

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of September 13, 2010
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Arterburn, Averett, Barker, Berry, Bird, Blank, Byrne, Childers, Croucher, Dodge, Edwards, Isaacson, Janzen, JacobsKelly, Kowalski, Lunte, Mazachek, McBeth, Melick, Menzie, Morse, Ockree, Roach, Routsong, Sanchez, Sharafy, Shaver, Sheldon, Tate (VPAA), Wagner, Weigand, Wohl,

A. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 PM. Russ Jacobs presiding.

B. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of May 10, 2010 were approved.

C. President's Opening Remarks.

1. According to Sec VI. C. of the Faculty Senate Constitution, "At least one faculty representative on each faculty committee must be a member of the Faculty Senate, by special appointment of the Executive Committee, if necessary." VPAA Tate has sent me notice that three faculty committees do not have such representation, and thus the Executive Committee will appoint a representative: the Promotion and Tenure Committee, the Graduate Committee, and the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee. Any Faculty Senate members willing to serve on one of these committees should so inform Vickie Kelly, the FS Secretary, no later than September 20.

2. As you all heard at the General Faculty meeting, VPAA Tate has asked the Faculty Affairs Committee to consider a change in the way that Curricular changes are voted on by the General Faculty. With the consent of the body, I will refer this proposal to the FAC. Approved by the Senate.

3. Dean Scheibmeir of the School of Nursing has inquired about the required or preferred formatting for major curriculum changes; the SoN will be proposing a revised BSN Curriculum and a proposed Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program soon. After discussing this with the Executive Committee, I would like to refer this to the Academic Affairs Committee. If the body consents, I would like them to respond to Dean Scheibmeir—and perhaps set in place standard formatting for all curricular changes—as soon as practicable. Approved by the Senate.

4. Our standard second Monday meeting time in October would be in Fall break. If we choose not to meet during Fall break, we will have to either meet again in two weeks, on the fourth Monday of September, or postpone our next meeting until the fourth Monday of October. The Senate voted to meet October 25, 2010.

D. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.

May 21: Jacobs reported the BoR approved a budget that included a tuition increase of approximately 3 percent, with no merit increase in salaries. Regents also approved a proposal to improve internet access and connectivity by changing to KanREN Data Communications, and a recommendation that Jones Huyett Partners be selected to provide University marketing services.

June meeting: Roach reported that there were two issues brought forth by Regent Storey: one pertaining to establishing a whistleblower policy for the University and the second pertaining to designating someone to be in charge when the President was unavailable. No action was taken on either issue.

July 30: Jacobs reported that prior to the BoR meeting, the Regents Audit Committee met with representatives of Rubin Brown LLP, the newly retained University auditors. Those representatives gave a brief report on audit planning, and answered questions from the Regents present.

At the Public Budget hearing, the FY 2011 Budget was approved without public comment. The President reported that initial reports on Fall 2010 enrollment appeared good, and that two new schools had been approved for MIAA membership. In routine business, the Regents approved expenditure of \$147, 132.17 for replacement and upgrade of computers on campus, \$54, 697.32 for the purchase of server equipment and system storage for an existing IBM server cluster, and approximately \$94,000 to Pinegar, Smith and Associates for lobbying services. This is a net increase, to cover additional services provided in the absence of the in-house lobbying provided in the past by David Monical, since retired.

- E. Faculty Senate Committee Reports – there were no committee reports
- F. University Committee Minutes.
 - A. Honors Advisory Committee Minutes of April 14, 2010 were accepted
 - B. Assessment Committee Minutes of April 14, 2010 were accepted.
- G. Old Business.
 - a. 10-17 Revision of Honors Advisory Committee – approved by Faculty Senate
- H. New Business.
 - A. Committee Appointments – the slate submitted by the Executive Committee for appointments to Academic Affairs, Faculty Affairs, and Electoral Committee were approved.
 - B. 10-18 – Proposal to Change Name of Board of Student Publications to Board of Student Media – closed on first reading.
- I. Information Items – there were no information items
- J. Discussion Items – there were no discussion items
- K. Announcements – there were none.
- L. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 pm