

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of December 10, 2012
Kansas Room*

Present: Angel, Barker, Fernengel, Fry, Gonzalez-Abellas, Isaacson, Kaufman, Kelly, McMillen, Menzie, Mercader, Ockree, Pembroke (VPAA), Pilgram, Roach, Russell, Schmidt, Sheldon, Ubel, Wade, Wagner, Weigand, Wohl

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 PM. Steve Angel presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of November 12, 2012 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
Angel revisited many of the items that had been accomplished by the Senate this semester, including deletion of KN198, addition of WU 101, addition of MA 112, changes to the gen ed committee, the master's proposals, and many more. Upcoming next semester will be changes to the graduate committee, degree audit information, conflict of interest statement, changes to the faculty handbook, intellectual property, the Quality Initiative, Vision 2022, and programs that will alternate for WU 101. Angel again thanked members for their continued service.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents: VP Roach reported that the WU BOR had approved Desire2Learn as the new LMS. They also approved the MAcc, PMPMH, and appropriated \$180,000 for the Washburn Tech website. The BoR was informed that state appropriation may lose up to 8.6% but will need to hear the Governor's proposal.
- V. Report from the Unit - none
- VI. Report from the VPAA – Dr. Pembroke
VP Pembroke asked Senators to hold January 31 for a General Faculty meeting. At that time, they hoped to know more about state appropriations. Around January 1, the Governor will float his financial recommendations, and it depends on the extension of the state sales tax. Any cuts that are determined will first be sent to the Dean's to if it is new positions or if other avenues are available. VP Pembroke thanked senators for the conversations on November 29 at the Gen Faculty meeting. He also reminded senators that the Master Plan that is being circulated is a 50 year plan, and includes projected facilities that may be built. There are three different version: a diagonal plan, a cross plan, and plan that includes pockets/themes.
Pembroke asked the senators for input on the graduate committee: all senate versus senate representation. Senators expressed support for the senate representative instead of all senate. He also informed senators of the steps Washburn was taking with the "30 hour" plan. Currently, KBOR has ruled that high school students may take up to 24 hours of college credit while in high school. Washburn would like to add an additional six with various strategies, such as a summer academy prior to their freshman year. Trying to create a package to encourage students to continue on at Washburn, and the CAS is at the center of the conversations. Pembroke also thanked senator Russell for leading the conversations on the Critical and Creative Thinking assessment.

- VII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
 - A. Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of November 5, 2012 were accepted.

- VIII. University Committee Minutes
 - A. Assessment Committee minutes from November 15, 2012 were accepted
 - B. Faculty Development Steering Committee Minutes of November 2, 2012 were accepted
 - C. International Education Committee Minutes of November 15, 2012 were accepted.
 - D. Honors Advisory Committee Minutes of October 3, 2012 were accepted
 - E. Library Committee Minutes of November 15, 2012 were accepted.
*minutes from the BOSM will be resubmitted for acceptance.

- IX. Old Business. –
 - A. 12-16 Change to KN Fitness minor– approved, sent to General Faculty

- X. New Business : none

- XI. Discussion Items: none

- XII. Information Items:
 - A. Undergraduate Research day is February 20, 2013. Many good applications were received and the committee is in the process of selecting the ten that will represent WU.
 - B. Apeiron is April 19. Registration opens February 14 and closes March 14.

- XIII. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm