

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of October 13, 2008
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Arterburn, Berry, Bowen (VPAA), Byrne, Camarda, Concannon, Croucher, Ding, Ginzburg, Jackson, Jacobs, Kaufman, Kerchner, Lockwood, Lunte, Manske, McGuire, Melick, Naylor, Patzel, Porta, Pownell, Prash (President) , Ray, Routsong, Russell, C. Schmidt, S. Schmidt, Shipley, Sullivan, Tate (AVPAA), Walker, Wunder, Wynn

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:31 PM.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of Sept. 8, 2008 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
 - a. Prash reported that he met with President Farley and said that the university is working toward a model on WTE compensation.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
 - a. Prash stated that the last meeting was dominated by two letters: Farley's letter of apology to the community and the WU settlement over the W suit filed by Wisconsin.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
 - a. The report from the Electoral Committee meeting of Sept. 22, 2008 was approved. Russ Jacobs, Chair of the Electoral Committee, discussed problems in the recent At Large Faculty Senate balloting, saying that the School of Business did not receive any ballots in the mail.
 - b. Minutes from the Faculty Affairs Committee meeting of Sept. 18, 2008 were approved.
 - c. Minutes from the Academic Affairs Committee meeting of Sept. 29, 2008 were approved.
- VI. University Committee Minutes.
 - a. Minutes of the Assessment Committee meeting of Aug. 5, 2008 were accepted.
 - b. Minutes of the Library Committee meeting of Sept. 11, 2008 were accepted.
 - c. Minutes of the International Education/International WTE Committee meeting of Sept. 26, 2008 were accepted.
- VII. Old Business.
 - a. A motion was made to approve the action item entitled "Revision to the Composition of the Academic Affairs Committee" (AAC) (#08-09) as amended. Fourteen senators voted in favor of the item and 5 opposed it, so it passed as amended.
- VIII. New Business.
 - a. A motion was made to have the Faculty Senate Secretary use the standard found in Action Item 08-09 in all future documentation. In other words, future action items should list the individual who originated the action item. The motion passed.
 - b. Joint Appointments (#08-07). Prash reported that he will send out the completely revised paragraph "i" to members of the Senate and that the action item will be further discussed at the next Senate meeting.

- c. Discussion was given to action item #08-10, entitled “Academic Affairs Committee proposal on criteria for upper-division general education.” Prasch explained that the action item is a short term fix to the General Education problems while other senators questioned whether it made sense to change things before next year’s General Education overhaul. Ray suggested that if members regarded the item as a reasonable solution then the Senate should pass it. The subsequent motion made to close at first reading passed.
- d. Discussion was given to action item #08-11, entitled “Academic Affairs Committee proposal on revised skill sets for general education.” Prasch gave the background on the item, stating that it aims to both simplify and define the General Education skill sets. A few senators then pointed out the numbering that had been skewed by Word and requested that the errors be fixed. Some senators wondered what would happen if the Senate approved the item and some wondered if passing it would cause many issues such as whether it would require immediate review of all Gen Ed courses. It was suggested that the item be sent to the Ad Hoc Committee for review and since most seemed in agreement, a motion was made to move the item to the General Education Ad Hoc Committee for review. The motion passed, the secretary corrected the numbering, and forwarded #08-11 to Robin Bowen. The VPAA reported back that she received it and would indeed pass it on to the Ad Hoc committee for review and comment.

IX. Information Items.

- a. Whitney Philippi, WSGA President, presented the WSGA Smoking Decision Survey and Proposal to the Senate. She said she wanted to get input from the Senate before it went any further. Jacobs suggested adding “non-smoking” to letter B of the proposal, which, with his proposed change, would then read: “The Smoking Decision Committee recommends that the university move ashtrays away from the non –smoking entrances to building, in order to avoid traffic in front of doorways.”

X. Discussion Items.

- a. Mike Russell briefly discussed Faculty-Administrative salary increases and provided a summary of Faculty-Administration raises in FY06, FY07, FY08, and FY09. Robin Bowen provided two tables on Merit Salary Increases 2008-2009. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting since the Senate meeting was drawing to an end due to time restraints.
- b. Prasch gave a brief background on the issue of Summer 2-in-1 checks and said that it will be discussed at the next Senate meeting since time had run out in the meeting.
- c. The issue midterm grades for freshmen will also be discussed at the next meeting for the same reason.

XI. Announcements. There were none.

XII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Sullivan, Secretary to the Faculty Senate.