

Faculty Senate
Washburn University

Minutes of September 12, 2005 Meeting
Kansas Room, Memorial Union

Present: Bahner, Baker, Borden, Boyd, Camarda, Carpenter, Cassell, Chorba, Concannon, Dinkel, Decker (visitor), Donner, Evans, Godman, Jacobs (President), Lockwood, Manske, Martin, McGuire, Meador, Nobo, Ockree, Palmer, Patzel, Pownell, Ray, Renn-Scanlan, Roach, Russell, C. Schmidt, S. Schmidt, L. Smith, Wasserstein

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 PM.
- II. The President's Report was given.
 - A. The President noted that due to the installation of the Faculty Senate, revisions needed to be made to Section One of the Faculty Handbook. Having reviewed the revised Section One, the attendees agreed that the changes were acceptable and that Nancy Tate should post the revised section on the University's website.
 - B. The President suggested that the General Education Reform proposal be referred to the Academic Affairs Committee. There was no objection.
 - C. With regard to reports by the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents meetings, it was suggested that the representatives should embellish on the published minutes of the Board of Regents meetings and provide some context to the discussions and decisions.
 - D. With regard to the request that TIAA-CREF retirement income not be taxed by the state of Kansas, the attendees agreed that the issue should be referred to the Faculty Affairs Committee for consideration.
- III. The minutes of the May 3rd, 2005 Faculty Senate meeting were revised and approved.
- IV. Old Business – There was no Old Business.
- V. New Business –
 - A. Discussion was given to the establishment of a Sweet Summer Sabbatical Committee. The motion to close the first reading and to treat this issue as Old Business at the next Faculty Senate meeting was approved.
 - B. A proposal to revise the Faculty Handbook Guidelines Regarding Faculty Sabbaticals (proposed new language) was discussed. The motion to refer it to the Faculty Affairs Committee for recommendation or revision was approved.
 - C. Following some debate, the motion was made that the proposal on the Formation of a Committee on Academic Integrity should be referred to the Academic Affairs Committee for recommendation or revision. The motion was seconded and approved.
 - D. Discussion was given to the proposal on the Transformational Experience Graduation Requirement. Following that, those in attendance agree to close the first reading of the proposal. A second reading will be given at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Russell, Secretary to the Faculty Senate