

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY
GENERAL FACULTY MINUTES
May 5, 2011

I. Call to Order

President Farley called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in Henderson Learning Resources Center Room 100.

II. Opening Remarks

A. From the President

President Farley discussed several items of interest.

1. Dr Farley indicated that student recognition events occur in the spring and faculty should take great pride in the achievement of their students.
2. The BOR adopted slightly revised admission criteria which will include a “Bridge” program for students who do not meet the established admission criteria. The “Bridge” program would likely be conducted in cooperation with Washburn Institute of Technology.
3. The number of high school graduates in Kansas will decrease about 8% in the next five years. Because of this it was decided to recruit more broadly in surrounding states, especially MO. As a recruiting tool, these students who meet established academic criteria will pay instate tuition.
4. A First Year Experience program will be piloted in Fall 2011. The goal of this program is to increase retention and graduation rates.
5. Capital projects
 - a. Phi Delta Theta house renovation is complete. This renovation was fully financed by fund raising. Dr Farley hopes to also address Kappa Sigma house.
 - b. “Study Grounds” coffee kiosk located in Mabee library is complete.
 - c. The university is looking at a program to either expand and renovate the School of Law or build a new building.
 - d. Renovation of Morgan Hall to include a “One Stop Student Center” is under consideration.
 - e. Additional Mabee Library updates are under consideration.
6. Legislative update – Dr Farley was surprised regarding the recommendation to decrease WU funding by \$5.5 mil. If all personal assurances are kept, the money should be returned. The local delegation is fully in support of Washburn University and the return of funds.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the February 3, 2011 meeting.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2011 General Faculty Meeting. Motion carried.

Dr Pembroke led the meeting from this point.

II. Continuation of Opening Remarks

B. From the Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr Pembroke thanked everyone for their interactions with the candidates for the CIO search. Please send any comments that would include strengths or weaknesses of the candidates by next Wednesday to either Vice President Anderson or Vice President Pembroke.

The Higher Learning Commission conference in April provided information regarding the new accreditation process which is being implemented. Washburn University's affirmation of accreditation was approved in Fall 2008 so the next full accreditation report and visit will be 2018-2019. The new accreditation process which is being identified as the Pathway approach will be phased in during the 2012-2013 academic year and will require the submission of an annual report. The newly implemented Quality Improvement Project (2013-2015) will require each institution to pick an initiative to complete during the 3 years preceding the site visit in 2018-2019. At that time, two reports will be submitted to the site visit teams – the assurance argument that Washburn continues to meet or exceed the established criteria and the report documenting the outcome of the Quality Improvement Project.

Dr Pembroke thanked the Academic Affairs Committee and the Dean of Libraries for their assistance in the development of the First Year Experience program and the WU 101 course.

The NSSE survey has had around a 45% response rate so far. The results will be reported at the Fall 2011 meeting.

General Education – Academic Affairs has worked hard on proposals this last year and will continue to work on this initiative over the summer.

It was decided to combine the Student and Faculty Convocation; please reserve Monday, August 22 from 4-6. The program will start at 4:00 in White Concert Hall with a picnic to follow at 5:00. The class starting in 2011-12 will be the 150th graduating class and will be celebrating this in 4 years.

The next General Faculty Meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2011 from 3pm – 5pm. Dr Pembroke asked that members of the body hold September 22 from 3-5 open for possible action on General Education.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

V. New Business

1. Board of Student Media

It was moved and seconded to approve the change in the constitution of the Board of Student Media to reflect the new name of the organization as presented. Motion carried.

2. Total Number of Hours Required for Baccalaureate Degree

It was moved and seconded to approve changing the minimum total number of hours required for a Baccalaureate Degree from 124 to 120, and for an Associate Degree from 62 to 60, as presented. Motion carried

3. Online Curricular Action Item Approval Process for General Faculty

It was moved and seconded to approve online curriculum approval process for General Faculty meetings as presented. Motion carried

4. Consent Agenda

Dr Pembroke indicated that if anyone wished to divide any item on the consent agenda the items could be discussed separately at the request of a faculty member.

A request was made to remove IS 172 and 173 from consent agenda.

A request was made to remove IS 174 from consent agenda.

A request was made to remove IS 171 from consent agenda.

Each item was discussed separately and the following actions were taken.

It was moved and seconded to approve the new course proposal IS 171 as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the new course proposal IS 172 as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the new course proposal IS 173 as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the new course proposal IS 174 as presented. Motion carried.

VI. Information Items

No informational items presented

VII. Announcements

No announcements made

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Munzer
Secretary to the General Faculty