

FACULTY SENATE
Washburn University

Minutes of September 14, 2009
Kansas Room, Memorial Union

Present: Averett, Barker, Berry, Bowen (VPAA), Catanzaro, Childer, Croucher, Faulkner, Jackson, Janzen, Kauffman, Kelly, Love (WSGA), Lunte, Mazachek, McBeth, Melick, Menzie, Naylor, Ockree, Onek (WSGA), Prasch (President), Quinn, Ramirez, Rich, Routsong, Shaver, Sullivan, Unruh, Walker, Wynn

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:34 PM.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of August 24, 2009 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the floor to Garrett Love, President of WSGA to present the draft proposal for WSGA Success Week (see attachment). Garrett Love stated that the proposal was going through academic affairs. The purpose of the proposal was for instructors to not give tests, but it instead emphasize review. Comments may be forwarded to Garrett Love at garrett.love@washburn.edu or Caley Onek at caley.onek@washburn.edu

- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents
 - a. Prasch reported that on the Washburn Board of Regents Meeting of September 11, 2009
 - i. Gene Wunder had been awarded Emeritus status.
 - ii. Dr. Bowen reported on the status of the strategic planning initiative. Due to a medical leave, the deadlines have been relaxed from October 9 until a date later in October. The final date will be announced later. In addition, it was noted that faculty attendance has been sparse and faculty were encouraged to attend. Last, Kim Morse has resigned from the enrollment management subcommittee.
 - iii. Prasch reported on the changes in the insurance policy. A copy of the material that was sent to faculty and staff was handed out, showing the tier system of payment. Discussion from the Senators included the contention that with the loss of merit pay, this was a double-whammy to faculty. There was also concern about how the tiers were created, and why the upper break point is \$58,000. The Senate will issue an invitation to Harold Rood to address how the numbers added up to create the tiers.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports
 - a. No minutes were available from faculty senate committees.

- VI. University Committee Reports
 - a. Minutes from the Gen Ed Task Force meeting of August 20 2009 were accepted.
 - b. Minutes from the Assessment Committee meeting of August 11, 2009 were accepted.

- VII. Old Business
 - a. Establishment of Ad-hoc Committee on Strategic Planning (Item 09-08)
Approved by the full senate.

- VIII. New Business
 - a. Appointments to Benefits Committee – tabled until next meeting for further recruitment.
 - b. Proposed Change to Graduate Committee (Item 09-11)- Approved on first reading
 - c. Proposed Change to Student Financial Aid Committee (Item 09-12) – Approved on first reading
 - d. Proposed Change to Board of Student Publications Committee (Item 09-13) Approved on first reading as amended:
Section 4 Membership – add the following: No more than two students will have the same major.
 - e. Constitutional Amendment Clarifying Faculty Representation (Item 09-09) Approved on first reading as amended:
Section B: Representation - line 6 - add the words “part-time” before... faculty at the level of half-time or above....
 - f. Technology Resolution (Item 09-10) Tabled until future meeting.

- IX. Announcements: The next meeting will be Monday, October 12 in the Kansas Rom

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