I. Call to Order

Chairperson Blair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Mulvane Art Museum on the Washburn University campus.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes of the September 11, 2009 meeting as mailed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2009 meeting as mailed. Motion passed.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

Chairperson Blair stated he had no report.

B. President's Report

President Farley said there were several things he wanted to note. He said recent media reports indicate the nation’s GDP improved for the third quarter of this year but that funding for higher education in Kansas remains an issue as Governor Parkinson recently indicated it may be necessary to further reduce state funding beyond the two percent (2%) announced last June. Dr. Farley said that under the federal stimulus legislation states are required to commit to maintenance of effort for funding K-12 and post-secondary education at the 2006 level. President Farley said the 2006 state funding for higher education was $747 million and that funding for this fiscal year is presently $753 million, down from the initial $853 million. He said that states may apply for a waiver to the commitment to the maintenance effort. Dr. Farley said that approximately 62% of the state’s general fund budget is allocated to K-12 and higher education.
Dr. Farley said two goals relating to persistence and graduation rates were discussed at the last Kansas Board of Regents meeting. He said the discussion was robust and included the chief executive officers of the universities. The proposal discussed on the persistence rate for the regional universities, which would include Washburn, was to set a rate of ten percent (10%) higher than the rate at our peer institutions, which is 71%. The persistence rate is for year one to year two. Washburn’s rate last year was approximately 67%. President Farley said the discussion focused on creation of a “freshman experience” to inculturate entering students to the intellectual and academic community. He said a persistence rate of 81% would be a stretch goal.

Dr. Farley said a similar goal of a 10% increase over our peer institutions is proposed for graduation rates. The peer graduation rate is 45%. In response to a query from Regent Marquardt whether there would be distinctions made between open enrollment institutions and those that were not, Dr. Farley said no. Regent Lykins said one of the problems is determining whether a student graduated is that some students start at one institution and transfer to another from which they graduate. He said that how we measure graduation rates needs to be changed. He also noted that admission requirements for the six state educational institutions, until this year, had been determined by the Kansas Legislature. Regents Lykins said now the Kansas Board of Regents will make that determination.

C. Committee Report(s)

There were no committee reports.

With leave of the Chair, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, Dr. Robin Bowen, updated the Board of Regents on the progress of the Strategic Planning Committee. She said the various subcommittees of the Committee had posted draft white papers for comments and the subcommittees are revising their white papers for presentation to the Committee as a whole on Monday, November 9th in the Forum Room of the Bradbury Thompson Center. Following that meeting the Strategic Planning Council will prepare a draft plan document to be presented at a special meeting of the board of Regents on December 4th. Following that meeting the document will be revised then posted on the web site to provide the university community the opportunity for comment.

Chairperson Blair said the process has been very effective with a lot of people working very hard. He extended the Board’s thanks for the work of Dr. Bowen and all involved in the process.

D. Treasurer's Report

V. Old Business

It was moved and seconded to remove the proposed Memorandum of Understanding from the table. Motion passed

President Farley said the major changes in the proposal over the preceding agreement were: shift differential for employees; job restructuring and new job specifications; and the drug and alcohol testing provisions. Mr. Hackler added the proposal also changed the reference to the policy and procedures governing the relationship from the old Business and Financial Affairs Handbook to the new Washburn University Policies Regulations and Procedures Manual. It was moved and second to approve the proposed Memorandum of Agreement. Motion passed

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda:

Chairperson Blair inquired whether any Regent wished to have any item on the consent agenda pulled for separate consideration. Regent Marquardt requested the item on Joint Appointments be considered separately.

It was moved and seconded to approve the items A. 2- 4 of the consent Agenda. Motion passed.

As approved by action of the Board:

2. Revision of the Faculty Handbook regarding procedures for the conduct of General Faculty Meetings

revision to the Faculty Handbook regarding procedures to the conduct of General Faculty Meetings as outlined in the agenda item;

3. Personnel

a. Voluntary Phased Retirement: Dr. J. Karen Ray

voluntary phased retirement for Dr. J. Karen Ray, Professor of English, for the academic year 2010-2011, appointment at 50%, effective August 1, 2010;

b. Voluntary Phased Retirement: Dr. Mary Shoop

voluntary phased retirement for Dr. Mary Shoop, Professor of Education, for the academic years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, appointment at 50% for each academic year, effective August 2010;

c. Proposed new part-time, administrative, grant-funded position, WorkReady Certification Liaison

establishment of a new, grant funded, part-time administrative position, WorkReady Certification Liaison, responsible to the Associate Dean of Washburn Institute of Technology, at an annual salary of $20,000 as outlined in the agenda item;
d. Personnel Action – Administrative Staff
upgrade Network Administrator Position 0609 at an annual salary of $62,000 as outlined in the agenda item;

4. Report of Purchases between $25,001 and $50,000
award of contracts to: Trabue Industrial Systems in the amount of $47,513.88 for replacement of boiler door; The Piano People in the amount of $40,025 for restoration of Steinway pianos; Open Technologies in the amount of $40,034 for purchase of Sun SPARC Enterprise Server; ISG Technology Inc. in the amount of $28,219 for purchase of Cisco switches and software; Diagnostic Medical Equipment in the amount of $34,999 to purchase ultrasound machine; and Open Technologies in the amount of $43,037.42 for purchase of Sun SPARC Enterprise Server.

1. Faculty Handbook Revision in regard to Joint Appointments
It was moved and seconded to approve revision to the Faculty Handbook in regard to Joint Appointments as set forth in the agenda item. Regent Marquardt said she found the wording in the proposal confusing with references to “members, “persons” and “individuals” and, in some instances words appeared to be missing. She said she thought it could be written more clearly. She offered a substitute motion, which was seconded, the item will be referred to be revised. Motion passed.

B. Action Items:

1. Expenditures over $50,000
   a. Washburn Institute of Technology – Chiller Replacement

   It was moved and seconded to approve the award of contracts to PCI Mechanical Services in the amount of $191,683 for chiller replacement and alternate #1 on the Washburn Institute of Technology campus as outlined in the agenda item. Motion passed.

   b. Washburn University – Re-Roofing Law School

   It was moved and seconded to approve the award of contracts to JB Turner in the amount of $107,796 for the re-roofing of the north section of the Law School building on the Washburn University campus as outlined in the agenda item. Motion passed.
President Farley updated the Board of Regents on the progress on the renovation of the former Phi Delta Theta fraternity house. He noted the Board approved the operational agreement for the unit and proceeding with the fundraising for the project and the development of architectural plans at its May, 2008 meeting. The action also authorized the administration to bid the project upon completion of the fundraising and to bring the bids back to the Board of Regents. He said the Washburn Endowment Association notified the University of a recent major gift bringing the total fundraising very close to the total goal and we can proceed with the project. He said the administration would like to explore and solicit proposals for a construction manager for the construction of the project. He said he thought we would get better bids on the project and save money. President Farley said the administration would come back with any contracts to be awarded.

The Board Chair recognized the Director of the Mulvane Art Museum, Cindi Morrison, who made a brief presentation on the activities of the museum highlighting the upcoming visit of Patrick Dougherty who is noted for his art works described as “Stickworks.” She said the artist will begin Monday, November 2nd harvesting saplings to be used for the sculpture which will be situated on the grass in front of the museum just south of the Yuyu Yang sculpture. She said the sculpture would take about three weeks to complete.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

/s/

Kenneth P. Hackler
Secretary, Board of Regents