

**Faculty Senate  
Washburn University**

*Minutes of November 14, 2011  
Kansas Room*

Present: Angel, Averett, Barker, Bird, Dodge, Edwards , Fernengel, Gabelmann, Gonzalez-Abellas, Isaacson, Jacobs,Kelly, Kowalski, Mazachek, Melick, Menzie, Miller, Morse, Pembrook (VPAA), Perret, Pilgram, Rich, Roach, Routsong, Rubenstein, Sanchez, Schmidt, Sheldon, Unruh, Wagner, Walker

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:29 PM. Steve Angel presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of October 24, 2011 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.  
Angel told Senators that he appreciates the diversity of opinions at Faculty Senate meetings and reminded Senators that discussions are not about personalities, but ideas and concepts. Angel reminded Senators to not be afraid to speak out for fear of offending someone. The process is designed to make programs stronger.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents  
Vice President Roach reported that he had attended the meeting of the BoR. Roach reported that the regents meeting focused on maintenance efforts at the university. Washburn is keeping up with maintenance, unlike some other universities. It is positive that there is a plan in place to keep buildings in shape, considering that 60% of the buildings on campus are over 25 years old.
- V. Report from the Units – CAS, Tracy Routsong, Communications  
Tracy Routsong provided a report on activities at in the Communications and English Departments. The English Department has two new faculty members. Vanessa Steinrotter is an American Literature specialist. Melanie Burdick's specialty is Rhetoric and Composition and she will be directing the departments composition program. Four faculty members had publications or presentations recently: Erin Chamberlin presented the Hamblin Lecture at Southwest Missouri State in the Spring 2011; Sarah Smarsh published a collection of essays and an art collection; Thomas Fox Averill has a new novel out from the University of New Mexico Press; Eric McHenry has a new book of poems. In addition, English major Colin Lostecky is a Sibberson Award Finalist for Fall 2011. In the communications department, Mock trial has once again enjoyed a successful season. In the spring 2011, Washburn Debate finished as the runner-up squad at the National Parliamentary Debate Championships in Colorado. Three individual teams finished 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Faculty members publishing and in submission include Jim Schnobelen and Tracy Routsong.
- VI. Report from the VPAA –  
Vice-President Pembrook remarked to senators that there was still spots available at the dinners November 15 and 16. Topics of conversation will include HLC, the NESE report and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.  
VP Pembrook reported that he attended an HLC meeting last week. HLC is moving toward the Open Pathways model. Pittsburg State is serving as a pilot site. In year 4, we now have to submit a 35,000 word report. In year 10, we must update the report and have a site visit. The biggest change is in years 7,8,& 9, the university must select a Quality Improvement project to show improvement in the institution and submit a plan for that project.  
There is a partnership to extend the library hours until 2 am. This will occur in November, and January through May of 2012. The library had already committed to 24/7 during December.

Last, VP Pembroke thank everyone who had coordinated student efforts for the Bow Tie Ball. The event has sold out.

- VII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
  - A. Minutes from the Academic Affairs Committee of October 10, 2011 were approved
- VIII. University Committee Minutes
  - A. Minutes of the Library Committee meeting of October 12, 2011 were accepted.
  - B. Minutes of the Honors Advisory Committee meeting of October 5, 2011 were accepted.
- IX. Old Business. –
  - A. 11-24– Program Curriculum Changes for BSN: Dr. Monica Scheibmeir presented an overview of the changes to the BSN Program, including changes in prerequisites. After discussion, the motion was approved with amendments.
  - B. 11-25 – Proposed Changes to Technical Credit Transfer. Dr. Pembroke provided an overview of the proposal. The motion was approved. Senators approved 11-25 for online voting.
  - C. 11-26 -Course Change for all BFA program – an overview of the proposal was provided by Senator Perret. After discussion, the proposal was approved. Senators approved 11-26 for online voting.
  - D. 11-27 – KN 333 replacing CM 101 requirements –The proposal was approved. Senators approved 11-27 for online voting.
  - E. 11-28 – KN 411 replacing KN 299 – The proposal was approved. Senators approved 11-28 for online voting.
  - F. 11-29 – Change to Political Science Major – Senators voted to postpone action until next meeting.
- X. New Business – none
- XI. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm