

Washburn University  
Meeting of the Faculty Senate

August 13, 2013  
3:00 PM Henderson 103

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of April 22, 2013
- III. President's Opening Remarks
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports
  - A. None
- VI. University Committee Reports
  - A. None Scheduled
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Elect Faculty Senate President
  - B. Elect Faculty Senate Secretary
  - C. Nominate General Secretary to Faculty
- IX. Information Items
- X. Discussion Items
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjournment

**Faculty Senate  
Washburn University**

*Minutes of April 22, 2013  
Kansas Room*

Present: Angel, Ball, Barker, Berry, Edwards, Florea, Franks, Fry, Kelly, Kitts, Mach, Mazachek, Menzie, Mercader, Miller, Palbicke, Pembroke (VPAA), Perret, Roach, Russell, Schmidt, Sheldon, Treinen, Ubel, Wade, Wagner, Weigand, Weiner, Wisneski, Wohl, Wynn

- 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 April 8, 2013 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.  
Angel commented to Senators that at the end of his two years as President, he see there is a strong correlation between the strength of the university and strong faculty governance. Angel thanks departing senators for their commitment and asked new senators for their commitment to continuing the work.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents: VP Roach reported that the last meeting of the WUBor was the consent agenda for appointments of emeriti and eminentes positions. Roach also remarked that the cost of the Morgan welcome center has increased.
- V. Special Report from the Unit –Denise Ottinger, Vice President of Student Life.  
VP Ottinger remarked that she would attempt to answer the question of who is student life? She remarked that in here 14<sup>th</sup> year, there was lots of construction going on when she started and it is now starting again. In the Student Life area, Ottinger highlighted the sections that support students, including Student Services with Jeanne Kessler, which deals with veterans and students with disabilities; MultiCultural Affairs with Dona Walker, Student Affairs which is Ottinger and Meredith Kidd, who serves as chief disciplinarian; Student Health and Wellness; Counseling Services, which is increasing the number of services offered; Career Services, which helps students find a career and explore careers while here; Student Activities and Greek Life, which deals with 120 different groups; Residential Living, which is looking at a feasibility study to explore additional housing on campus. Ottinger reminded everyone that SRWC will be celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. Ottinger told senators she see Student Life as a partner to complement their classroom activities. This is especially important for 18-25 year olds and they try to help with the developmental process. She challenges her staff to identify where students are at when they get here and help; they are looking at an appropriate level of challenge and support.
- VI. Report from the VPAA – Dr. Pembroke  
Dr. Pembroke thanked everyone for attending the General Faculty meeting. He asked everyone to mark their calendars for August 17 at 7 pm for the Welcome Week Casino night. Student services is requesting faculty participation in welcoming students back to campus. Pembroke provided an update on Morgan construction – Dr. Nancy Tate and CJ Crawford are working on classroom scheduling during construction. Dr. Pembroke also told senators they would like to create a permanent space to showcase faculty who have received scholarly, research and teaching excellence awards.

Dr. Pembroke also provided an update on the 2022 Visioning project. The regents had asked for it to be worked through in a year. It is now being put into a document format, and they are asking Dean's to take it to faculty in the Fall of 2013 for input and include faculty comments in the final document.

- VII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
  - A. Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of April 1, 2013 were accepted.
  
- VIII. University Committee Minutes
  - A. Graduate Committee minutes from March 6, 2013 were accepted
  - B. Honors Advisory Committee Minutes of March 6, 2013 were accepted
  
- IX. Old Business: none
  
- X. New Business : Election of Officers for 2013-14  
The following members were elected for the next academic year:  
Shaun Schmidt (CAS) – President  
Jennifer Ball (SOBu) – Vice President  
Sarah Ubel (CAS)– Secretary  
Bill Roach (SOBu) – Parliamentarian  
Zach Frank – SAS representative to Exec committee  
No members of the School of Law were present to appoint a rep.
  
- XI. Discussion Items:
  - A. Dr. Pembroke asked new members to consider placing items that come from faculty senate on either the consent agenda or as a full discussion item for general faculty.
  
- XII. Information Items: Mike Russell reminded members that the WTE Day of Transformation will be Friday April 26. There are 65 student poster presentations.
  
- XIII. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm