

**Washburn University
General Faculty Minutes
November 5, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Farley called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM in Room 100 of the Henderson Learning Resources Center.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2015, General Faculty meeting. These minutes were approved unanimously.

III. OPENING REMARKS

A. From the President

1. President Farley indicated the semester was going well. He stated students are engaged, interested and involved in the campus activities. He reminded faculty to start discussing spring open registration with their students and encourage all students to enroll early.
2. President Farley indicated the second town hall meeting regarding firearms on campus was held today. He addressed the faculty regarding the firearms law and how it will impact Washburn University effective July 1, 2017. Policies will be developed to address how this situation will be handled regarding students on and off campus, faculty and staff. All comments and input will be welcomed.
3. President Farley indicated an RFP was completed so that a comprehensive advertising firm could be hired by Washburn University. The Frank Agency was selected and has been working with the leadership so all components of Washburn University can be showcased.
4. President Farley stated the Forensic Science Center on Washburn Avenue was officially opened this Monday, November 2, 2015. He stated this is a very impressive building and encouraged faculty to attend the last open house on Friday, November 6, 2015 if they haven't yet viewed the building. Many faculty and administrators have worked very hard with the KBI to have this building on our campus and we are excited it is now opened.
5. Dr. Farley addressed the faculty regarding building projects and student housing:
 - a. The New Welcome Center in Morgan Hall. This building is impressive and makes a very positive impression to those who come to campus.
 - b. The new residence hall is on the east side of campus with an expected completion date of mid-July 2016.
 - c. Phase one of the recital hall project
 - d. Indoor practice facility, funded by private donations

B. From the Vice President for Academic Affairs

1. Dr. Pembroke indicated his appreciation for the following faculty activities:
 - a. Thanked faculty who attended the Washburn Day at the KBI on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. He indicated over 200 faculty, staff, students and friends took advantage of touring the building that day.

- b. Dr. Pembroke stated 125 students who have expressed interest in STEM attended the open house today and traveled from various parts of Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska. He thanked all of the faculty who were involved in the tours throughout the week.
 - c. Thanked faculty and administrators who will be traveling to Highland Community College on November 9 and to Kansas City Kansas Community College on November 17, 2015.
 - d. Thanked the many individuals who were involved in the various planning events for the 150th celebration.
 - e. Dr. Pembroke offered thanks to those who will be attending Fall Commencement and announced this would be the last event for the 150th Celebration.
2. Dr. Pembroke announced an invitation to the following events:
- a. Margaret Wood's reception will be held on November 11, 2015 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Convocation Hall, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center.
 - b. On November 12, 2015, there will be a HICEPs potluck dinner held at the Harvesters organization, 215 Quincy, Topeka, KS.
 - c. The Faculty Dinner will be held on November 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. with a social starting at 5:00 p.m. Dr. David Carter will facilitate the discussion and focus will be on a student honor code.
 - d. The Fink Visiting Professor applications are due by November 20, 2015.
 - e. Fall Commencement is on December 11, 2015. Please be at Lee Arena by 6:00 p.m.
3. Dr. Pembroke extended congratulations to the following people:
- a. The School of Business had the AACSB accreditation visit which went very well. The School of Business also completed the Pitch Program/Competition. Dr. Pembroke encouraged faculty to attend the next competition.
 - b. Student Success and Retention/Mabee Library for the I-Read program. Congressman John Lewis was on campus and interacted with a full house in White Concert Hall and the following morning, spoke to 2000 High School students in Lee Area.
 - c. Philosophy/Religious Studies department for the King Lecture Series. Professor Levine from Vanderbilt was on campus and provided an excellent lecture many enjoyed.
 - d. Dr. David Carter has partnered with the Shawnee County and Topeka Public Library to deliver a reading program called, "Those who read, lead". David was also named as a TedX presenter.
 - e. Congratulations was extended to the School of Nursing, the School of Applied Studies and Washburn Tech for the completion of the Simulation Center. There is an open house scheduled for November 12 at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Pembroke encouraged faculty to attend the open house to see the simulation center.
 - f. The School of Law was nationally recognized as a "Best Value Law School."
 - g. The Blitt gift will be a tremendous boost to expand our facilities and the ability we have to showcase art. Rita Blitt is honoring us with 500 pieces of art which will be displayed in a new gallery and courtyard north of the White Concert Hall.

Congratulations should be given to Juli Mazachek and Connie Gibbons for their hard work.

IV. NEW Business

1. 16-1 Tiered System for Honors

A motion was made and seconded to approve this item. The item was approved unanimously with no discussion or debate.

2. 16-2 Leadership Certificate Curriculum Change

A motion was made and seconded to approve this item. The item was approved unanimously with no discussion or debate.

V. Announcements

1. Dr. Pembroke announced Donna Lacey is retiring on January 8, 2016. He indicated Donna is a tireless advocate for faculty and she will be missed.

2. Dr. Bearman reminded faculty of advance enrollment registration. He encouraged faculty to have their students participate in the registration carnival that will be held on November 12, 2015 in Washburn A/B.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM