

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY
GENERAL FACULTY MINUTES
April 26, 2012

I. Call to Order

President Farley called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm in Henderson Learning Center Room 100.

II. Opening Remarks

A. From the President

President Farley welcomed everyone to the final meeting for this academic year. He discussed several items of interest.

1. The Washburn University Debate Team won the title of National Champions. National Debate Team members Lauren Knoth and Joshua Ramsey finished number 1 and 2 as best speakers. The music wind ensemble did very well and was the only school from Kansas invited to attend the National Band Directors Association meeting in Texas.

2. Apeiron was initially started by Donna LaLonde and Steve Angel as a science student research forum. Since its inception, over 1100 students have participated. This year, which marked its 10th year anniversary of the expanded concept of the Apeiron, over 94 students, participated.

3. Design and reinvention of our webpages has been underway since last summer. The roll out of the new webpages is Monday May 21st at 10:30 am. New student orientations are scheduled and 3 are already full.

4. US News & World report ranked the Law School as a “top university”. Princeton Review ranked the Law School in the “most outstanding” category and placed 17th for the number of graduates who go into public service/government. National Jurist ranked the Law School as a “best buy.”.

5. Princeton Review ranked the School of Business in the top 300 in the world. In the national major field test business exam, students score in the top 20% of MFT completers.

6. In the School of Applied Studies the new OTA program received 5 years national accreditation.

7. The School of Nursing will be offering the DNP this coming fall. This required a Kansas statutory change in order for Washburn University to offer the program. The remaining approval will be obtained from the Higher Learning Commission this fall after their site visit reviewing the program.

8. Men’s and women’s basketball team, football team, volleyball team all went to NCAA championships. The golf and tennis teams are likely to go as well. This is the first time in conference history Washburn University has sent at least 4 teams.

Coach Chipman – won 700 games
Coach McHenry – won 300 games
Coach Herron – won 300 matches
Coach Anson – won 800 games

9. Lastly, plans are well underway to renovate Morgan Hall to include a “welcome center”. It is expected to be completed by Spring 2015.

B. From the Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr Pembroke indicated that the DNP program will have a site visit this Fall by HLC. The Masters programs in SAS have complete the first phase of KBOR approval. Final approval of these Masters should be completed in summer so they can start in Fall.

Dr Pembroke stated that last fall we started a tradition and he would like the tradition to continue. The student convocation is scheduled for August 20 at 4:00 pm which is the first day of class. He invites all faculty garbed in their robes to participate in the “student walk” to welcome the new students and participate in the convocation ceremony.

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Pembroke asked for a motion to approve the minutes. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2012 General Faculty meeting. Motion carried.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

V. New Business

A. Phase 1 – General Education Refinement

It was moved and seconded to approve Phase 1 – General Education Refinement. A friendly amendment was made for clarification of catalog language. The changes were reviewed by the general faculty via a power point. Highlighted in **bold** are the wording changes which were accepted by the general faculty.

For Bachelor Degrees: **Eleven hours of course-specific core coursework including EN 101 and EN 300 (communication), MA 110 or MA 116 (quantitative and scientific reasoning and literacy), and KN 198 (critical thinking) further described under Core Requirements.**

For Associate Degrees: **Eight hours of course-specific core coursework including EN 101 (communication), MA 110 or MA 116 (quantitative and scientific reasoning and literacy), and KN 198 (critical thinking) further described under Core Requirements.**

For Associate Degrees: A minimum of six hours in each of the distribution groupings of General Education (see General **Education** Distribution Groupings and Subject Areas). The number of hours in each distribution grouping may vary by degree. The individual student should check with the major department. Courses in the student's major discipline cannot fulfill General **Education** Distribution requirements; however, in many cases, courses required by the major department in correlated areas will fulfill some of the requirements. **Any mathematics course taken to satisfy the quantitative and scientific reasoning and literacy core coursework may also be used to meet the distribution requirements for Natural Science and Mathematics.**

For language where general distribution was mentioned: change to general **education** distribution requirements

A vote was held on the main motion with the amended changes. Motion carried.

B. Proposal for undergraduate general elective credit for IE 201, IE 202, IE 203, and IE 204

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal for undergraduate general elective credit for IE 201, IE 202, IE 203, and IE 204. Motion carried.

C. Civic Engagement-Poverty Studies Minor

It was moved and seconded to approve the Civic Engagement-Poverty Studies minor.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the following changes (highlighted in bold). Motion carried.

Students must choose at least three from the following course options with no more than two courses in the same discipline. This list is not to be considered exclusive in any way, students who wish to include other courses they feel may be appropriate toward the minor can propose the inclusion of such courses to the faculty and staff of LinC for consideration. The student must include not only the course title but also a written rationale of how he/she sees the course fitting with the overall goal of the Civic Engagement – Poverty Studies Minor. **Final Approval for acceptance of a course will be made by the Director of Learning in the Community (LinC). New courses developed in any discipline that would be related to the topic of the minor may be added as well.**

Delete NU482 Community/Public Health Nursing from the current approved list.

A vote was held on the main motion with the amended changes. Motion carried.

D. Prohibition of Proxy votes in Faculty Senate

It was moved and seconded to approve the Prohibition of Proxy votes for faculty senate. Motion carried.

E. Deletion of the Associate of Applied Sciences Degree in Banking

It was moved and seconded to approve the deletion of the associate of applied science degree in banking. Motion carried.

VI. Announcements

Tim Peterson discussed the new ADA requirements and online course quality matters rubric. The first initiative is to ensure that all online courses are ADA compliant. The second initiative is to adopt a new LMS system and to incorporate the quality matters rubric into online course reviews. A handout was distributed with additional information regarding these two initiatives.

Dr Pembroke announced that the university purchased a system called ARGOS. The Distributive Reporting Task Force will be having information session in May. ARGOS will be available July 1.

Dr Ellis stated that the Day of Transformational Experience is tomorrow in the Bradbury Thompson Center. Lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please come view the students work.

Dr Pembroke indicated that several departments achieved the benchmark of 20% of courses using online grading. Those departments will receive \$500 for their department from the VPAA. Congratulations to Biology, Communication, History, Music, Philosophy, Psychology, Allied Health, Criminal Justice and Human Services.

Dr Farley invited everyone to attend the announcement of a major donation being given to the university tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. in Mabee Library.

Lastly, Dr Farley asked that all faculty participate in graduation ceremonies if at all possible.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Munzer

Secretary to the General Faculty