

Washburn University  
Meeting of the Faculty Senate

December 14, 2009  
3:30 pm Kansas Room, Memorial Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of November 30, 2009 (pp. 2-3)
- III. President's Opening Remarks
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports
- VI. University Committee Reports
  - A. International Education/International WTE Committee Meeting of November 19, 2009 (pg. 4)
  - B. Honors Board Advisory Committee Meeting of November 11, 2009 (pp. 5-6)
- VII. Old Business
  - A. 09-18 Status of No Confidence Vote (pg. 7)
- VIII. New Business
  - A. 09-25 WTE Recommendation (pp. 8-9)
- IX. Information Items
- X. Discussion Items
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjournment

**Faculty Senate  
Washburn University**

*Minutes of November 30, 2009  
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Barker, Berry, Bowen (VPAA), Byrne, Croucher, Faulkner, Janzen, Kelly, Khan, Manske, Mazachek,,  
McBeth, McGuire, Melick, Menzie, Ockree, Porta , Quinn, Ramirez, Rich, Routsong, Sharafy, Shaver,  
Sullivan, Unruh, Walker, Wynn

- A. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:34 PM. Howard Faulkner (VP) presiding.
- B. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of 16, 2009 were approved with correction.
- C. President's Opening Remarks.  
There were no opening remarks
- D. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
  - A. Faulkner reported that there was no regularly scheduled Board of Regents meeting. A special meeting was held, in part through conference calls, to approve a WSGA proposal to bring in a speaker at a cost over the \$50,000 limit that would require Board approval. As funding sources and contingencies had been clearly laid out, and no costs would come from the university's general fund, the board approved the proposal. Announcement of the speaker will be made once final arrangements have been set.
- E. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
  - A. Minutes from the Academic Affairs Committee meeting of November 11, 2009 were approved.
- F. University Committee Minutes.
  - A. Minutes from the Library Committee Meeting of November 5, 2009 were accepted.
  - B. Minutes from Faculty Development Grant Committee Meeting of September 21, 2009 were accepted.
  - C. Minutes from Program Review Committee Meeting of October 27, 2009 were accepted.
  - D. Minutes from Curriculum Development Committee Meeting of September 16, 2009 were accepted.
  - E. Minutes from Research Development Grant Committee Meeting of October 30, 2009 were accepted.
- G. Old Business.
  - A. (09-16) Joint Appointments. The motion was passed.
- H. New Business.

- A. Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Proposal was approved.
  - B. Transfer Committee Recommendations : the Faculty Senate voted 15 for, 7 against, and 4 abstentions to accept the transfer committee motion to remove PE 198 as a university required course.
  - C. 09-18 Status of No Confidence Motion was moved to second reading with modifications.
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- I. Information Items. There were none.
  - J. Discussion Items. Faculty Senators discussed the reasons behind textbook buyback beginning this week, and expressed concern that students would not have books available for finals. The FS discussed inviting Kay Farley and Karen Miller to a meeting to discuss the the timing,
  - K. Announcements. The Faculty Senate Strategic Planning Ad Hoc committee will meet Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm in the Thomas Room.
  - L. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.
  - M. The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 14 at 3:30 pm** in the Kansas Room, Memorial Union.

## **International Education /International WTE Committee**

**November 19, 2009, International House**

In attendance: Norma Juma, Brian Ogawa, Matt Arterburn, Janice Dunwell, , Rachel Goossen, Alex Glashausser, Nancy Tate, and Baili Zhang; Nancy Maxwell, Ed Navone, and Rick Ellis appeared for a portion of the meeting as guests.

Minutes of October 15 meeting were approved.

Zhang reported that the Day of Transformation was today, Celebration of Culture will be Nov. 21, 7-9, around \$36,000 were awarded to about 60 study abroad participants. Zhang also reported that the WTE program faced some uncertainty.

Maxwell reported the School of Law's summer study abroad program will change its location from Utrecht, Holland to Barbados. The committee voted to endorse such a move.

The following faculty travel requests were approved:

Bob Beatty: \$1,100 to Japan

Aziz Sharafy: \$1,200 to Bangladesh

(Karen Diaz-Reategui's application was tabled as it did not meet the deadline.)

