

Washburn University
General Faculty Minutes
January 29, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Farley called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM in Room 100 of the Henderson Learning Resources Center. 147 faculty members were present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2014 General Faculty meeting. These minutes were approved unanimously.

III. OPENING REMARKS

A. From the President

1. President Farley announced an upcoming celebration of the 150th anniversary Washburn's Founding. The sesquicentennial committee has expended much effort and prepared a commemorative book documenting the history of WU, which will be on sale in the student union during the celebration. Dr. Farley encouraged faculty to participate in this and various other 150th year events.
2. Dr. Farley discussed enrollment. WU experienced a decline in enrollment in the Fall and projections for the Spring enrollment have been ongoing. At present the enrollment numbers for the Spring Term appear to be exceeding projections. Dr. Farley thanked faculty and staff for their efforts in reaching out to students and aiding their enrollment.
3. Dr. Farley discussed the state of the budget and anticipated funding level. He emphasized that the state legislature faced major hurdles in revenue acquisition and in reconciling deficits. The potential impacts of these issues on funding to WU are not yet clear.
4. Dr. Farley discussed recent dialog with the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR). WU's status as an independent public institution requires a certain level of coordination by KBOR, although this isn't always clearly defined. Much of these coordinated efforts have been directed towards avoiding unnecessary duplications in programs, etc. at different institutions. The issue of whether KBOR should have oversight over new WU baccalaureate degree offerings has been discussed. After much negotiation it is anticipated the Washburn Board of Regents (WUBOR) will remain the penultimate approving body for our baccalaureate programs.
5. The VPSL and VPAT have been preparing for WUBOR to approve a new east-campus housing facility. Rigorous efforts have been undertaken to ensure that construction could begin before a critical target date that will ensure that the building will be ready for student habitation on time for the start of the following academic year.

B. From the Vice President for Academic Affairs

1. Dr. Pembroke addressed efforts to recruit transfer students and the recent visit by WU personnel to Allen CC. A reciprocal visit by Allen personnel will be visiting WU in April.
2. Dr. Pembroke announced a new grant at WU Tech through TAACCT that provides funding for Nursing, Allied Health & WUTech for a new simulation center.
3. Dr. Pembroke shared plans for a new endowment fund for leadership which will create the position of Farley Visiting Professor of Ethics. Part of this program will involve the arrangement of a regional conference on various aspects of ethics (eg, scientific, legal, etc).
4. Dr. Pembroke called upon Dr. Cindy Hornberger to introduce Patrick Early, Director of University Relations, who joined the administration in January.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM 14-24 : Definitions of Academic Appointments for the School of Law

This item was on the table and unresolved from the 11-17-14 meeting. A motion was made and approved which removed accidentally added language (the final two sentences) from the item. A motion was made and seconded to approve this [amended item](#). The item was approved unanimously without debate.

B. ACTION ITEM 14-26 : General Education Committee Composition

A motion was made and seconded to consider Action Item 14-26. The item was approved unanimously without debate.

C. ACTION ITEM 15-2 : Program Deletion – AS in Laboratory Science

D. ACTION ITEM 15-3 : New Program – AA in Laboratory Science

A motion was made and seconded to consider Action Item 15-2 and 15-3 together. The item was approved unanimously without debate.

E. ACTION ITEM 15-6 : Faculty Senate Constitutional Amendment – Rounding for Representation

A motion was made and seconded to consider Action Item 15-6. The item was approved unanimously without debate.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM 14-4 : Faculty Handbook Change: Extending Probationary Period (revised)

A motion was made and seconded to consider Action Item 14-4. An amendment was made to change the effective date to “effective immediately for all faculty.” The [amended/revised item](#) was approved unanimously without debate.

B. ACTION ITEM 15-7: New Program – Criminal Justice Emphasis in Forensic Investigation

A motion was made and seconded to consider Action Item 15-7. Item was approved unanimously without debate.

C. ACTION ITEM 15-8 : New Program – Gerontology Minor

A motion was made and seconded to consider Action Item 15-8. The item was approved unanimously without debate.

D. ACTION ITEM 15-9 : Course Designation Change: Information Literacy Courses

A motion was made and seconded to consider Action Item 15-9. In response to a question, it was emphasized that the change in course designation doesn't alter any other characteristics of a course, including status as a general-education course. IL courses will be reviewed and managed by the IS committee. The item was approved unanimously without further questions.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Michael Gleason – students will soon be receiving a message asking them to complete a national survey--the multidisciplinary survey of leadership (MSL). Data from this survey will be used to compare to NSSE results and to assess the impact of the Global Citizenship and Diversity SLO on student views. Please encourage your students to complete the survey when they receive the announcement.
2. Shaun Schmidt - Apeiron will occur on April 24th. This year Apeiron and Day of Transformation will be fused into a single event, including community service, international projects, etc. Registration deadline is March 25th. Dr. Bill Roach will be presenting the Apeiron Last Lecture.
3. Dr. Pembroke recognized Dr. Tracy Routsong's work in organizing the Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol which will be held in February.
4. Kelly Erby – encouraged faculty to attend the Lincoln Lecture, the topic of which will be "What Did Slaves Think of Lincoln."

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.