

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of April 8, 2013
Forum Room - BTC*

Present: Angel, Ball, Barker, Fernengel, Fry, Jackson, Kelly, Kitts, McMillen, Menzie, Mercader, Miller, Palbicke, Perret, Rubenstein, Russell, Schmidt, Wagner, Weigand, Wohl, Wynn

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:32 PM. Steve Angel presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of March 11, 2013 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
Angel reminded Senators that April 22 will be the last formal meeting for this year. The major business of that meeting will be to welcome new members, elect officers and the executive council appointments. Angel asked continuing members if they were interested in serving as an officer, to ask someone to nominate them and reminded them the serving President has three hours of release time attached, so they may wish to have it approved by Chair.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents: No report
- V. Special Report from the Unit –Dr. Alan Bearman, Mabee Library
Dr. Bearman presented an overview of the libraries and the Center for Student Success, including the writing centers and tutoring center. The Library has moved away from being collection-centric to student-centric to help with student engagement. The Center of Student Success and the FYE are responsible for helping with student retention. Dr. Bearman also reported to Senators that the digital budget increased by 463% from 2007 until 2012.
- VI. Report from the VPAA – Dr. Pembroke
No Report
- VII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
 - A. Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of February 18, 2013 were accepted.
 - B. Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of March 11, 2013 were accepted.
- VIII. University Committee Minutes
 - A. Graduate Committee minutes from February 6, 2013 were accepted
 - B. Honors Advisory Committee Minutes of February 6, 2013 were accepted
 - C. Library Committee Minutes of March 3, 2013 were accepted.
 - D. Sweet Sabbatical Committee Minutes of February 8, 2013 were accepted.
 - E. Sabbatical Committee Minutes of December 4, 2012 were accepted.

- IX. Old Business.
- A. 13-09 Change to Graduate Committee: Dr. Tim Peterson provided an overview of the proposal. Amendment 1: strike “and assume other responsibilities.et al” from paragraph 2, line 2. Motion approved. Amendment 2: Membership and Renaming: - paragraph 1, line 9, strike all after “The Graduate Council will elect a chair”. Insert the following: “In addition, the Faculty Senate will designate a Senator as a representative on the Graduate Council. This person shall serve as a voting member.” Amendment 2 approved. Item approved with amendments.
 - B. 13-10 Change to Faculty Senate Constitution: Item approved with amendments to wording (see 13-09).
 - C. 13-11 Masters of Studies in Law: Dr. Bill Rich provided a brief overview of the proposal. The item was approved.
- X. New Business : none
- XI. Discussion Items: Reminder that Apeiron is April 16.
- XII. Information Items: None
- XIII. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:51pm