Navone and Ellis answered questions about their respective WTE program proposals.

"Spanish Art and Culture" proposal was approved as a WTE program

"The International Social Justice-Haiti" Program was tabled for lack of more information about the background of the coordinating agency in Haiti and the safety of the location, and for lack of information on how the participants will be prepared for a potentially volatile environment. It was suggested that inquiries be made through the US Embassy in Haiti and even a site visit be made before commitment is made.

Respectfully submitted,

**MINUTES**  
**HONORS ADVISORY BOARD**

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

Crane Room – 12:00 p.m.

**Present:** Michael McGuire (Chair), Jennifer Ball, Lisa Sharpe Elles, Mo Godman, Dannah Hartley, Keenan Hogan, Erica Koepsel, Nan Palmer, Marguerite Perret, Bonnie Peterson, David Pownell, Angel Romero, and CJ Crawford (Administrative Support)

The committee minutes from October 21, 2009 were approved.

**Faculty Senate Representation on Honors Advisory Board**

Michael McGuire's term on the Faculty Senate expires this semester (Fall 2009). He asked for recommendations of Faculty Senate members who may have an interest in the Honors Program.

Michael is hoping to have the Honors Student Council set up for the spring semester.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Fall 2010 Application Deadline**

After discussion, the application deadline for Fall 2010 was set at March 1, 2010. It was recommended that this be a soft deadline and students could have the opportunity to submit applications later. The majority of Admissions deadlines will be in February. Erica recommended that the gifted advisors at high schools be targeted to receive information so they could inform students about the Honors program. Dannah can get more information on this.

**Number of Hours for Graduation**

Michael said we should look at other universities to see what they require. One possibility is to use a percentage of the total hours needed for graduation, which is 124.

**Committee Reports**

**Communication** – Marguerite Perret is willing to help with designs for future honors documents.

**Scholarship** – Need to reconsider the idea of awarding scholarships at the spring banquet. Could students be awarded scholarships or grants for after they leave Washburn? Michael, Keenan and Mo will discuss this.

## **Other Committees Needed**

**Program** – Dannah Hartley coordinates Mondays at the Mabee which is co-sponsored by the Honors Program. The committee could help with the coordination. Also, the committee could look at things like travel to lectures at other schools and volunteer efforts. Michael, Angel, Erica, and Keenan will be on the committee with Dannah.

**Curriculum** – Michael, Jennifer Ball, Lisa, and Mo Godman will be on this committee. A question was asked about how Mock Trial became an Honors course. Michael will look into this. He is developing a template for course proposals that he would like to begin using with submission for Fall 2010. Some possible topics and recommendations for the committee to discuss were:

- develop a freshman seminar experience for Honors students
- look at the transfer guide to see which courses might qualify as Honors courses to help transfer students
- what are students' expectations of an Honors course
- could SON students get into an Honors course if another course is closed
- possibility of students who have been admitted to the Honors program be allowed to register first (early)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Honor Stoles for Commencement**

The students unanimously selected Joe Green as the color for the stoles. The next step is to decide on the design to put on the stoles. This is due to CJ by February to allow time for the vendor to provide stoles for the May 2010 Commencement.

### **Spring Banquet Date**

The committee recommended Thursday, April 1 as the first choice and Tuesday, March 30 as the second choice. CJ will check the University calendar to make sure there is nothing else scheduled for the preferred dates and then make the room reservations.

### **Spring 2010 Commencement Reception**

The reception is scheduled for Friday, May 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the Vogel Room.

### **New Member Breakfast**

Michael wants to arrange a new member breakfast for early February. CJ will check on the VPAA's availability and then reserve a room.

### **Other/Announcements**

Jennifer Ball said that there was a perception that the Honors program was for College of Arts and Sciences students – School of Business students weren't aware of the program. She asked how advising is handled – is it just Dannah and Michael? It was suggested that maybe there should be an honors liaison within each academic unit.

Angel said that he was very pleased that at least 2 subcommittees mentioned emphasizing/improving the Honors Program in their Strategic Planning Committee white papers.

Leadership interview day will be in February.

