

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of October 24, 2011
Kansas Room*

Present: Angel, Arterburn, Averett, Barker, Bird, Blank, Dodge, Edwards, Fernengel, Gabelmann, Gonzalez-Abellas, Isaacson, Jacobs, Kaufman, Kelly, Mazachek, Melick, Menzie, Morse, Ockree, Pembroke (VPAA), Pilgram, Rich, Roach, Rubenstein, Schmidt, Sheldon, Unruh, Wagner, Walker, Wohl

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:31 PM. Steve Angel presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of September 24, 2011 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
President Farley made the formal announcement this past Board of Regents meeting that WU enrollment is the highest it has ever been. This is an occasion for faculty to celebrate because we understand WU provides the best undergraduate academic education/preparation in the region. Between this announcement and this meeting, editorials have quoted surveys suggesting that over one-third of students experience no significant improvement in learning over four years of college, and that 87% of employers believe colleges and universities have to raise student achievement if U.S. is to be globally competitive.

We might discount these surveys as they don't necessarily apply to WU; however, I would like to share with you the results of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE):

According to this survey WU provides a statistically significant lower Level of Academic Challenge:
Significantly lower in classroom presentations, outside classwork with classmates, amount of reading, number of written reports, homework in general, culminating senior experience, and preparing for class. I'm sure this doesn't sound like your class any more than it sounds like my class, but it certainly is an important area of concern for us as we, the Senate, review our academic programs, transfer policies, and general education.
- 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 US Department of Health and Human Services has required changes in Title IX. Currently, 60% of the student athletes at Washburn are male, but the University has made strides getting more women involved by implementing women's soccer. They are currently looking at golf and bowling as additions to the women's sports.
- V. Report from the Units – School of Law
Bill Rich provided a report on activities at the School of Law. There are currently four Centers for Excellence: The Center for Law & Government, headed by Reggie Robinson; The Center for Business & Transactional Law, headed by Amy Westbrook; The Center for Excellence in Advocacy, headed by Michael Kaye; and The Children & Family Law Center, headed by Linda Elrod. Rich reported that the Legal Research and Writing was among the top 15 in the nation, The Washburn SOL is also cohost to the Institute for Law Teaching. They also received a grant from the US State Department to assist in the development of legal education programs in the Republic of Georgia. There is currently a cooperative education agreement with the Free University in Tbilisi, Georgia that allows some of WU's law students to work with some of their students, and faculty from both schools will be visiting each other. There is a summer program

in Barbados and a semester abroad student exchange program with the University of Maastricht. The Law School has now established joint degree programs with both business and social work. Last, the SOL is in the beginning processes of either major renovation of the existing law school or construction of a new school.

- VI. Report from the VPAA –
Vice-President Pembroke commented on the NESE report, and WU is looking at both statistically significant and substantially significant results. He invited Senators to the faculty dinners to be held in November and commented that the results would be part of the discussion. Pembroke remarked that HLC is still asking WU to select a quality improvement project. The Gen Ed Ad Hoc group met last month. Since then, Pembroke has met with the CAS chairs to discuss improvements and objections to the current model.
VP Pembroke reported that the Kansas Board of Regents has announced changes to the performance measures report. Every postsecondary institution will have 3 or 4 common measures after 2014; four year universities will have an addition 2-3 more and each institution will identify at least one additional measure for their institution.
The 360° process with the Dean's is progressing and will have one more draft circulated prior to being instituted.
Last, VP Pembroke congratulated Washburn Institute of Technology on securing a \$20 million grant.
- VII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
A. Minutes from the Faculty Affairs Committee of May 2, 2011 were approved
B. Minutes from the Academic Affairs Committee of August 26, 2011 were approved
C. Minutes from the Faculty Affairs Committee of September 19, 2011 were approved.
- VIII. University Committee Minutes
A. Minutes of the Graduate Education Committee meeting of September 29, 2011 were accepted.
B. Minutes of the International Education Committee meeting of October 6, 2011 were accepted.
C. Minutes of the Assessment Committee meeting of August 26, 2011 were accepted.
D. Minutes of the Honors Advisory Committee meeting of September 7, 2011 were accepted.
- IX. Old Business. –
A. 11-19 – Modification of the Program Review Committee. The motion was approved. Senators also approved 11-19 for online voting.
B. 11-20 – Change to the Law School Governance Structure. The motion was approved. Senators also approved 11-20 for online voting.
C. 11-21 - Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program Proposal – an overview of the proposal was provided by Dr. Karen Fernengel. After discussion, the proposal was approved.
D. 11-21 – Master of Health Science Program Proposal – an overview of the proposal was provided by Dr. Patricia Munzer. After discussion, the proposal was approved.
E. 11-22 – Master of Arts in Human Services (Addiction Counseling) – an overview of the proposal was provided by Dr. Brian Ogawa. A motion to continue discussing the proposal after 5 pm was approved. After discussion by the Senators, the proposal was approved.