

**WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 16, 2007**

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**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Warren convened the meeting of the Board of Regents at 4:04 p.m. in the Kansas Room of the Memorial Union.

**II. Roll Call**

Present were: Mr. Blair, Mr. Bunten, Mr. Lagerberg, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Paul, Mr. Roth, and Mrs. Warren.

**III. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2007 meeting as mailed.**

Regent Parks asked the Minutes be corrected to reflect she expressed her thanks for the presenter's comments on the pool and especially the students for taking their time to present their issues and concerns.

It was then moved and seconded to approve the Minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously

**IV. Officer Reports**

**A. Chair's Report**

Chairperson Warren said inasmuch as a family member of one of the posthumous degree recipients was in attendance, she would move the item for consideration during her Chair's Report.

**V.B.1. c. Posthumous Degree – Linda Wahl-Stoltenberg**

award of Bachelor of Arts in History degree posthumously to Linda Wahl-Stoltenberg;

**d. Posthumous Degree – Fannie Wisman**

award of Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree posthumously to Fannie Wisman;

She introduced Jack Wisman who said it was wonderful that his mother was being awarded the posthumous degree and that he and his family thanked President Farley, Mrs. Warren and the Board of Regents for their support in the matter.

It was moved and seconded to award posthumous degrees to Linda Wahl-Stoltenberg and Fannie Wisman as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. President's Report**

President Farley reported that the annual election for student government was recently conducted. He noted that Josh Shald, the outgoing Washburn Student Government Association president was in attendance and that he has enjoyed working with Mr. Shald throughout the year. He reported the new WSGA President and Vice President are Vincent Bowhay and Lacey Keller respectively.

Dr. Farley said the University students have participated in a makeover/takeover program initiated by Mayor Bunten and the City of Topeka. He said Washburn University is involved through its student organization, Learning in the Community (LINC). He said in the past some 945 people from the University community have participated. Mayor Bunten said that the last cleanup resulted in the removal of some 10,000 tons of trash and this year's event is to be held on March 31 and April 21. He said he is thankful for the participation of the University.

President Farley said the University's annual United Way campaign is now underway with ambitious goals. He said he is confident that members of the University community will step up to participate.

Dr. Farley reported the project at 1728 MacVicar, the new office spaces for the Washburn Endowment Association, are going well. He said the WEA is moving in next week.

He said the Topeka Symphony Ball which was held recently was successful. He noted also the National Symphony Orchestra will be in Topeka and that the University is substantially involved in the presentation of the symphony orchestra including space and activities following the event.

He said the Kansas Legislature is in the middle of its work for the 2007 Session. The three issues of interest to educational institutions and Washburn University include the budget, which will be resolved at the end of the Session in an Omnibus Bill; deferred maintenance for educational institutions; and, House Bill 2556 dealing with vocational education. He noted the bill includes provisions requiring vocational technical schools to submit plans to either merge with a two- or four-year post-secondary educational institution or become independent technical colleges.

President Farley announced the University has engaged in a search for two years to hire a chair of the Mass Media Department. He said the search is now complete and that Barbara DeSanto, presently at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, will be coming in the summer.

Dr. Farley said the Stoffer Hall project is on track, maybe even a couple days ahead of schedule. He said the new lab space is to be ready for occupation in the Fall when faculty and classes will be relocated to other space and to be completed the following fall.

Dr. Farley announced the former director of the FBI, Bill Session, will be on the University's campus October 5. He said there will be a community luncheon and other activities during his appearance.

## **C. Committee Report(s)**

### **1. Audit Committee**

#### **a. 2006-2007 Audit Services – BKD, LLP**

Audit Committee Chair, Nancy Paul, met today and discussed, among other things, the new accounting and auditing standards which are coming. She said the primary issue of the meeting, however, was the discussion of an engagement letter for BKD to perform the audit of the University's 2007 fiscal year. She said the Committee has been very pleased with the work and the timeliness of it and recommends approving a new engagement letter with BKD for the audit for the 2007 fiscal year. Motion passed.