**Next Committee Meeting**

The committee will meet again on **December 2** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Crane Room in Memorial Union to review Spring 2010 applications.

The meeting adjourned.

**FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEM**

No. 09-18

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Resolution on the Michael Gunter **No Confidence Vote** taken April 13, 2009 with a vote of 27for – 3against – 3abstain which is an 82% majority voting no confidence in Michael Gunter’s ability to perform his job.

Whereas there has been no response from the Administration to the Faculty Senate about the **No Confidence Vote** after 7+ months;

Whereas the 82% vote was misrepresented at the Board of Regents meeting as a few disgruntled faculty when in fact the members of the faculty senate are the elected representatives of the general faculty;

Whereas during the past 7+ months problems have continued to surface in ISS:

the ill-timed and executed update of Washburn University technology systems over the weekend of August 8-9

followed by the full-scale meltdown of email systems from August 20 forward

followed by the proposed plan to upgrade the email server over the weekend of November 14 in the middle of the semester and online registration

followed by the yet another incident on November 22 that was claimed to be a success that has disrupted the accreditation process of a program, disrupted academic activities, and has had a negative impact on student learning;

Michael Gunter not posting nor presenting minutes to be approved by the Faculty IT Advisory Committees he chairs

no minutes posted since the May 11, 2009 meeting for the Technology Steering Committee

the sending of an email memo exonerating Michael Gunter over the signature of the Technology

Steering Committee, when not even a draft of the memo had been presented to the committee, let alone a final copy being approved by the committee

Twice this semester server names have changed with no warning or announcement. First the WUAPPS ftp server name changed, and second the SMTP outgoing mail server name changed. The faculty senate requests an acknowledgment of the **No Confidence Vote** from the president and requests action by the president concerning the vote.

Date: November 9, 2009

Proposed By: Rick Barker

## **FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEM**

**NO. 09-25**

**SUBJECT:** WTE Recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee

### **RATIONALE OR REASON:**

- The impact of WTE on students (work/course load, traditional, nontraditional, veterans, etc)
- Faculty support/buy-in and areas of on-going concern regarding compensation
- The impact on students, faculty, and WTE divisions if any change is made to the WTE requirement.
- Management/administration of program through four WTE divisions
- Funding (General budget reductions, State funding reduction) and distribution of funds

### Data and information reviewed (available upon request):

- Oral and written responses from faculty in CAS, SAS, SON, and SoBu (questions attached).
- Informal discussions with students both in class and outside class.
- Responses regarding WTE from WU students/leaders/faculty compiled by WSGA President, Garrett Love. According to the report, "These questions were sent to members of Washburn Student Government Association, the Presidents and Advisors from the student organizations at WU, other identified leaders across campus, and Future Alumni Network members, and the top 3 student/leaders on each athletic team."



- Washburn Transformational Experience Final Assessment from students completing a WTE project (including comments). The assessment tool was written by Gary Forbach and Cindy Hornberger
- Washburn WTE survey results and student reponses (10/21/09)
- Presentations from each of the WTE Directors (Community Service, International, Leadership, and Scholarly and Creative)
- Strategic Planning open forum responses pertaining to WTE
- KBOR Performance Report, March 2009
- Snapshots from a display chart titled, *The Effect of Out-of-classroom Transforming Experiences*, based on research by Tiffany Strohmeier.
- Terris, Ben (2009, November 8). Transfer students are less likely to take part in high impact activities. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Retrieved from <http://chronicle.com/article/Transfer-Students-Are-Less/49070/>.
- Kinzie, Jillian (2009) Expanding excellence , inclusiveness and student success: Implications for practice. *NSSE Institute*. Presented at the Tilford Conference on Diversity and Multiculturalism, 2009.
- The WTE Budget
- Retention Analysis, Fall 2008 to Fall 2009 (10/30/09).

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

1. Recommend WTE be changed to an optional program effective Fall 2010 with waivers available for students graduating under the 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 university catalogs, who have extenuating circumstances.
2. Recommend the Honors Program consider WTE as a requirement to graduate with “Honors.”

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:**

Unknown.

**DATE:** 12/4/09

**SUBMITTED BY:** Academic Affairs  
Committee



