

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
May 20, 2011

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Marquardt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Forum Room of the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center on the Washburn University campus.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes of the April 22, 2011 meeting as mailed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2011 meeting as mailed. Motion passed.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

Chairperson Marquardt reported that she was impressed with last Saturday's graduation and was proud of Washburn at the banquet Tuesday night commemorating the 57th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Brown v. Board of Education. Chairperson Marquardt noted that Washburn's presence was prominent during this very impressive event.

B. President's Report

President Farley echoed Chairperson Marquardt's comments on how nice Tuesday's banquet was and how impressed he was with the speech given by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. He also noted that the Attorney General's wife, Sharon, gave an especially impressive and eloquent speech.

President Farley said Washburn will be conducting ten new student orientations, including one for transfer students, noting the new student orientations have been restructured and both students and their parents are on campus for the orientations. President Farley presented the Washburn University 150 Forward Strategic Plan First Year Report, stating that the information includes the 2011 report on the goals approved by the Board showing the progress of the plan. Chairperson Marquardt suggested the Board give comments on the First Year Report at the next Board meeting so members of the Board would have time to review the document.

President Farley reported on legislative activity in recent weeks in which an appropriations bill to reduce Washburn state funding by 50% for a total cut of \$5.5 million passed out of the House Appropriations Committee, stating that although there was strong support in the Senate to restore funding to Washburn it was a difficult and time consuming effort before it was finally restored. He recognized the efforts of the University's lobbyists, John Pinegar and Doug Smith, noting there were multiple visits with Senate and House members and a group was activated to call various legislators to thank them if they voted to restore Washburn's funding, or urge them to vote to restore funding. Dr. Farley recapped the negotiations and processes involved in getting the funding restored in the budget and noted he is confident the Governor will sign the budget.

President Farley also thanked Mr. Pinegar and Mr. Smith for their efforts in assisting Washburn with the legislative liaison work on our behalf. John Pinegar recognized Chairperson Marquardt and said that President Farley did a phenomenal job on working toward restoration of the funding, also thanking Regent Bunten for his assistance.

Regent Lykins commented on the need to continue work to maintain Washburn's state funding and to be prepared for others to attempt to cut Washburn funding next year, likening President Farley to the captain of a ship and to always be prepared for another iceberg.

President Farley also acknowledged the support given to Washburn by Kansas Board of Regents President, Andy Tompkins, and Kip Peterson, Director of Governmental Relations & Communications for the Kansas Board of Regents, who also assisted in the efforts to restore funding.

Chairperson Marquardt recognized the work of the President and Messrs. Pinegar and Smith and thanked them. Regent Moses echoed those comments in recognizing the work of Dr. Farley and said he was disappointed with the Wichita legislator's stance, suggesting Washburn work now to avoid this situation next year. Regent Moses also said he was interested in an assessment from President Farley on whether there was a difference in how we approached the legislature this year since the Governmental Relations position was not filled. President Farley noted Pinegar and Smith have been Washburn's registered lobbyist for 12 years but said that he would provide an assessment as requested.

C. Committee Report(s)

1. Budget/Finance Committee

a. Capital Projects and Equipment from the Debt Retirement and Construction Fund

Regent Warren discussed the committee meeting which was held immediately prior to the Board meeting in which all Board members were present and made a motion to accept the proposal presented by Rick Anderson, Vice President of Administration and Treasurer, at the Budget and Finance committee. Motion passed.

D. Treasurer's Report

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

Rick Anderson, Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, presented the report and answered questions.

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. Total Number of Hours Required for Baccalaureate/Associate Degree effective Fall 2011

change in the required hours for a baccalaureate degree as outlined in the agenda item; and,

2. Faculty/Staff Personnel Actions

hire Royce Kitts as Education Librarian for June 2011 and FY 2012 at an annual salary of \$40,000.

B. Action Items:

Regent Warren noted she would recuse herself from action item 1.d. and Chairperson Marquardt suggested the three first action items be received and voted on at once first.

1. Expenditures over \$50,000

a. Computer Purchases

Rick Anderson, Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, presented this item as the first wave of computer replacements, recommending the company with which Washburn contract be Hewlett Packard, the low bidder.

b. Renovation of Petro Center (PC) Room 150 for New OTA Classroom and Lab (Project #900262)

Rick Anderson, Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, stated this project would be performed during the summer so the classroom is operational and ready to serve students for the fall semester. Mr. Anderson recommended Senne Company as low bidder for work to be done this summer.

c. Carpet Replacement Kuehne Hall and West Hall (Project #900270)

Rick Anderson, Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, noted the carpet in Kuehne and West Halls was last replaced in 1997, and recommended Country Carpet as the low bidder. Regent Moses inquired as to whether the lowest bidder is selected or the best and lowest. Mr. Anderson said that it is the lowest based upon the specifications we provide. Regent Lykins inquired as to why three other companies declined to bid and Mr. Anderson said it was probably due to the timing because we must have all work completed during the summer before fall semester begins.

Chairperson Marquardt moved to approve the recommendations on all three items. Motion was seconded and passed.

d. Washburn University Stoffer Science Hall Hazardous Storage Expansion (Project #M11002)

Regent Warren stated a conflict of interest and recused herself from action on this item.

Rick Anderson, Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, introduced the agenda item, stating it met the State Fire Marshall's recommendation. It was moved and seconded to approve the item. Motion passed with Regent Warren abstaining.

President Farley introduced the new Student Government President, Taylor McGowen. President Farley introduced the new President of Faculty Senate, Steve Angel and Vice-President Bill Roach.

VI. Executive Session

It was moved and seconded to recess to Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter and to reconvene in Open Session for any action; then to return to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter of non-elected personnel. It was moved and seconded to recess to Executive Session at 4:35 p.m. and reconvene not later than 4:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 4:39 p.m. President Farley recommended approval of a request to extend a leave of absence without pay through the Fall 2011 semester for Dr. Robin Bowen. Motion was made and seconded to approve of the request. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to recess to Executive Session at 4:45 for 30 minutes to discuss a personnel matter of non-elected personnel with no further action to be taken and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of discussion.

The Board Reconvened in Open Session. It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Lisa R. Jones
Secretary, Board of Regents