

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
July 24, 2014

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Sourk called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. in the Kansas Room of the Memorial Union on the Washburn University campus.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Mr. Hoferer, Mr. McGivern, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Sneed, Mrs. Sourk and Mrs. Trusdale.

III. Election of Board Secretary

It was moved by Regent Sneed and seconded to appoint Marc Fried, University Counsel, as Secretary to the Board. Motion passed.

IV. FY 2015 Public Budget Hearing

Chairperson Sourk declared the Public Budget Hearing open. No members of the public had given notice to speak at the hearing. Chairperson Sourk asked if anyone present wished to speak and none came forward. The Board moved and seconded a motion to approve the public budget. The motion passed and Chairperson Sourk declared the Public Budget Hearing closed.

V. Approval of Minutes of the June 12, 2014 meeting

It was moved by Regent Moran and seconded to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

VI. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

Chairperson Sourk thanked Regent Sneed for his service as chair this past year. She said the meeting schedule will be an action item later.

Chairperson Sourk presented committee appointments, saying she has contacted Regents and all have agreed to serve. Budget/Finance – Regent McGivern, chair, and Regents Sneed and Trusdale; Audit – Regent Hoferer, chair, and Regents

Wolgast and Parks; Nominating – Regent Sourk, chair, and Regents Sneed and McGivern; Presidential Assessment - Regent Parks, chair, and Regents Sourk and Trusdale; and the Washburn Institute of Technology Liaison, Regent Hoferer. It was moved by Regent Hoferer and seconded to approve the committee appointments. Motion passed.

B. President’s Report

President Farley reported the Kansas Humanities Council awarded a grant in the amount of \$8,736 to the Mulvane Art Museum for educational programming relating to “Drift and Drag”, an exhibition and series on water flow issues in Kansas.

Dr. Farley said the Dean of the Law School is out of town with the Kansas Women’s Attorney’s Association, but reported the Washburn University School of Law was ranked Number 6 on a list by *prelaw* and *the National Jurist* magazines of the top law schools that improved their graduate employment rate by ten percent or more during the past two years.

Regent Hoferer noted the School of Law also ranked 35th for preparing students to practice.

President Farley reported Dr. Marian Jamison said the School of Nursing applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$557,000 to train full-time and part-time students who wish to be nurse practitioners.

Dr. Farley said this weekend a mascot boot camp is being conducted on campus. This will be the third time in the last four years. A nationally known person typically leads the program. He said we have been getting many press inquiries to watch, but this is not permitted until the last day to preserve each individual’s identity because participants are not in mascot garb until the last day.

President Farley said Move-In day is August 14. He said classes start the following Monday, and that we are still doing new student orientations.

C. Committee Report(s)

There were no committee reports.

D. Treasurer’s Report

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson reported **1. Liquidated Claims Approval – May 2014** and **2 Liquidated Claims Approval – June 2014.**

Regent Moran questioned the June check register entry for \$22,000 to “Gale.” Vice President Anderson will research and get back to the Regents.

VII. 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. Faculty/Staff Personnel Actions

Gerald Bayens as Associate Dean in the School of Applied Studies at an annual salary of \$110,333 effective July 1, 2014; Phyllis Berry as Interim Chair of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies/Professor at an annual salary of \$68,750 effective August 1, 2014; Matt Arterburn, position change to Assistant Dean, College of Arts & Sciences at an annual salary of \$70,993 effective August 1, 2014; Kathy Ure, title change to Mobile Health Clinic Director/Lecturer of Nursing at an annual salary of \$68,613 effective August 1, 2014; James Barraclough, title change to Director of Undergraduate Initiatives/Student Success Lecturer at an annual salary of \$46,500 effective August 1, 2014; Nancy Maxwell, Professor of Law, phased retirement at .5 FTE for one year effective August 1, 2014; hire Amy White for FY 2015 as Simulation Coordinator/Lecturer of Nursing at an annual salary of \$55,000; hire Anne Fredrickson for FY 2015 as Lecturer of Nursing at an annual salary of \$72,098; hire Linda Merillat for FY 2015 as Educational Instructional Design/Lecturer of Nursing at an annual salary of \$68,500; hire Amy Memmer for FY 2015 as Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies at an annual salary of \$57,000; hire Melanie Worsley for FY 2015 as Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies at an annual salary of \$53,000; hire Whitney Walter for FY 2015 as PTA Clinical Coordinator/Lecturer of Allied Health at an annual salary of \$62,500; recruit new position Marketing Coordinator in Small Business Development Center; recruit new position Technical Instructor-Mathematics-Perkins Leadership Grant at Washburn Institute of Technology at an annual salary of \$45,000 effective August 1, 2014; and,

2. Eminentes Universitatis

award designation of Eminentes Universitatis to Janice Bennett, Ronnie Collins, Jeanne Dodge, Sue Jarchow, Bob Kaberline, Deborah Moore and Jane Stewart.

B. Action Items

1. Proposed Washburn University Board of Regents' Meeting Dates for 2014-2015

It was moved by Regent Parks and seconded to approve the Board of Regents' meeting dates for 2014-2015 as outlined in the agenda item. Motion passed.

2. Policies

a. Agilent 7890-5977 GC and GC/MS Systems for Washburn University Forensic Chemical Science Program

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Randy Pembroke, explained that an Agilent is a microscope that keeps our equipment consistent with KBI equipment which will aid our students in working with KBI staff and should improve opportunities for employment after graduation. It was moved by Regent Sneed and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

b. Change in Faculty Handbook Language Regarding the Probationary Period and Early Petitions for Tenure

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Randy Pembroke, presented the item, saying there are two points as part of the ongoing revisions to the faculty handbook. The first deals with confusion of length of probationary period to create a uniform probationary period of six years and at least three years at Washburn. The second clarifies if a person has been teaching for a period of time and allows them to apply before the six year probationary period. It still requires at least three years at Washburn. This needs the approval of the chair and dean. It was moved by Regent Moran and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

C. Information Item(s)

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

Award of contracts to: Regents Flooring Company, Lenexa, KS, in the amount of \$32,600 to replace rubber flooring in the Student Recreation & Wellness Center; Designed Business Interiors, Topeka, in the amount of \$45,335 for installation of glass wall enclosure area at Mabee Library; Latimer Sommers & Associates, Topeka, in the amount of \$28,600 for electrical engineering services primary electrical distribution system study; and, Jock's Nitch Sporting Goods, Topeka, in the amount of \$26,593 for football uniforms, shoes and accessories for the Athletic Department.

2. Heartland Visioning

Dr. Farley introduced John Hunter, executive director of Heartland Visioning, who made a presentation. Mr. Hunter thanked Washburn University for its continued financial support and Dr. Farley's leadership and vision.

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, responded to the earlier question from Regent Moran about the debit check entry for “Gale.” Vice President Anderson explained that “Gale” is an electronic research tool for the Law Library.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Marc B. Fried
Secretary, Board of Regents