

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

Minutes of October 28, 2013
3:00 PM Kansas Room, Memorial Union

Present: Arterburn, Ball, Berry, Chamberlain, Francis, Frank, Fernengal, Florea, Lunte, McConnell-Farmer, McMillen, Mercader, Palbicke, Pembrook (*ex-officio*), Reynard, Roach, Rubenstein, Russell, Sheldon, Smith, Stoner-Hawkins, Treinen, Ubel, Wade, Wagner, Weber, Weigand, Weiner, Wisneski, Wohl (for Friesen),Wood
Guests: Menzie, Stephenson

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:05 PM, Dr. Matt Arterburn presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of September 23, 2013 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks
Arterburn noted that at our next meeting we will be discussing changes to the language of the Tenure Policy in the Faculty Handbook. Standardization of language will assure that the probationary period for tenure is consistently defined as 6-years. Moreover, additional language regarding the procedures for the recommendation for tenure will be offered.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents
None
- V. Report from the VPAA, Dr. Randy Pembrook
Pembrook began by thanking the faculty for their input into **Vision 2022**, a document which provides a forward looking perspective on Washburn University based on the five goals of academic excellence, educational opportunities, community connections, an appropriate living/learning/working environment, and fiscal stewardship. Vision 2022 will go before the Washburn Board of Regents on October 31.

Pembrook added that Vision 2022 is a separate document from the strategic plan. It might be considered an extension of the strategic plan, however. The strategic plan will remain in place and be updated in the future.

Pembrook then turned his attention to the University's **comprehensive fundraising campaign**, the goal of which is to raise \$100 million by 2016. The campaign will raise specific amounts in relation to its Four Pillars: student scholarships, faculty support, campus facilities, and annual giving.

Pembrook reported that the University has undertaken an initiative to assess and improve the collection, management, and use of **data for operational and strategic analysis**. The Data

Management and Analysis (DMA) Steering Committee has already contacted data users at the University, and a vendor will assist in the project so that objectives will be met in a timely way. Training opportunities which will upgrade faculty and staff skill sets will occur. As data will become more accessible, greater opportunity for professional resources from Institutional Research and Information Technology will assist with the strategic use of data. Restructuring of resources will assist in this process.

In conclusion, Pembroke announced that the November 7 Faculty Dinner will center around defining aspects of the **Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning (C-TEL)**, part of the quality initiative project.

VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports

- A. The Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of October 21, 2013 were accepted.
- B. The Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of September 16, 2013 were accepted.
- C. The Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of April 15, 2013 were accepted.
- D. The Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes of September 30, 2013 were accepted.
- E. The Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes of September 16, 2013 were accepted.
- F. The Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes of October 29, 2012 were accepted.

VII. University Committee Minutes

- A. The Assessment Committee Minutes of September 12, 2013 were accepted.
- B. The Faculty Development Steering Committee Minutes of October 4, 2013 were accepted.
- C. The Faculty Development Steering Committee Minutes of September 6, 2013 were accepted.
- D. The International Education/International WTE Committee Minutes of October 10, 2013 were accepted.
- E. International Education/International WTE Committee Minutes of September 12, 2013 were accepted.
- F. Library Committee Minutes of September 25, 2013 were accepted.
- G. Sabbatical Committee Minutes (Sweet Sabbatical) of September 25, 2013 were accepted.

VIII. Old Business

Before action items 13-12 through 13-16 are forwarded to the general faculty, the Academic Affairs Committee approval date will be changed from 9/30/13 to 9/16/13 on each document.

- A. 13-12 Change in the Minor in Communications was approved: It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Kathy Menzie presented 13-12 to the Faculty Senate.
- B. 13-13 New Minors in Kinesiology was approved: It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Roy Wohl presented 13-13 to the Faculty Senate.
- C. 13-14 New Associate of Liberal Studies Degree was approved: It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Laura Stephenson presented 13-14 to the Faculty Senate.

Note: Under “Specific Additional Requirements: Choose Plan A or Plan B,” Plan B was amended to read:

12 hours selected from the general education disciplines. 12 hours**”

- D. 13-15 New Mass Media Minor in Film and Video was approved: It will be forwarded to general faculty. –Kathy Menzie presented 13-15 to the Faculty Senate.
 - E. 13-16 New Women’s and Gender Studies Course Designation was approved: It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Jennifer Ball presented 13-16 to the Faculty Senate.
 - F. 13-17 Washburn Legal Scholars 3.5 + 3 Program was approved : It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Sarah Ubel presented 13-17 to the Faculty Senate.
- IX. New Business
None
- X. Information Items
VP Pembroke noted that **Vision 2022** is a separate document from the Strategic Plan.
- XI. Discussion Items
Margaret Wood suggested that strategies for Educational Opportunities in **Vision 2022** be amended so that STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) will replace STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) as the focus of our recruitment and preparation of P-12 teachers in specific shortage areas.
- XII. Announcements
None
- XIII. The Faculty Senate meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.