

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
March 11, 2011

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Marquardt called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in the North Gallery of the Mulvane Art Museum on the Washburn University campus.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Mr. Bunten, Mr. Lagerberg, Mr. Lykins, Ms. Marquardt, Mr. Moses, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Storey and Mrs. Warren.

III. Approval of Minutes of the January 26, 2011 meeting as mailed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2011 meeting as mailed. Motion passed.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

Chairperson Marquardt reported on her attendance at one of the student forums held on tuition increases and stated it was helpful, noting that she heard several students talk about the reasons why students wanted to come to Washburn. Chairperson Marquardt said that it was a rewarding experience.

B. President's Report

President Farley reported that the legislature is in session and Washburn has participated in testimony before the House Appropriations Education subcommittee and the Senate Ways and Means committee and all has gone well and has been positive so far. He said Washburn is taking a position on, and has suggestions with regard to, certain bills. With regard to the legislative sessions, Dr. Farley said the budget for next year is not resolved nor is the budget for this year, although there is no proposed reduction for higher education in the state for next year. He reported that public broadcasting funding at the state level is essentially eliminated except for outstanding bonds, stating further that Washburn received approximately a quarter of a million dollars for KTWU and that the elimination of state funding will present a challenge.

Dr. Farley reported on the Phi Delta Theta house project and, while there is still much to do, it is moving along quickly and Washburn plans to have a certificate of substantial compliance by Founders Day, April 29, 2011, at which date the ribbon cutting ceremony will be held.

President Farley reported on the design charette for the School of Law, stating there were submissions from three architecture firms. He said the firms will bring their proposals and ideas on renovation of the law school. He stated that after this process is over, he hopes a similar process will begin for Mabee Library and Morgan Hall.

President Farley reported that overall there was a 9% increase for Fall 2010 enrollment, and that spring enrollment numbers show a 4% increase in head count over last spring and just under a 4% increase in credit hours this spring over spring 2010. He said the Kansas Board of Regents no longer reports spring enrollments so there are no comparisons with the other state institutions.

Dr. Farley announced that the competition with Emporia State University at the Washburn/ESU game for canned goods donations was successful and the results were overwhelming.

President Farley said that housing contracts are going out electronically this year and the result is a higher number of returned contracts this year at this time over last year with 59 contracts having now been received, further noting that the desire is to fill the Living Learning Center as data shows those who start there tend to stay at Washburn and graduate.

Regent Klausman arrived 2:13 p.m.

Dr. Farley reported on the status of the basketball season and said he was proud the basketball team is in round 64. He also noted that the debate squad is continuing to do exceptionally well.

Dr. Farley reported on the installation of a coffee area in the library, stating it is similar to what would be found in other libraries and bookstores around the country. The project has been considered for some time and President Farley congratulated Dr. Bearman for the completion of the project.

President Farley also discussed the new advisory committee for Washburn Institute of Technology which includes representation of major employers in Topeka as well as certain other businesses. Washburn Institute of Technology will learn what we are doing well, what we need to amend or change to meet the needs of local business, and what could be done to attract other businesses to town with a qualified workforce.

Dr. Farley announced that student forums to talk about tuition increases and other financial matters were held. He introduced Washburn Student Government Association President, Caley Onek, to discuss the forums.

Ms. Onek reported on the student forums that were held on student tuition. She said that the majority of students were supportive of a modest increase if they could see something tangible with regard to where the money is spent. Most students wanted to keep quality professors and understood the effects of inflation, wanting to keep up with other universities. One suggestion was to use the Angel system to its full potential as there were complaints that many faculty do not post grades online as soon as they are available so that students know where they stand as the semester progresses.

Chairperson Marquardt stated that at her table at the student forum, the students were most interested in retaining quality faculty and were supportive of raises to keep quality faculty but did not mind small increases in class sizes.

Regent Lykins said at his table the students all said they are getting a real quality education and did not mind seeing a small tuition increase but would like to see something tangible such as better use of a grading system such as Angel.

Regent Moses stated he understood the difficulty in getting faculty to all use the grading system, but stated that administrators need to get faculty to make better use of a grading system already in place.

Regent Parks was impressed with the students she met, noting they were complimentary of Washburn, liked the class sizes and quality instructors. She hoped better use could be made of the Angel system.

President Farley asked Cindi Morrison, Director of the Mulvane Art Museum, to take a moment to explain the current exhibits. Ms. Morrison gave a brief presentation of the current exhibits, noting there were record numbers of attendance due to Beatles exhibit.

Dr. Farley discussed items on the consent agenda. Regent Lagerberg asked when the Phi Delta Theta house would be open. Vice President of Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, stated the first year plan was to start leasing in the Fall 2011 semester.

Regent Storey noted the library has a nice new facility and inquired as to the cost. President Farley said Chartwells bore part of the expense and agreed to cover and finance most of the cost if Washburn agreed to add the plumbing and electrical costs for the facility, stating that those expenses not covered by Chartwells will come through next month.

Regent Bunten asked a question regarding the possibility of raising a quarter of a million dollars to replace state funding for KTWU and suggested a possible statutory modification in the property tax and sales tax provisions. It was noted that if federal funding was cut it would have a substantial effect on KTWU as they receive approximately three quarter of a million dollars from federal funds.

C. Committee Report(s)

There were no committee reports.

D. Treasurer's Report

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report: **1. Liquidated Claims Approval – January 2011**, and **2. Liquidated Claims Approval – February 2011**. Motion passed.

After presenting the Treasurer's Report, Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, asked if there were any questions. Regent Storey inquired why the amount set out for the Henderson project that was awarded in October to Kelly Construction was over budget. Mr. Anderson indicated there had been change orders, but he would check on the specifics and get back to the Board.

