

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of May 7, 2007 Meeting
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Bayens, Boyd, Camarda, Concannon, Croucher, DePue, Dick, Dinkel, Elisha, Evans, Ginzburg, Jackson, Jacobs (President), Liang, Lockwood, Manske, Martin, Meador, Nobo, Ockree, Palmer, Patzel, Pownell, Prash, Ramirez, Ray, Renn-Scanlan, Roach, Rodriquez, Russell, C. Schmidt, S. Schmidt, Sharafy, L. Smith, Stone, C. Sullivan, Tate (Assoc. VPAA)

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:31 PM.
- II. The minutes of the April 9th, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
 - A. President Jacobs announced that the third candidate for the VPAA position was on campus today. Those present were encouraged present to attend each of the candidate open forums.
 - B. President Jacobs also announced that Deborah Moore, Director of Human Relations, was out of town and will be meeting with the Faculty Senate in the fall to discuss changes in TIAA-CREF.
 - C. Lastly, President Jacobs announced that, given the large amount of business on the day's agenda, it may be necessary to extend the meeting beyond the established 5 PM adjournment time.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents. The Regents did not meet since the previous Faculty Senate meeting.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
 - A. The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) meeting of 04/16/2007 plus an addendum were accepted.
 - B. The minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee meeting of 04/16/2007 were accepted.
 - C. Meador (Chair of the Electoral Committee) provided a verbal report of the Spring elections. It was reported that the elections were complete and without incident.
- VI. University Committee Minutes.
 - A. The minutes of the Library Committee meeting of April 19, 2007 were accepted.
 - B. The minutes of the International Education Committee meeting of April 5, 2007 were accepted.
- VII. Old Business.
 - A. The motion was made, and seconded, to table the recommendations of the AAC (07-03 a-h) until the Fall. The motion failed. Those in attendance agreed to review each recommendation individually. The results were that action items 07-03f and 07-03h were not approved, action item 07-03g was withdrawn from consideration, and action items 07-03 a-e were amended and approved.

VIII. New Business.

- A. Faculty Senate officer elections were held. Russ Jacobs was re-elected President. Richard Martin was re-elected Vice-President. Bill Roach was elected Parliamentarian. Mike Russell was re-elected Secretary.
- B. Elections to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) were also held. In addition to the four officers mentioned previously, Shirley Dinkel (SoN) and Janet Jackson (Law) were elected to the FSEC.
- C. In order to form the subcommittees of the Faculty Senate (Academic Affairs committee, Faculty Affairs committee, Electoral committee), continuing and newly elected Senators were asked to email their committee preferences to Mike Russell (Secretary).

IX. Discussion Items.

- A. Mike Gunter discussed a number of issues with those in attendance. With regard to Administrative access to computers, Gunter stated that the ability to download was limited for the sake of security (e.g., minimizing viruses). Also discussed was the issue of limiting faculty access to WUAD. Gunter reported that by having a single unit, the security of the server would be enhanced and updates would be more efficiently handled. Those in attendance voiced concern that the WUAD system was significantly slower than desktop computers. It was also feared that stored items are inaccessible and their ability to work is impaired whenever the system is down.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Russell, Secretary to the Faculty Senate