

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of March 12, 2007 Meeting
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Boyd, Camarda, Dick, Godman, Jacobs (President), Lalonde (visitor), Liang, Lockwood, Manske, Martin, Meador, Munzer, Nobo, Ockree, Patzel, Pownell, Ray, Renn-Scanlan, Roach, Russell, C. Schmidt, S. Schmidt, Shald (President WSGA), Shipley, L. Smith, C. Sullivan, S. Sullivan, Walker, Wasserstein (VPAA proxy)

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:33 PM.
- II. The minutes of the February 12th, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
 - A. With respect to the VPAA search, President Jacobs reported that approximately 40 applications had been received and that the committee is checking on the references of about 17 of the applicants. On-campus interviews should occur mid- to late-April.
 - B. Assistant Vice President Nancy Tate informed President Jacobs of the formation of the Faculty Technology Advisory Committee, which is expected to help address the technological concerns of faculty members. David Pownell, a member of this new committee, agreed to have the minutes of that committee forwarded to the Faculty Senate.
 - C. In terms of overhead projectors, it was reported that the current machines would be maintained. Of concern still is what happens when the machine is irreparable.
 - D. Mike Gunter provided the costs associated with implementing software and hardware for a university wide exam analysis procedure. Those in attendance believed that the estimated costs seem excessive. For one reason, freeware has been used previously to perform item analysis of exams. President Jacobs will seek to obtain further information on this topic.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents. There was no Board of Regents meeting since the last Faculty Senate meeting.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
 - A. The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee meetings of 02/05/2007 and 02/19/2007 were accepted.
 - B. The minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee meetings of 01/19/2007 and 02/19/2007 were accepted.
 - C. Meador, Chair of the Electoral Committee, updated those in attendance about the upcoming election. To date, only a single individual has been asked to be put on the ballot for the open position of At-Large member.
- VI. University Committee Minutes. There were no University Committee minutes.
- VII. Old Business.

A. Following slight changes to the wording of the Consolidation of Planning Documents proposal (07-01), the motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and passed.

VIII. New Business. There was no New Business.

IX. Discussion Items.

A. Boyd reported that the Math & Natural Sciences division, like the Faculty Senate, had voiced interest in restoring the faculty research fund back to its previous level.

Two motions related to the restoration of research funds were proposed, seconded, and passed:

i. The Faculty Senate asks the President (Farley) to enlist the Washburn Endowment Association to make research fundraising a priority.

ii. The Faculty Senate requests of the Washburn Endowment Association to make faculty research funding one of the options of the annual faculty-staff giving campaign.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Russell, Secretary to the Faculty Senate