

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL FACULTY MINUTES  
January 26, 2012

**I. Call to Order**

President Farley called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. in Henderson Learning Resources Center Room 100.

**II. Opening Remarks**

**A. From the President**

President Farley discussed several items of interest.

1. Legislature is back in session. The governor submitted his budget and legislative agenda. There are a number of initiatives in the budget and agenda that will create a lot of discussion and may be distracting from other issues. These distractions should not affect Washburn University directly.

2. Salary proposal increase of 2.95% was presented to Washburn's BOR in December 2011. It will be implemented as in previous years and is contingent upon funding availability.

3. Working with the Legislature for approval of the DNP program. This requires a change in the Kansas state statutes. The DNP is to be brought before General Faculty for approval at this meeting. There are many steps and parties that have to approve the program before it can be offered.

3. Washburn Institute of Technology received a \$20 million grant from the US Department of Commerce & Education to offer tech programs across the state, partnering with six other schools. Each school will offer its signature program across the state. Mars will be opening a plant here in Topeka and we are charged with training 150 of the employees.

4. Accomplishments: Moot Court Team and Debate Squad had great success this semester. The football team won more games, and had a playoff win. A number of seniors received honors. Twelve of the seniors received all American status as did the quarterback. The quarterback Dane Simoneau was nominated for the highest national Division II football award. The volleyball team was very successful this year.

**III. Approval of the Minutes of the September 8, 2011 meeting.**

Dr Farley asked for a motion to approve the minutes. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2011 General Faculty meeting. Motion carried.

Dr Pembroke led the meeting from this point.

**IV. New Business**

1. Proposed Program for Doctorate of Nursing Practice

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed program for Doctorate of Nursing Practice as presented. Motion carried.

## 2. 2011 Baccalaureate BSN Curriculum Revision Proposal

It was moved and seconded to approve 2011 Baccalaureate BSN Curriculum Revision Proposal as presented. Motion carried.

## 3. Master of Health Science in Health Care Education

It was moved and seconded to approve the Master of Health Science in Health Care Education Proposal as presented. Motion carried.

## 4. Proposed Program for Master of Arts, Human Services

It was moved and seconded to approve the Proposed Program for Master of Arts, Human Services Proposal as presented. Motion carried.

## 5. The Department of Education's Graduate Proposal for Awarding Additional Master's Degrees in Education.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Department of Education's Graduate Proposal for Awarding Additional Master's Degrees in Education as presented. Motion carried.

## 6. Consent Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda:

- ✓ Sabbatical Committee Reorganization
- ✓ Program changes to Political Science
- ✓ Proposed Changes for Technical Credit Transfer
- ✓ Course Change for All BFA Programs
- ✓ KN 333 Replacing CM 101 Requirement-Athletic Training
- ✓ KN 411 Replacing KN 299 – Athletic Training

Motion carried.

## **V. Announcements**

Dr Pembroke made the following announcements:

1. Thanked Sarah Smarsh and participants who attended the Diversity Retreat this week. The next retreat is scheduled for August 8, 2012.
2. Introduced and welcomed the new Chief Information Officer, Floyd Davenport.
3. Discussed the website development and acknowledged Dr Hornberger's leadership. Need human interest stories that represent the institution. They can be of faculty, students, or staff. There is also a standardized process for putting information and photos on websites. The launch date of the new website is May 2012.
4. Indicated that there are two faculty dinners coming up February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (full). If you like to take part in the February 7<sup>th</sup> dinner email the VPAA's office.

5. Indicated that on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Richard Norton Smith as part of 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary will present information on Lincoln and the relationship to Washburn University. Location is the Washburn Room at 7:00 pm.

Dr Shaun Schmidt announced that the 2012 Apeiron will be in the afternoon of April 20, 2012. He encourages faculty to have students register and participate in this event. An email with details will be coming out. The registration deadline is March 15, 2012 (Thursday before Spring Break).

Dr Pat Munzer announced that the Occupational Therapy Assistant program had an on-site evaluation in November 2011. The program received full accreditation with only one standard not met which will be corrected by May 2012. Because of the thoroughness of the report and visit the site evaluators are recommending to the ACOTE board that Washburn University's OTA program receive 7years instead of 5 years accreditation. Pat thanked Janice Bacon and Annelise Doty for all their hard work on obtaining accreditation.

Dr Ann Marie Snook announced that the Department of Music has completed its 10 year Accreditation Self-study and on-site visit from the National Association Schools of Music (NASM). They received a favorable preliminary report from the visiting team. In June of 2012, their self-study report and the visitors' report will be reviewed by the NASM Commission on Accreditation.

Dr Pembroke congratulated and thanked all faculty who have worked hard on curriculum revisions and the programs approved today. Thank you to everyone for reading all the material.

Dr Tom Prash announced that people should definitely pay a visit to The Waiting Room, the art installation that our art professor Marguerite Perret had a central role in shaping. It is on view at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library through March 16.

**IX. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Munzer  
Secretary to the General Faculty