

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
February 28, 2013

Regents Present: Bill Sneed, Dan Lykins, John McGivern, Pamela Trusdale, Jim Klausman, Jennifer Sourk

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Bill Sneed, Chair.

1. Minutes of the October 26, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.
2. FY 2014 Allocations for Capital Projects, Other Equipment, and Technology Equipment

Vice President Anderson reviewed the Debt Retirement and Construction Fund ten-year summary. Revenue is at \$5,805,787. Expenditures include an annual debt service payment of \$430,945 on deferred maintenance being paid over an eight year period. FY13 funding for FY14 capital projects and equipment has been allocated as follows: capital improvements - \$1,834,500, technology equipment - \$600,912, and other equipment - \$452,296. He described the formal process for the capital projects and equipment beginning with the Deans and Directors submitting their requests to the Vice Presidents. He said the list of unfunded requests is also available for review.

President Farley added that it is a very thorough process. Funds are never available to meet everyone's needs but the opportunity may be present the following year. In lean budget years it is hard to cut back on people, so cuts are made in maintenance, resulting in deferred maintenance problems. At Washburn we have the Capital Improvement Fund to help with our ongoing maintenance. It has given us a leg-up on maintaining the campus and gives us a distinct advantage. He noted the energy program that was brought to the Board last month can be leveraged over a twelve year period to help with some of the campus deferred maintenance issues.

When asked why an asbestos survey needs to be done yearly Vice President Anderson said since we are never sure just what we will find when dealing with asbestos, a set amount is put aside each year for asbestos abatement.

It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of the FY14 Capital Projects and Equipment as presented. Motion carried.

Vice President Anderson discussed Washburn Tech funding and capital requests. Reserves of \$1,351,370 will be used for maintenance projects. Funds were set aside for the Midwest Training Center. Improvements will also be made for the Diesel, Automotive and Collision program. President Farley said diesel equipment is a very large cost item and noted we hope to partner with some companies for the diesel program like we did with Trane on the Midwest Training Center. Vice President

Pembrook said it is a challenge for students to get into a diesel program because of the expensive equipment needed. USD#501 has agreed to help with some of the costs. Vice President Anderson noted there will be a high demand for auto and diesel mechanics, and there is already considered to be a shortage of them in Kansas. The funding request for Capital Projects was approved by the Washburn Tech General Advisory Committee yesterday.

Approval of technology equipment and other equipment requests for the Washburn Tech campus will be presented at the next Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of the FY14 Capital Funding for Washburn Tech as presented. Motion carried.

In response to a question about ownership of the Washburn Tech buildings, President Farley said six school districts originally passed a bond issue to set up the school but the buildings are titled to Topeka Public Schools. We have a 30-year lease on the buildings and we would like for the school districts to pledge money each year for maintenance at Washburn Tech.

3. The next Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be to discuss the FY 2014 budget and will be scheduled at a later date.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.