

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of October 25, 2010
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Arterburn, Barker, Bird, Blank, Byrne, Catanzaro, Childers, Croucher, Dodge, Edwards, Fernengel, Gonzalez-Abellas, Isaacson, Jacobs, Kelly, Kowalski, Lunte, Mazachek, McBeth, Melick, Menzie, Morse, Rich, Roach, Routsong, Sanchez, Seemater (WSGA), Sharafy, Shaver, Sheldon, Stover, Tate (VPAA), Wagner, Weigand, Wohl,

A. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 PM. Russ Jacobs presiding.

B. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of September 13, 2010 were approved.

C. President's Opening Remarks.

At its September 24, 2010, meeting, the Washburn BoR:

- Heard President Jerry Farley report on an increase in enrollment, including a 12% increase in Freshman. A good deal of time was spent discussing the enrollment increase; Enrollment Management Director got much of the credit.
- Heard VPAT Moore report that the University Budget ended the last fiscal year with a \$2 million dollar balance; when added to existing reserves, this left the total reserve fund at \$12 million.
- Voted to approve Success Week.
- Voted to approve (after a long discussion) the proposal to renew the University Health Plan, with an increase in premiums both to the University and to the employee. Several Regents expressed concern that the University was passing along additional costs to employees, when there have been no salary increases for three years. Regent Lykins reported that that WU was generally in better shape than the other Regents schools, and especially so with respect to health insurance.

Pres Jacobs added, based on comments, several of the Regents are very uncomfortable with the salary situation, and would be open to a proposal to increase salaries this year. We will see how this unfolds.

Pres Jacobs also asked for a consensus from the group to hold the next meeting on November 8 instead of November 22. After receiving approval, the next meeting will be scheduled for November 8.

D. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.

VP Roach reported that he attended the BoR meeting held at Washburn Tech. He commented that the regents were very focused on what was going on at Washburn Tech, and see it as a central part of the Washburn strategy. VP Roach made an informal suggestion that the faculty senate include a representative from the Washburn Tech faculty in invitations to faculty senate meetings. After no objections from the senators, President Jacobs will contact the Dean of Washburn Tech to invite a representative.

- E. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
 - A. Faculty Affairs Minutes of October 4, 2010 were approved
 - B. Academic Affairs Minutes of September 22, 2010 were approved
 - C. Academic Affairs Minutes of October 6, 2010 were approved.
- F. University Committee Minutes
 - A. Honors Advisory Committee Minutes of May 12, 2010 were accepted
 - B. Library Committee Minutes of September 21, 2010 were accepted.
 - C. Honors Advisory Committee Minutes of September 8, 2010 were accepted.
 - D. Assessment Committee Minutes of September 17, 2010 were accepted.
- G. Old Business.
 - a. 10-18 Change of Name of Board of Student Publications to Board of Student Media – approved by faculty senate
- H. New Business.
 - A. 10-19 Deletion of Health Education and Promotion Concentration – approved by faculty senate
 - B. 10-20 Revision of Honors Advisory Board Members Term Limits – approved on first reading
- I. Information Items
 - A. Collection Development Policy for the Library: there was discussion by the senators concerning the new document, which will replace an old document that was quite large and detailed. After discussion, senators requested President Jacobs invite Dean Bearman to address the senate at the December meeting to discuss concerns.
- J. Discussion Items – there were no discussion items:
Interim VPAA Tate remarked that President Farley has received all comments submitted concerning the VPAA candidates. The next step will be an invitation for a second interview between the President and candidate. No time frame has been established for a new VPAA.
- K. Announcements –

Senators were reminded of dates of upcoming events:

November 3 – Nall Speak-off

November 4 – “The British are coming: - the British Debate team will be on campus to debate the WU team.

Current – Art Faculty Show is taking place in the Mulvane Museum
- L. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm

