the School of Nursing in 2015-16:**

Shirley Waugh	(Asst. Prof., Nursing)
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**4. Dr. Alan Bearman introduced faculty and staff joining the Mabee Library in 2015-2016:**

Jeannie Cornelius	(Promoted to Director of Academic Advising)
Steve Hageman	(FYE Lecturer, History)
Jordan Noller	(FYE Lecturer, Biology)
Julia Murray	(FYE Lecturer, Spanish)
April Dohrman	(Director of Center for Prior Learning and Testing)
Amanda Luke	(Librarian)
Jean Marshall	(Librarian)
Michael Heumann	(Academic Advisor)

**5. Dr. Denise Ottinger introduced staff joining Student Life in 2015-2016:**

Samantha Chipwood	(Nurse, Student Health)
Shannon Schwaebler	(Asst. Director of Student Activities)
Pam Sturgeon	(Student Activities Coordinator)
Jamie Olsen	(Director of Counseling Services)

## **6. Other new faculty/staff:**

Bob Handley is now permanent strategic data analysis director.

Dr. Hornberger congratulated Tom Underwood for running Leadership Washburn and recognized those who have completed or are currently participating in Leadership Washburn.

Joan Bayens introduced Kelly Mourning-Byers in the VPAA office.

Nancy Tate introduced Mari Tucker, Director of Sponsored Projects and Kayla Carter, Academic Effectiveness Analyst.

Randy Pembroke introduced Dr. David Carter, Farley Visiting Professor (History and Criminal Justice).

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Margaret Wood invited faculty to the Celebration of Teaching which will acquaint us with information about upcoming C-TEL events. Dr. John Zubizarretta, Fink Visiting Scholar, will be conducting workshops on teaching portfolios.
2. Ann Marie Snook invited faculty to the Music Department's concert series.
3. Alan Bearman announced the iRead program's readings by congressman John Lewis, who will be presenting on October 14. On September 14, Joe Cuseo will talk about student success.
4. Mark Peterson: Former Congressman Jim Slattery will discuss the Iran Nuclear Treaty.
5. Jerry Farley: tomorrow at noon will be Faculty/Staff Campaign Kickoff and State of the University.
6. Sarah Cook: Recognized all new faculty mentors.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM.