

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of October 26, 2009
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Arterburn, Averett, Barker, Berry, Bowen (VPAA), Byrne, Cantanzaro, Childers, Croucher, Isaacson, Jackson, Janzen, Kaufman, Khan, Love (guest), Lunte, Manske, Mazachek, McBeth, McGuire, Melick, Menzie, Onek (guest), Porta, Prasch (President), Rich, Routsong, Russell (guest), Sharafy, Shaver, Sullivan, Walker, Wilson (guest), Wynn

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:33 PM.
- II. Prasch suggested amending B of his opening remarks and then the minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of October 12, 2009 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
 - A. Prasch discussed the recent Presidential Budget committee he attended. He noted that he was surprised to hear that the introduction of furloughs was raised in the event of further cuts in state support and noted that increasing enrollment would be another alternative. He was also alarmed to hear about a proposed program reduction and reallocation. Dean McQuere and Prasch expressed significant alarm that the idea was even being discussed. The plan would target underperforming programs and the committee was looking at a systematic way of implementing this. VPAA Bowen mentioned that this possibility has been mentioned in several of the white papers.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
 - A. Prasch stated that the Board has not met since the last meeting and that he will make a report the next time.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
 - A. All items from the Academic Affairs Committee were approved and formal minutes from the committee's last meeting will be approved at the next Senate meeting.
- VI. University Committee Minutes.
 - A. Minutes from the Assessment Committee meeting of Sept. 9, 2009 were accepted.
 - B. Minutes from the Assessment Committee meeting of Sept. 23, 2009 were accepted.
 - C. Minutes from the International Education/International WTE Committee meeting of September 17, 2009 were accepted.
 - D. Minutes from the Faculty Library Committee meeting of Oct. 15, 2009 were accepted.
 - E. Minutes from the Honors Advisory Committee meeting of October 7, 2009 were accepted.
- VII. Old Business.
 - A. (Action Item (09-14). Amendment to the Change to Appendix IV (Human Subjects Research Policy) of the Faculty Handbook. The item was approved.
 - B. (Action Item 09-15) Clarification of the structure of the Major Research and Grant Review Subcommittee.

It was pointed out that the word "recluse" on the bottom of pages 12 and 15 should be changed to "recuse." Prasch explained the differences between the two options, a motion was made to approve Option I, and that motion passed. The item (Option I) was approved.

VIII. New Business.

- A. (Action Item 09-10) Faculty Senate Resolution on the Washburn Technology Crisis. A motion was made to move the item off the table and into first reading. The motion was seconded and several minutes of discussion ensued. Bowen announced that President Farley wanted the Senate to know that he has still not received the Sungard report, but will form a committee once it is received. Senator Barker expressed dismay over the fact that the statement released about the incident implied that the steering committee had signed off on the letter excusing Gunter of any blame when in fact it had never seen it. It was agreed that the presidential committee the resolution was proposing could not be formed by the original Nov. 1 date. Prash also mentioned that since the Senate could not meet on Nov. 9, that new dates for FS meetings should be established. The Senate voted on and approved the following dates for meetings ending out the Fall semester: November 16, November 30, and December 14. Several motions were made to amend the action item and several passed. A motion was made to close the amended item on first reading and it was accepted. The Senate will take up the item again on Nov. 16.

- IX. Information Items. Rick Barker thanked the WSGA president and vice president for the excellent job WSGA did in organizing homecoming activities.

- X. Discussion Items. There were none

- XI. Announcements. Robin Bowen announced that Mike Gunter has proposed to switch over the email system November 14 or November 21. In response, she told him that her preference would be that the switch be delayed until the holiday break. However, if it had to be one of the two proposed dates, November 21 would work best. She also mentioned that she hoped he would send notice of the date as soon as it is established so that students, faculty, and staff would have adequate time to prepare for the change.

- XII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM

- XIII. The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Nov. 16 at 3:30 pm** in the Kansas Room, Memorial Union.