

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of January 28, 2013
Kansas Room*

Present: Angel, Ball, Barker, Fry, Gonzalez-Abellas, Isaacson, Kelly, Kitts, Mazachek, Menzie, Mercader, Miller, Pembrook (VPAA), Roach, Russell, Schmidt, Sheldon, Wagner, Weber, Weigand, Wohl, Wynn

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:31 PM. Steve Angel presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of December 10, 2012 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
Angel thanked the Senators for their continuing service. Angel reminded them of Dr. Farley's e-mail that enrollment is down, sales tax is down and the state funding at best is flat. Although not promising, no actions will be taken until the legislature retires. Angel addressed the KBI collaboration on campus and reported that it is moving through the legislature. If senators hear any question or concerns regarding the initiative, please let him know or have faculty contact him, their Dean, or Dr. Pembrook. This conversation started approximately 7 years ago; the KBI has outgrown their space and a collaboration with WU would provide opportunities to students in forensic sciences, computer sciences and criminal justice. If any other programs are interested in the opportunities, please have them contact him. Angel reminded senators that the vision 2022 project is going forward in the future. Faculty to student interaction is one of WU's strength; he expressed concern that faculty teaching traditional courses are increasingly not coming to campus every day during the week and how that may weaken this interaction.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents: VP Roach had no new information from the BoR. Angel remarked that everything passed by General Faculty at the end of last semester has now been approved by the BoR.
- V. Special Report from the Unit –Rick Anderson, VPAT
Mr. Anderson presented information from the WU Campus Master Plan and the WIT Space Utilization Study. He reported that the last full master plan was completed in 1967-68 after the tornado. This plan will attempt to plan for the new 25 years. There are two representatives from the faculty senate on the master plan committee. A working session will be held with the BoR this week, with a draft targeted for April and the final plan by June/July 2013. A brief summary of campus utilization included an average utilization of classrooms at 33%, with ideal full utilization at 65%. Looking for areas where increased utilization could occur and seems to be a gap from 2-5 pm on Fridays. Additionally, the science labs show utilization of 14.5% (ideal 40%) and the scheduled computer labs at 17.4%. The study covers classroom space, current and future estimated enrollment. Anderson presented the three models for the master plan: campus spine (SW to NE configuration), campus framework (E-W and N-S), and the reinforcing districts (academic, athletic, housing).
- VI. Report from the VPAA – Dr. Pembrook
VP Pembrook told senators the announcement for the KBI project to the WU community was waiting for the Governors announcement. The next step for the KBI project was to get faculty together that is interested and begin the conversations.
Pembrook informed senators that the university is trying to determine the data processes that consistently work and those that don't. They are trying to find the challenges and address them, perhaps through a dashboard approach, or a way to make data usage more accessible.
Pembrook asked senators to mark their calendar for the February 6 Lincoln lecture.

- VII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
 - A. Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of November 19, 2012 were accepted.

- VIII. University Committee Minutes
 - A. Graduate Committee minutes from October 10 , 2012 were accepted
 - B. Graduate Committee minutes of November 7, 2012 were accepted
 - C. Honors Advisory Committee Minutes of November 7, 2012 were accepted

- IX. Old Business. none

- X. New Business : none

- XI. Discussion Items: none

- XII. Information Items: Kelly informed Senators that an online vote will begin this Wednesday and asked for help ensuring a quorum is met

- XIII. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm