

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
January 30, 2013

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Klausman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Kansas Room of the Memorial Union on the Washburn University campus.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Mr. Klausman, Mr. Sneed, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Lykins, Mr. McGivern, Mrs. Trusdale, Mr. Storey, Mr. Bunten and Mrs. Sourk.

III. Approval of Minutes of the December 7, 2012 meeting

It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the December 7, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report.

B. President's Report

President Farley said the new website redesign which was completed in spring 2011 was submitted to the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and was recognized with a Gold Award for Integrated Advancement Programs. He said the Washburn Institute of Technology is now working on its website redesign.

Dr. Farley said the Washburn Institute of Technology collaborated with the Midwest Training Center for Climate and Energy Control Technologies which he said Mr. Coco will discuss in more detail in his presentation to the Board.

President Farley reported that the Lincoln lecture series will be held on Founders Day for Washburn University, February 6, 2013, and the speaker will be Manisha Sinha, professor of Afro-American studies from the University of Massachusetts Amherst who will give a presentation on "Race and Equality in the Age of Lincoln" at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Union.

Dr. Farley said faculty member Eric Showalter, lead instructor in the Auto Body and Collision program at Washburn Institute of Technology, was named instructor of the year for this I-Car region of the United States.

Regent Bunten asked about the ownership of the current building used by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Mr. Anderson, Vice President of Administration and Treasurer said the State will continue to own the current building and will continue to use it for administrative offices.

President Farley reported Governor Brownback requested legislative appropriation for design of a Kansas Bureau of Investigation crime lab that would be located on the Washburn campus at Durow Drive and Washburn Avenue. Dr. Farley said it would benefit students as a training center for forensics, biology and chemistry. He said it may even give students an opportunity for internships with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and possibly jobs after school. Dr. Farley said Washburn will be involved in the design and construction of the building to ensure is consistent with the style and appearance of other buildings on campus. Dr. Farley explained the timeline for the project beginning with screening architects and said if funding is approved for the design phase the process could begin this year and debt service would be issued the following year and construction could begin as early as summer 2014.

President Farley said 17th Street between 21st Street and MacVicar Street is due for renewal by the City of Topeka. He said Washburn will negotiate with the City of Topeka to have the unused portion of the middle lane include curbs and medians constructed with landscaping to create a boulevard effect which will enhance the entrance to the campus. He said the City of Topeka would provide for utilities and lighting, and would widen the street slightly due to the current narrow lanes. He said the item would be brought back to the Board at a later date for approval to pay for the landscaping of the medians and irrigation so it may be maintained in conformity with the rest of the landscaping on campus.

Dr. Farley discussed performance indicators or “dashboards” being created which will be placed on the website to keep the Board informed on various important data, such as enrollment. Dr. Farley noted the data will be amended and can be adjusted, but that some items of data will change more frequently.

C. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

D. Treasurer’s Report

Vice President of Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, presented the liquidated claims.

- 1. Liquidated Claims Approval – November 2012**
- 2. Liquidated Claims Approval – December 2012**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the liquidated claims. Motion passed.

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

As approved by action of the Board:

1. Honorary Degree Candidates

Honorary degrees awarded as follows: Betty Casper, Doctor of Public Service; Barry Feaker, Doctor of Public Service; and Stanley C. Sager, Doctor of Law;

2. Faculty/Staff Personnel Actions

Hire Linzi Gibson, Lecturer of Psychology for Spring semester at a salary of \$16,500; additional duties assigned to Debra Mikulka, Grant Facilitator, with annual salary increased to \$65,000 effective January 1, 2013; recruit new positions: Service Learning Coordinator, Center for Community Services at an annual salary of \$38,000 and Sheet Metal Teacher, Washburn Institute of Technology at an annual salary of \$35,000;

3. Voluntary Phased Retirement: Professor John Hunter

Voluntary phased retirement approved for Professor John Hunter for academic years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 effective August 1, 2013, ending the end of spring term 2016, appointment to be at 50% each year; and,

4. Voluntary Phased Retirement: Dr. Virginia Pruitt

Voluntary phased retirement approved for Dr. Virginia Pruitt for academic years 2013-14, 2015-15 and 2015-16 effective August 1, 2013, ending the end of spring term 2016, appointment to be at 50% each year.

B. Action Items

1. Welcome Center

Mr. Richard Liedtke, Executive Director for Enrollment Management, presented the item. He said the first design prior to the involvement of the PGAV architectural firm did not have the iconic entrance desired and now the design includes an iconic entrance, including an outdoor plaza design and altered parking to include a “curb to door” option. He said the new design provides a solution to the current space for better utilization where library stacks in Morgan reside, which had not previously been addressed. Mr. Liedtke also said the demarcation line between the new area and the older area has been improved and that the one stop area of the Welcome Center design has been refined by PGAV as well. He said in the process of making these improvements there were design alterations that would provide an overall

appearance consistent with other buildings on campus and the look contemplated for the growing campus. He stated there a student gathering space in the design consistent with the strategic plan for creating more student gathering spaces.

Mr. Liedtke said the original budget the Board approved for the Welcome Center project was \$13 million, but said with the addition of the iconic entrance, the modification to parking, better utilization of space where the library stacks reside, and the student centered plaza design, the cost for the improvements of the design will require the Board's approval of \$17 million for the total project.

Regent Bunten asked about how the three projects are connected; specifically, the Morgan Welcome Center, the new law school and the renovation of the old law school. Regent Klausman clarified they are separate projects and discussed the financing of the projects previously discussed, which he said includes fundraising from the Washburn University Foundation as well as some debt issued on the law school, but that no debt will be issued on the Morgan Welcome Center project. Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, said the recommended breakdown of the financing of the project is that \$12 million will come from fundraising as part of the Washburn University Foundation capital campaign and \$5 million will come from other University sources including University reserves.

Regent Trusdale asked if the formerly approved \$13 million included \$10 million from the Washburn University Foundation and \$3 million from University reserves to which Mr. Anderson agreed that was the former financing plan approved by the Board but this modification would add \$2 million to come from the Washburn University Foundation and \$2 million more from the University.

Regent Bunten inquired as to whether the funds from the Washburn University Foundation would limit the scholarships that would otherwise be available. He expressed his concern on the issue of whether the fundraising of the Washburn University Foundation would be going to buildings instead of scholarships which are very important to attracting students.

President Farley said there is a solid plan for the capital campaign which includes fundraising specifically for more scholarships and for professorships in addition to capital projects. Dr. Farley explained that in any fundraising campaign the University and the Foundation try to identify what will significantly improve the University and also understand there are multiple areas donors are passionate about and want to donate specifically for, which can be scholarships, professorship or buildings. He added that the Welcome Center is going to be a very popular project for fundraising. He said the hope is to have the funds to begin the project in about 6 months which will not reduce donations received by those who wish to give for scholarships or professorships.

President Farley discussed the current financial standing of the Washburn University Foundation and said funds available are expected to increase even after the capital improvement projects are completed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the request to increase the budget for the Welcome Center project to \$17 million. Motion passed.

C. Information Item(s)

1. Report of Purchases between \$25,001 and \$50,000

Chairperson Klausman recognized the information item in the agenda and asked for questions or comments. There were no questions or comments on the item.

2. School of Applied Studies Presentation

Dr. Randy Pembroke, Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Nancy Tate as Interim Dean of the School of Applied Studies who gave the presentation.

Dr. Tate discussed the history of the school and the growth and changes over the years. She also discussed the difference between the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science degrees and the history of the School of Applied Studies' work with Washburn Institute of Technology, formerly Kaw Area Technical School, in forming a pathway to an associate degree.

3. Washburn Institute of Technology Presentation

Dr. Randy Pembroke, Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Mr. Clark Coco, Dean of the Washburn Institute of Technology who gave the presentation.

Regent Lykins departed the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Mr. Coco discussed the changes and improvements recently made at Washburn Institute of Technology.

Dr. Farley introduced Eric Benedict, Washburn Student Government Association President, in attendance at the meeting.

Regent Sneed thanked Washburn University and the Washburn Foundation for all they did in regards to his mother's passing.

The meeting was adjourned 5:17 p.m.

Lisa R. Jones
Secretary, Board of Regents