## **D. Treasurer's Report**

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1. Liquidated Claims Approval – January, 2007**
- 2. Liquidated Claims Approval – February, 2007**

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Consent Agenda:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

As approved by action of the Board:

#### **1. Personnel**

##### **a. Honorary Degree Candidates**

award Honorary Degree of: Doctor of Commerce to Timothy N. Etzel and Doctor of Law to Michael C. Manning;

##### **b. Tenure and Promotion Recommendations**

award of tenure to: Jennifer Ball, Sungkyu Kwak, Lee McGinnis and Dmitri Nizovtzev, School of Business; Lori Edwards, School of Nursing; Michael Mosier, Mathematics & Statistics, CAS; Michael Russell, Psychology, CAS; Shaun Schmidt, Chemistry, CAS; Ann Marie Snook, Music, CAS;

promotion to: Jennifer Ball to Associate Professor; Reinhild Janzen to Professor; Sungkyu Kwak to Associate Professor, Lee McGinnis to Associate Professor, Dmitri Nizovtsev to Associate Professor, Michael Russell to Associate Professor; Cecil Schmidt to Professor; Shaun Schmidt to Associate Professor; Ann Marie Snook to Associate Professor;

##### **e. Eminentes Universitatis**

award of Eminentes Universitatis designation to Robert Stiles;

#### **2. Report of Purchases between \$25,001 and \$50,000**

award of contract to: Torgeson Electric Company in the amount of \$49,800 for exterior phase security cameras, Facility Services Project #90F04E; EBSCO Subscription Services in the amount of \$235,225.35 to renew Mabee Library periodical subscription services; D. F. Osborne Construction in the amount of \$38,229.14 for brick replacement at new Washburn Endowment Association office building;

#### **3. Revisions to 2007-2008 Classified Compensation Schedule**

addition of Network Cabling Technician I with a salary range of \$15.84-\$23.76 and Technology Support Technician I with a salary range of \$15.07-\$22.61; change Network Cabling Technician to Network Cabling Technician II with a salary range of \$18.32-\$27.48; and, change Technology Support Technician to Technology Support Technician II with a salary range of \$17.46-\$26.19.

**B. Action Items:**

**1. Academic Program Changes**

Chairperson Warren noted the description of the academic programs were all set forth in the agenda item and inquired whether any Regent wanted to address any of the listed programs.

It was moved and seconded to approve the academic program changes. Motion passed unanimously.

As approved by action of the Board of Regents:

- a. Morita Therapy Certificate Proposal**
- b. Changes to Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training**
- c. Master of Education/Initial Teaching License**
- d. Program Changes: Master of Education – Curriculum and Instruction**
- e. Bachelor of Arts in Theatre – Program Revision**
- f. Bachelor of Arts Degree – Major in Biochemistry**
- g. Revision to BPA Catalog Language**
- h. Bachelor of Science Degree – Major in Biochemistry**
- i. Revision to Bachelor of Science Major Certified by the American Chemical Society**

**2. Washburn University Section 127 Graduate Educational Assistance Plan**

President Farley said the University presently has an educational assistance plan providing the opportunity for employees to take one class per semester, either graduate or undergraduate, excluding law. He said in the event an employee is enrolled in a graduate class there are tax consequences as it is treated as includable income. He said as the Regents knew, the University is looking at an initiative for nursing scholarships for faculty seeking the Ph.D. in Nursing and the initiation of that program would have tax consequences for the persons receiving a scholarship. With the adoption of the Section 127 Graduate Educational Assistance Plan that would not be a taxable benefit to the employee.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Section 127 Graduate Educational Assistance Plan as outlined in the agenda item. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Washburn University Policy Regulations and Procedures Manual**

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed Facilities Use Policy set forth in the agenda item. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Changes to Promotion and Tenure Policy for School of Applied Studies**

It was moved and seconded to approve the changes to the Promotion and Tenure Policy for the School of Applied Studies as outlined in the agenda item. Motion passed unanimously.

## **5. Expenditures**

### **a. Classroom Renovations**

President Farley said the University has had a program of renovating the classrooms across the campus. He said there are approximately 80 classrooms. In response to a question, staff architect Nelda Gaito said with approval of the projects for which contract authority is being sought, Morgan Hall will be complete; Garvey Fine Arts Center would be one-half complete; and the future projects would finish up the remaining half of Garvey Fine Arts Center, Carnegie and Petro Allied Health Center.

It was moved and seconded to approve the award of a contract to Senne and Company in the amount of \$92,300 for classroom renovations set forth in the agenda item. Motion passed unanimously.

### **b. Telecommunications Equipment for the Stoffer Science Hall Renovation**

It was moved and seconded to approve the award of a contract to Dexon Computer for the purchase of telecommunications equipment in the sum of \$75,104. Motion passed unanimously.

Regent Paul noted she recently read an article in the Financial Times announcing that Harvard University is launching a program not dissimilar from the Washburn Transformational Experience. She said it was very exciting to read about that plan and noted that we're in good company.

Regent Blair said he would like to thank the administration for the new sound system for the Board of Regents meetings.

Regent Lagerberg asked that Director of Athletics, Loren Ferré, extend the Board's congratulations for the great season of the Washburn Lady Blues.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

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Kenneth P. Hackler  
Secretary, Board of Regents