

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of August 29, 2011
Washburn B, Memorial Union*

Present: Angel, Arterburn, Barker, Bird, Blank, Dodge, Edwards, Fernengel, Fry, Gonzalez-Abellas, Jacobs, Kelly, Kowalski, Mazachek, Melick, Menzie, Miller, Morse, Pembroke (VPAA), Perret, Pilgram, Rich, Roach, Routsong, Sanchez, Schmidt, Sheldon, Wagner

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:31 PM. Steve Angel presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of May 9, 2011 were approved with correction.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.

Angel welcomed all the Senators and remarked he was humbled to be working with such esteemed colleagues from across the campus and looks forward to getting to know everyone and the goals and accomplishments of their academic units. Angel mentioned that it was also the sense of the Executive Committee that it would be beneficial for Senators and the general faculty to get to know each other better. To that extent, Angel expressed appreciation to Dr. Pembroke for hosting the social this afternoon.

Angel remarked that it may make sense to put faces with names and asked Senators to consider signing a photo release and send it to any of the Executive committee members. The photos will be used alongside the Senators names and e-mail on the Faculty Senate website.

Angel reported that a Gen Ed Task Force was created by Drs Pembroke and Tate over the summer to continue the work of the Academic Affairs committee from last spring. The Executive committee voted to approve that task force as an Ad Hoc committee to Academic Affairs, i.e, they will report to the AAC. This will add continuity to the discussion over the summer and allow AAC to focus on other issues. Four members from the Faculty Senate serve on that committee.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents

Vice President Roach attended several BoR meetings over the summer. Roach reported that the BoR settled the lawsuit with two former VP's of the university. Roach also reported that the BoR purchased a software package called Director's Desk and received training on the software. Additionally, a contract has been let to change the University webpage and its use of social media. This may result in more standardized use of Facebook and developing policies.

The BoR also approved changes to the union contract with the custodians.

Angel reported that Dr. Farley presented a 10 year comparison of WU to KBOR schools. In 2000/01, Washburn had the highest undergraduate tuition and fees. In 2011/12, WU is just behind KSU and KU, but above all other regent's institutions. KSU, FHSU and WU all have a 4% increase this year. KSU staff received raises. WU received additional funding of health insurance, but no raises.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports – There were no FS committee reports
- VI. University Committee Minutes
 - A. Minutes of the Faculty Development Grants Committee meeting of April 22, 2011 were accepted.
 - B. Minutes of the Assessment Committee meeting of April 18, 2011 were accepted.
 - C. Minutes of the Curriculum Grants Committee meeting of April 15, 2011 were

accepted.

- D. Minutes of the Research Grants Committee meeting of April 25, 2011 were accepted.

VII. Old Business. – No old business was reported.

VIII. New Business –

A. Committee Appointments for 2011-2012 were approved.

B. Angel asked for volunteers for the Technology Steering Committee and the Campus Safety Committee

IX. Information Items –

- A. Kelly provided a brief update of the activities of the Gen Ed Task Force work over the summer.

X. Discussion Items: No discussion items

XI. Announcements: Next meeting is September 12.

XII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm