

**Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
October 6, 2014
3:00 PM Kansas Room, Memorial Union**

PRESENT: Ball, Chamberlain, Childers, Fay, Florea, Frank, Kwak, Lunte, Mach, McConnell-Farmer, McHenry, Moddelmog, Pembrook, Petersen, Perret, Porta, Routsong, Russell, Sanchez, Schbley, Schmidt, Schmiedeler*, Schnoebelen, Stevens, Stevenson, Sun, Treinen, Wisneski.

* = guest

ABSENT: Alexander, Berry, Francis, Friesen, Jackson, Mapp, Palbicke, Rubenstein, Sadikot, Scofield, Smith, Sourgens, Weiner

- I. **President Ball called the meeting to order at 3:02pm**
- II. **Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of September 15, 2014 were approved.**
- III. **President's Opening Remarks: None other than thank you for being here today!**
- IV. **Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents**
 - A. **Ball attended the meeting on 9/25/14. She noted:**
 - a. **The University Health Plan renewal was passed and that there will be no increase in rates.**
 - b. **The T&P change passed was the policy regarding allowing petitioners to update their portfolio as it moves through the decision hierarchy.**
 - c. **Dr. Gary Baker (SoBu) was approved as Professor Emeritus, and Mr. Doug Jones (SAS) was approved as Lecturer Emeritus.**
- V. **VPAA Update—Dr. Randy Pembrook**
 - A. **Updates from Fried visit: still checking on a couple of things—still working to resolve some of the language issues.**
 - B. **Financial exigency issue: our stance is that there shouldn't be any immediate changes. We commit to one year spending at a time. Sometimes we'll discuss the budget for the next year part way through a year, but we haven't made any of these changes mid-year.**
 - C. **Should get something about the Fink professors for 2015; reminder that this is a great way to bring people to campus and there is an endowment to support the program, so please nominate.**
 - D. **The KBI construction project on campus has moved to the next phase (interior ideas, such as art).**
 - E. **Last Regents meeting: they did authorize the request for interest in architectural firms for the smaller recital hall.**
 - F. **Thanks for all you do to help with retention of students. Enrollment is an issue. Over the past 15 years of enrollment growth and decline, the 6 Regent institutions reported up and all of the community colleges were down. In difficult economic times, enrollment in community colleges goes up (follows the economy and stock market indicators). For Regent schools as a whole, enrollment has basically stayed flat for the past 15 years. Pembrook will be asking Institutional Research for WU's trend and it corresponds closely with the community college**

trend. Please think about what this trend means and report if you have any insights or ideas about what to do with this information.

Petersen wonder about if this falls in line with private schools enrollment; Pembroke answered that he wasn't sure. Petersen then added that perhaps we should adjust our advertising strategy to match that of community colleges or private institution based on public perceptions about Washburn.

VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports

- A. The Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of August 25, 2014 were approved.**

VII. University Committee Reports

- A. The International Education/International WTE Committee Minutes of 9/11/14 were accepted.**
- B. The Interdisciplinary Studies Committee Minutes of 9/11/14 Minutes were accepted.**
- C. The Graduate Council Minutes of 4/1/14 were accepted.**
- D. The Library Committee Minutes of 9/24/14 were accepted.**

VIII. Old Business

- A. 15-01 New Kansas Studies IS Course was approved; it will be forwarded to general faculty. — Tom Schmiedeler presented this to the Faculty Senate.**
- B. 15-02 Deletion of AS in Laboratory Science was approved; it will be forwarded to general faculty. —Shaun Schmidt presented this to the Faculty Senate.**
- C. 15-03 Addition of AA in Laboratory Science was approved; it will be forwarded to general faculty. —Shaun Schmidt presented this to the Faculty Senate.**

IX. New Business

- A. 15-04 Constitutional Amendment 1 from Executive Committee —Ball presented this to the Faculty Senate.**

Russell asked (based on language in the second section) if these designated members would become voting members. Ball clarified that they would only be voting members on the committee—not a voting member of the senate. Russell asked if we should ask the under-represented body make an appointment instead of the president doing so. Ball said she was fine with this. Petersen noted that this could create a mixed sense of representation (are they representing their home department or the senate?). Ball said that the president could appoint based on advice from the unit to counteract both of these issues. Petersen said that this would be fine, as long as it isn't just one or the other. Russell suggested just not having Faculty Affairs (FA) and Academic Affairs (AA) meetings at the same time so this issue is avoided. Ball responded that it was easier not to since it ensured that people have the

meeting times cleared (so said members of these committees, as well). Ball also noted that any representative from a small area would also have double duty with the change in schedule (unfair for that member). Schmidt suggested that perhaps we should just add that units (like libraries) must have a minimum of 2 members on Senate. Petersen urged us to think about the efficiency of the model (perhaps over the Senate representation issue). Ball said it's unlikely that this two person minimum model will lead to sweeping issues, but it could. Pembroke urged us to be careful of not following the same model as the graduate council a few years ago (where the committee ended up bloating to a huge degree); perhaps, instead, we should ask 'how much do we need to be able to do the business of AA or FA. Ball said she didn't think that it was quite the graduate council model that we're following, but said that she thought it would be logical that a library rep be on both AA and FA. Ball will submit revisions to this and cancel the initial fix. First reading was closed.

- B. 15-05 Constitutional Amendment 2 from Executive Committee —Ball presented this to the Faculty Senate.

Ball spoke briefly on behalf of this and will offer similar fixes here as were discussed regarding 15-04 for a second reading.

- C. 15-06 Constitutional Amendment 3 from Executive Committee —Ball presented this to the Faculty Senate.

Ball stated the Senate will be doing a census in the spring to ensure we have an accurate count. She wanted to offer this proposal to clarify how we round in terms of representation. Russell asked if this was a supported way of rounding. Schmidt said it was and Pembroke added that he believed it was the APA standard. Porta wondered if this standard might disadvantage parts of the pool. Schmidt and Ball clarified that the bodies included in the pool were any teaching staff/faculty, while only full-time could vote. First reading was closed.

X. Information Items: NONE

XI. Discussion Items: NONE

XII. Announcements:

Routsong announced that "Undergrad Research Day at the Capitol" will be in February 2015, so be thinking about students who may want to participate.

XIII. President Ball adjourned the meeting at 3:50pm.