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. Curricular Changes

- a. **Proposed Associate of Science Degree with a Major in Laboratory Science**
the addition of the Associate of Science Degree with a Major in Laboratory Science;
- b. **Deletion of Section 11 of University Requirements for Associate Degrees**
the deletion of Section 11 of University requirements for Associate Degrees;
- c. **Deletion of KN Health Education and Promotion Concentration**
the deletion of the health Education and Promotion Concentration as a stand-alone Bachelor of Arts Degree Concentration;
- d. **Deletion of BS Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science from Biology (CAS)**
the deletion of the BS degree in Clinical Laboratory Science from Biology;
- e. **Addition of Clinical Laboratory Science major to Bachelor of Health Science Degree in Allied Health (SAS)**
the addition of a Clinical Laboratory Science major to Bachelor of Health Science degree in Allied Health;

2. Personnel

- a. **Faculty/Staff Personnel Actions – L. Florea**
leave of absence without pay to Liviu Florea for the Fall 2011 semester;
- b. **Designation of Dr. Reinhild Janzen as Professor Emeritus**
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- c. **Designation of Dr. Jorge Nobo as Professor Emeritus**
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- d. **Designation of Dr. A. Allan Riveland as Professor Emeritus**
designation of Dr. A. Allan Riveland as Professor Emeritus;
- e. **Designation of Dr. Barbara Bowman as Associate Professor Emeritus**
designation of Dr. Barbara Bowman as Associate Professor Emeritus;
- f. **Designation of Bobbie Anderson as Lecturer Emeritus**
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g. Tenure and Promotion Recommendations

tenure granted to: Susan Bjerke, Biology; Gabriele Lunte, Modern Languages; Leslie Reynard, Communication; Tracy Routsong, Communication; Brian Thomas, Physics & Astronomy; Don Kellogg, Allied Health; Kimberly Harrison, Social Work; James Smith, Social Work; Norma Juma, School of Business; Aida Alaka, School of Law; Jeffrey Jackson, School of Law; promotion awarded to: Stephen Angel (Chemistry) to Professor; Rebecca Meador (Music) to Professor; Mark Peterson (Political Science) to Professor; Sharon Sullivan (Theatre) to Associate Professor; Susan Bjerke (Biology) to Associate Professor; Gabriele Lunte (Modern Languages) Associate Professor; Leslie Reynard (Communication) to Associate Professor; Tracy Routsong (Communication) to Associate Professor; Brian Thomas (Physics) to Associate Professor; Brian Ogawa (Human Services) to Professor; Kimberly Harrison (Social Work) to Associate Professor; James Smith (Social Work) to Professor; Norma Juma (School of Business) to Associate Professor; Aida Alaka (School of Law) to Professor; Jeffrey Jackson (School of Law) to Professor;

h. Eminentes Universitatis

designation of Eminentes Universitatis awarded to David Boose, Vickie Waters and Linda Williams;

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

award of contract to: ANGEL Learning Inc. in the amount of \$69,700 for Learning Management System license renewal; and TouchNet Information Systems in the amount of \$27,184 for maintenance services contract; and,

4. Posthumous Degree – Sarah Madl

award of Bachelor of Integrated Studies degree posthumously to Sarah Madl.

B. Action Item:

1. New Admission Criteria for Incoming Freshmen

Director of Enrollment Management, Richard Liedtke, presented the proposed new admission criteria. President Farley noted it was a weighty and involved issue and that there had been discussions with students; the effort was part of strategic planning; and the issue was discussed at the December Board meeting.

Mr. Liedtke stated that proceeding with the Strategic plan, recruiting, retaining and graduating students is the mission. He discussed the proposed new admissions criteria, stating it is supported with a plan that promotes student success.

Mr. Liedtke introduced Dr. Alan Bearman, Director of Mabee Library, who gave a presentation on the pathways to success on behalf of himself and Dr. Nancy Tate, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. The presentation included a discussion of the First Year Experience committee's nine recommendations to improve the experience for first year students. After the presentation Dr. Bearman asked if there were questions.

Regent Moses asked if the new admission criteria would have affected current athletes negatively. Athletic Director, Loren Ferre, stated that it may have prevented one athlete from enrolling directly in Washburn University.

Dr. Tate discussed the financial implications stating the cost of the first year experience program would be approximately \$160,000, noting that a portion has been proposed in the budget and a portion would not be needed until 2012.

Regent Warren asked about student input in the proposed new admissions criteria. Dr. Bearman indicated there had been student input, that it was positive, and further that students generally stated that all their friends at other universities have a similar program.

With regard to the proposed freshman admissions criteria, President Farley noted that although it is more complex than the Kansas Board of Regents admissions criteria, Washburn believes the proposal will better help define the student and thus the proper placement. He noted there is a significant window as well and that while Washburn has a history of being open to all, this would not change as there will be a window of opportunity for all in one pathway or another.

Questions regarding the bridge program and the various pathways were discussed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal. Motion passed. The new admissions criteria will go into effect Fall 2012.

C. Information Items:

1. Marketing Services

Special Assistant to the President, Dr. Cynthia Hornberger, reported that proposals are being submitted for marketing services to create a more dynamic website.

2. Community Outreach Services

Dr. Rick Ellis presented on the LinC (Learning in the Community) Program. Dr. Ellis discussed its history, starting 15 years ago, and the components of the program, including academic, co-curricular and direct community programs. Dr. Ellis stated he seeks funding sources outside the University and is in the process of writing a TRIO education outreach center grant.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m..

Lisa R. Jones
Secretary to the Board of Regents