

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of November 12, 2012
Kansas Room*

Present: Barker, Edwards, Fernengel, Fry, Gonzalez-Abellas, Isaacson, Kelly Mazachek, McMillen, Menzie, Mercader, Miller, Ockree, Palbicke, Pembroke (VPAA), Pilgram, Roach, Russell, Schmidt, Sheldon, Ubel, Wagner

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:33 PM. Bill Roach presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of October 22, 2012 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
Vice-President Roach asked for senators to cancel the November 26 meeting due to the holiday and lack of items received for the agenda. Senators approved the next meeting date of December 10.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents: VP Roach reported that the WU BOR had approved a 12.5 million dollar initiative to improve WU's energy efficiency. It will be financed by a \$10 million bond issue and \$2.5 million of surplus. The Law School LLM was approved.
- V. Special Report - Tim Peterson, Dean, Office of Academic Outreach

Dr. Peterson provided senators with a document outlining changes and initiatives in the Office of Academic Outreach. Three years ago the office changed from the Division of Continuing Education to the Office of Academic Outreach, providing more support for credit programs. Most non-credit training programs were transferred to the Washburn Institute of Technology. The Office continues to provide a few post-baccalaureate professional development programs via the Center for Organizational Excellence in conjunction with the School of Business, and training for AP teachers in conjunction with the Olathe USD 233. Academic Outreach coordinates the credit online programs, summer sessions and the Early Start Options (ESO) program for high school students. In FY 2007 WU students enrolled in approximately 18,000 online credit hours, comprising 11.8% of enrollment; in FY 2012, this increased to 28,000 hours, comprising 17.3% of the total student credit hours. Although the summer session enrollment has remained relatively constant the past few years, nearly half of the summer session student credit hours are now generated by online courses. A recent USDE study found that students who took all or part of their instruction online performed better, on average, than those taking the same course through face-to-face instruction. The ESO program has grown to include seven high schools in Shawnee County. The preliminary evidence shows that the retention rate of students who completed concurrent enrollment courses in high school is higher at Washburn when compared to all first time freshmen.

Dr. Peterson also provided a handout with the timeline for the new Learning Management System review and implementation.

Additionally, Dr. Tom Underwood, the Assistant Dean, is coordinating the Leadership Washburn program and the HLC Quality Initiative.

- VI. Report from the VPAA – Dr. Pembroke
VP Pembroke informed senators that the LLM passed the Washburn BoR last week.

He informed senators the information regarding post-tenure review is being asked of only the 6 Regent's schools. They have been asked to develop a document by April 2014. Washburn is not part of that process. The faculty affairs committee was asked to examine the Promotion and Tenure rewrite. They support units reviewing their own candidates; chairs should write letters unless there are unusual circumstances; there should be notification of negative reviews; 6 years probationary should be standard; there should be a process for stopping the clock; combine the promotion and tenure process; each area should define their terminal degree; and questioned whether reviewers should be of a higher rank; VP Pembroke informed senators that 21 proposals were received for the QI initiative. He also informed senators that the 2022 committee was meeting to develop a vision for what Washburn should look like in 10 years. Last, he informed senators that there is lots of information concerning cuts at the state level, but nothing is defined yet. Likely that technical and community colleges will not see cuts.

- VII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
 - A. Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of October 15, 2012 were accepted.
 - B. Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes of October 5, 2012 were accepted.

- VIII. University Committee Minutes
 - A. Assessment Committee minutes from October 4, 2012 were accepted
 - B. Faculty Development Committee Minutes of October 11, 2012 were accepted
 - C. International Education Committee Minutes of September 13, 2012 were accepted.
 - D. International Education Committee Minutes of October 18, 2012 were accepted
 - E. Library Committee Minutes of October 26, 2012 were accepted.
 - F. Assessment Committee Minutes of October 18, 2012 were accepted.

- IX. Old Business. –
 - A. 12-14 Change in Faculty Senate Constitution Item II-c – approved, sent to General Faculty
 - B. 12-15 Change in University Math Requirement – approved, sent to General Faculty

- X. New Business : none

- XI. Discussion Items: none

- XII. Information Items:
 - A. Library Gate Counts were accepted.
 - B. Rick Barker informed senators that printing proposal for computer labs is being put together by the Tech Steering Committee due to extreme paper usage by students in the computer labs. They are proposing that each student is allocated a certain number of pages at no charge, then may be charged by page. Senators asked is consideration was made by the number of hours a student is enrolled in; upper or lower division designations or other issues.
 - C. Kathy Menzie reported that the Safety Committee has determined that the I-Alert system has been changed to an opt-out. This is the system that informs faculty, staff and students of an immediate emergency by phone, voice mail, and text.

XIII. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm