

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
July 27, 2017

I. Call to Order

Chairperson McGivern called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. in the Kansas Room of the Memorial Union on the Washburn University campus.

Before roll call, the Board Chair recognized Marshall Meek as the new President of the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Mr. Beck, Mr. Boles, Mr. Hoferer, e Mr. McGivern, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Sneed, Mrs. Sourk, Mrs. Van Etten and Mr. Wolgast.

III. FY 2018 Public Budget Hearing

The Board Chair opened the Public Budget Hearing at 4:06 p.m. No one had registered to speak or asked to speak. It was moved by Regent Hoferer and seconded by Regent Parks to close the public hearing. Motion passed. The Public Budget Hearing was closed at 4:07 p.m.

IV. Approval of Minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting

It was moved by Regent Wolgast and seconded by Regent Sneed to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting. Motion passed.

V. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

Chair presented his slate of appointments to the various board committees. Those appointments are as follows:

Nominating Committee: Regents Parks (Chair), Van Etten, Boles and Sourk;
Auditing Committee: Regents Boles (Chair), Sneed, Sourk and Wolgast;
Budget and Finance Committee: Regents Beck (Chair), Hoferer, and Sneed;
Presidential Assessment Committee: Regents Parks (Chair), Beck, Hoferer and Wolgast.

It was moved by Regent Boles and seconded by Regent Sourk to approve the committee appointments. Motion passed.

B. President's Report

President Farley reported on the following:

Athletics – Dr. Farley said beginning August 1, the University and Stormont-Vail Health will begin a new relationship. After reviewing responses to a RFP and further discussions, Stormont-Vail will provide two athletic trainers and a number of orthopedic doctors for athletic teams for both game coverage and follow up.

Washburn Police – President Farley said this is the 20th anniversary of the department becoming full-fledged police department and not just a security force. The officers will be wearing special badges during this coming year to commemorate the event. Additionally for the Washburn police, he said Matt Simpson has been named the new Captain for the Police Department, replacing Chris Enos who was selected to serve as the Director of the Police Department.

Science camp – Dr. Farley reported Washburn hosted 26 junior high students sponsored by the Kansas Transportation Department. The hope is to stimulate interest in STEM education to stimulate the students' interest in attending Washburn University.

President Farley said Washburn is partnering with AT&T, Bartlett & West and Westar for STEM education development. As part of this partnership, Washburn will be hosting a conference on campus October 30 with the keynote speaker being Mae Jemison, the first African American female to travel in space.

David Praisewater, Technical Instructor in Building Technology at Washburn Tech, and coordinator and sponsor for the SkillsUSA program at Washburn Tech and Clayton Tatro, Associate Dean of Instruction at Washburn Tech, introduced Washburn Tech students who participated at the national SkillsUSA competition: Joshua Wilhelm – silver medalist at nationals, Grace Lindman and Barbara Evans. There was also a group of students that won a gold medal in community service but they were unable to attend. In the past ten years, 15 Tech students have served as state officers and one as a national officer for SkillsUSA. Membership this year at Tech was 347 students, with 102 competing in a contest. Students won 89 state medals, 44 gold at the State competition. Everyone at nationals is a State gold medal winner. Washburn Tech finished 10th out of 289 participating institutions at national SkillsUSA. Over 1000 Tech students have participated since 2008.

Dr. Laura Stephenson, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, introduced Dr. Nan Sun, professor in the computer sciences department. Dr. Sun was selected as the IACIS (International Association for Computer Information Systems) 2017 Ben Bauman Award for Excellence recipient for excellence in the field and in the classroom. Dr. Stephenson said this reflects the number of students she has mentored that have won national awards. She has won the best undergraduate research award three times.

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer Jim Martin, subbing for Dean David Sollars, introduced Jerrod Walton who is an accounting student. He completed a summer internship in Kansas City and is the youngest big 4 intern in the history of Washburn. He also won a national scholarship from Price Waterhouse.

C. Committee Report(s)

There were no committee reports.

D. Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report.

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Regent Hoferer and seconded by Regent Boles to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

As approved by action of the Board:

- 1. Liquidated Claims Approval – May 2017**
- 2. Liquidated Claims Approval – June 2017**
- 3. Faculty/Staff Personnel Actions**

Salary increases awarded to: Brock Luke, Defensive Coordinator, to \$65,936; Zachary Watkins, Assistant Coach Defense, to \$64,348; Jeffrey Schwinn, Offensive Coordinator, to \$64,770; Eric Eisenbarth, Offensive Line Coach, to \$56,801; Joshua Osborn, Assistant Coach Offense, to \$42,101; Laron Moore, Assistant Coach Defense, to \$33,651; and, budget line correction for Jia Feng, Lecturer.

B. Actions Items

- 1. Proposed Washburn University Board of Regents' Meeting Dates for 2017-2018**

President Farley said the proposed meeting dates are similar in timing to last year's schedule. The proposed dates were circulated to the regents for comment. It was moved by Regent Sourk and seconded by Regent Sneed to approve the proposed schedule. Motion passed.

- 2. Contracted Services with Pinegar, Smith & Associates, Inc.**

Dr. Farley presented the item, noting that Washburn has used this firm to assist in legislative issues in the state house and in Washington D.C. The firm has a great reputation in the state house. They have worked for us for a number of

years and we have been pleased with their services. There will be no increase from last year's contract fee. It was moved by Regent Hoferer and seconded by Regent Boles to approve the contract with Pinegar, Smith & Associates, Inc, Motion passed.

3. Tennis Complex Scoreboard Project M16010

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer Jim Martin, presented the item. He said in 2015, the Board approved a site study to improve the tennis facility. The next step is to build a concrete wall to support a scoreboard. Funding in part has come from outside sources, including support from Stormont-Vail/Cotton O'Neil. In response to a question about the funding, Mr. Martin advised that this funding is separate from athletic scholarship funding. It was moved by Regent Van Etten and seconded by Regent Beck to approve the contract for the Tennis Complex Scoreboard. Motion passed.

4. Washburn Tech Specialized Training Equipment for Mars Chocolate NA

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer Jim Martin, said this equipment will be on site at Mars. Mars' continued expansion is creating a need for training. Washburn will be reimbursed by Mars and Go Topeka for the equipment and administrative costs. It was moved by Regent Boles and seconded by Regent Parks to approve the purchase of equipment. Motion passed.

C. Information Item(s)

1. Track & Field Update – Cameron Babb

Coach Babb reported on the continued development of the new Cross Country and Track and Field teams.

2. Veterans Efforts – Eric Grospitch

Vice President for Student Life, Dr. Eric Grospitch, reported on the continued efforts of Washburn to support students who are members of the military or family members of military personnel and also to celebrate the accomplishments of military personnel who are also members of the Washburn community, including faculty, staff and alumni.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Marc Fried
Secretary, Board of Regents