

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

**Minutes of April 21, 2014
3:00 PM Kansas Room, Memorial Union**

Present: Arterburn, Ball, Francis, Frank, Fernengal, Florea, Friesen, Kitts, Kwak, Lunte, Mach, Mercader, Palbicke, Pembrook, Perret, Porta, Reynard, Roach, Rubenstein, M. Russell, Schbley, M. Sheldon, Mark Smith, Stevens, Treinen, J. Wagner, Weber, Wisneski, Wynn

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:03 PM, Dr. Matt Arterburn presiding.**
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of March 24, 2014 were approved.**
- III. President's Opening Remarks**

Arterburn invited Frank to speak on the Electoral Committee's Faculty Senate elections. Frank announced that there were three openings for at-large positions, and that CAS faculty could not run for them as CAS already held two positions. Frank added that we will welcome new senators at our May 12, 2014 meeting.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents**

Ball noted that agendas and minutes for the Board of Regents can be obtained on the Board of Regents website <http://www.washburn.edu/about/leadership/board-regents/> or directly through her.
- V. Report from the VPAA, Randy Pembrook**

Pembrook announced the Washburn University's Board of Regents has hired an architect to discuss an additional residence hall on campus, perhaps near Stauffer Hall. Construction should be completed in the summer of 2016.

Pembrook noted that Washburn University's proposed tuition and salary hikes for the 2014-15 school year will be in-line with other institutions of higher education in Kansas. Washburn will propose a 3-5% tuition increase and a 1-3% salary raise, the raise contingent upon enrollment. Pembrook encouraged advisers to contact advisees if they have not yet registered for the upcoming summer and/or fall sessions.

Based on attendance at a recent conference, Pembrook shared recent trends in higher education. He noted that "corequisites" are replacing "prerequisites" in higher education. Corequisites involve a group of experiences (e.g. class, lab, tutoring) that shore up the processing of information in an upper level class and make prerequisites unnecessary. Corequisites tend to speed up the educational process. Data shows that they improve retention rates, as well. A second trend involves a special focus on the first four weeks of classes. During this period, a quiz on the syllabus, faculty face-name recognition, and a group

project assisted students in the successful completion of a class. Other current trends include mandatory attendance policies, in-class tutoring, and mid-term conferences.

VIII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports

- The Faculty Affairs Committee minutes of March 3, 2014 were approved.

IX. University Committee Reports

- The Assessment Committee minutes of March 13, 2014 were approved.
- The Graduate Council Committee Minutes of November 12, 2013 were approved.
- The Honors Advisory Board Minutes of March 5, 2014 were approved.
- The International Studies Committee Minutes of March 13, 2014 were approved.

X. Old Business

A. 14-4 Faculty Handbook: Extension of Probationary Period was approved. It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Matt Arterburn and Kelly Weber presented 14.4 to the Faculty Senate. Arterburn noted that the extension was not automatic, but that a request had to be submitted to the Dean. The extensive list of reasons for an extension define the most obvious.

B. 14-5 Faculty Handbook: VPAA Negative Tenure, Promotion Decision was approved. It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Matt Arterburn and Kelly Weber presented 14.5 to the Faculty Senate.

Note 1. At the end of Section 3.11.E.4, “board” was changed to “Board of Regents”.

C. 14-6 Faculty Handbook: Dept. T&P Committee was approved. It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Matt Arterburn and Kelly Weber presented 14.6 to the Faculty Senate.

D. 14-7 Faculty Handbook: Academic Appointment Definitions was approved. It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Matt Arterburn and Kelly Weber presented 14.7 to the Faculty Senate.

Break in Sequence: 14.8-14.22 Reviewed at March 24, 2014 FS meeting.]

E. 14-23 JD/MAcc Proposal was approved. It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Kanalís Ockree presented 14.23 to the Faculty Senate.

F. 14-24 Faculty Handbook: Academic Appointment Definitions (SOL) (pp. 22-23) was approved. It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Matt Arterburn and Kelly Weber presented 14.24 to the Faculty Senate.

XI. New Business

None

XII. Information Items

None

XIII. Discussion Items

None

XIV. Announcements

None

XV. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:30 PM.