I. Call to Order

Chairperson Storey called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. in the Kansas Room of the Memorial Union on the Washburn University campus.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Mr. Bunten, Mr. Lagerberg, Ms. Marquardt, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Roth, Mr. Storey and Mrs. Warren.

III. Approval of Minutes of the March 20, 2009 meeting as mailed.

It was moved and seconded to amend the minutes of the March 20, 2009 meeting at the top of page 2 to read “The recommendation will be provided to the President and forwarded to the Board of Regents for consideration and approval.” Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

Dr. Larry Large, consultant on strategic planning, presented an outline of the process to be implemented in the coming year. He presented a timeline and emphasized the importance of transparency, openness and communication throughout the process.

Board members requested a notice of when and where the Executive Strategic Planning Council meetings are to be held so Board members can attend if they wish. Mr. Large stated that updates will be provided at each Board of Regents meetings to assure that members of the Board are well informed at each stage of the process.

Mr. Storey introduced Mr. Garrett Love, President of the Washburn Student Government Association and Ms. Caley Onek, Vice President of the Washburn Student Government Association.

B. President's Report

President Farley discussed the budget situation in Kansas as it relates to an impact on the University. At the last Budget and Finance committee meeting, possible budget reductions were discussed. After the budget was passed by the Legislature, Washburn will have a reduction of approximately 10%. A 7.1% reduction had been anticipated, so further reductions will be needed to meet the new amount.
The administration conducted two Town Hall meetings on campus and one at Kaw Area Technical School to discuss options. Other comments have been solicited and all comments have been shared via the University website. A Budget Reduction Task Force has been established comprised of all members of the executive staff, all Deans, 2 representatives from the Staff and the WSGA President to discuss all suggestions. The Budget and Finance Committee will receive the proposal at its May 22, 2009 meeting. Mr. Storey encouraged all members of the Board to attend if possible.

Dr. Farley presented an update on enrollments. Summer enrollment appears to be somewhat below last year. Fall semester enrollment is not comparable to this same time period last year, as orientation/enrollment for incoming freshmen and transfer students will not occur until orientation sessions (8 sessions are scheduled between now and the start of the next academic year).

Dr. Farley reported that the Whiting Project is somewhat ahead of schedule, on budget, and should be completed and ready for occupancy by August 1, 2009.

He commented upon the new baccalaureate program in Medical Technology which is a cooperative program with local and regional hospitals, the University of Nebraska-Omaha and Washburn University. The program will address the lack of workforce available in the field.

Golfer Matt Ewald was praised for competing in the national Division II tournament.

Dr. Farley announced the appointment of Richard Liedtke as the Executive Director of Enrollment Management. He thanked Tom Ellis for his work as the interim director for this area and acknowledged the efforts of the staff during the transition time. Mr. Storey expressed the appreciation of the Board to Tom Ellis for his work and to Loren Ferre’, for his work as chair of the search committee for the position.

Dr. Farley distributed an additional agenda item concerning a name change for the Kaw Area Technical School with the request that it be considered. The item was accepted as Item V. B. 3.

C. Committee Report(s)

There were no committee reports.

D. Treasurer's Report


It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.
V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda:

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

As approved by action of the Board:

1. Personnel
   a. Award of Faculty Emeritus Status
      award of Emeritus status to: Dr. Larry Blumberg, Associate Professor Emeritus; Dr. Donovan Cook, Associate Professor Emeritus; Dr. Richard Driver, Lecturer Emeritus; Mr. David Feinmark, Librarian Emeritus; Dr. G. Daniel Harden, Professor Emeritus; Dr. Meredith Moore, Professor Emeritus; Mr. Gerrald Reed, Lecturer Emeritus; Dr. Sara Tucker, Professor Emeritus; Dr. James Eck, Professor Emeritus; Dr. Robert Kerchner, Associate Professor Emeritus; Kenneth Ohm, Lecturer Emeritus;

2. Report of Purchases between $25,001 and $50,000
   award of contract to: Educational Resources in the amount of $38,566.94 for campus-wide Microsoft campus licensing agreement; MePherson Construction in the amount of $49,433.00 for Change Order No. 007, Whiting Field House project;

3. Policies
      the Recruitment & Employment, Student Employment & Background Checks, Trademark Licensing, Risk Management & Safety, Police, and Purchasing sections of the Washburn University Policies, Regulations and Procedures Manual as shown in the agenda item; and,

   b. Shared Leave Program
      continuation of the Shared Leave program through June 2012, when the program will be re-evaluated for continuation.

B. Action Items:

1. Expenditures Over $50,000
   a. Request for Proposal – Information Technology Systems Consulting Services
      Discussion regarding the proposed consulting contract focused upon whether a consultant was needed to provide an independent evaluation of the system, policies, funding and other matters related to the Information Technology Services of the University. Mr. Storey indicated that an Executive Session would be scheduled at a future Board meeting to discuss any personnel issues related to this matter. It was moved and seconded to defer this agenda item to a subsequent meeting. Motion passed.
b. Weight Training and Conditioning Equipment for Whiting Field House

It was moved and seconded to approve award of a contract to Conner Athletic Products, Inc. in the amount of $308,542.50 for the purchase of weight training and conditioning equipment for the Whiting athletic strength and conditioning facilities. Motion passed.

c. Classroom/Meeting Room Furnishings – Whiting Field House Renovation

It was moved and seconded to approve the award of a contract to Krueger International in the amount of $53,736.95 for the classroom/meeting room furniture at Whiting as outlined in the agenda item. Motion passed.

d. Petro Allied Health – Roof Replacement – Project C09040

It was moved and seconded to approve the award of a contract to JB Turner and Sons Roofing in the amount of $562,347.00 to replace the entire roof over Petro Allied Health Center as outlined in the agenda item. Motion passed.

2. Award Construction Contract for Union Market and Corner Store Remodel

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal with the final cost submitted to the Chair of the Board of Regents and the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for approval. Motion passed. Mr. Bunten requested that a “no” vote be recorded for the reason that he believes that the Board of Regents should approve the proposal rather than delegating approval authority.

* 3. Name Revision for Kaw Area Technical School

It was moved and seconded to approve the renaming of Kaw Area Technical School to Washburn Institute of Technology, to be known as “Washburn Tech” and the “Tech campus”. Motion passed. Mr. Roth asked that a “no” vote be recorded to reflect his belief that Washburn should never give its name out to any other entity. He indicated he is in favor of the affiliation between the two entities and objects only to the name proposed by the administration.

* Item added at the meeting with the consent of the Board.

Ms. Mattie Wilmore addressed the Board to express her desire for support for the establishment of a women’s golf team.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned.

Carol Vogel
Acting Secretary, Board of Regents