

**WASHBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**Budget and Finance Committee Meeting**  
**May 26, 2011**

Regents Present: Maggie Warren, Chair, Jim Klausman, Jim Lagerberg, Dan Lykins, Christel Marquardt, David Moses (via teleconference), Blanche Parks, Bob Storey

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Maggie Warren, Chair.

1. Minutes of the May 20, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed.
2. Background Material
  - a. President Farley briefly discussed the Enrollment Report, Tuition and Fee Analysis, and Faculty Salary Analysis that are prepared annually.
  - b. Except for Fort Hays State, Washburn's tuition percentage change for the past ten years is lower than any of the Kansas Regents schools.
  - c. Ten years ago faculty salaries at Washburn were almost 12% behind the national average. We had worked our way up to within 5%, however, during the last three years we have fallen to a very disappointing 9-1/2% behind the national average.
3. FY 2012 General Fund Budget
  - a. President Farley and Vice President Anderson gave a summary presentation of the FY 2012 budget. The budget planning process included many discussions with the University Budget Committee, Executive Staff, and Faculty Senate. Also, open forums were held to give students an opportunity to voice their opinions.
  - b. Shea Kirsop, chair of the WSGA Tuition Task Force, and Michael Kitowski, WSGA Vice President, shared their views and the response from the student forums regarding a tuition increase. Mr. Kirsop said the cost of tuition is well worth the value for the extra opportunities afforded at Washburn. He indicated many students at the forums were initially opposed to the idea but after being educated on the reasons for the increase the majority of the students thought it was a good idea. Mr. Kitowski added discussions on a tuition increase should start with a minimum of 5%. He added the first year experience program is a positive step forward and will help with student retention. He said he would hate to lose any of our fantastic faculty due to not being competitive with salaries. Several of the Regents attended the student forums and agreed that most students were not opposed to an increase but that we need to make sure students understand where the money is going.
  - c. A 4% increase in tuition was recommended with no increase being proposed for differential tuition. This increase would mean a \$9 per credit hour increase, resulting in an estimated additional \$1.8 million. An additional 1% increase would result in an additional \$2 per credit hour.
  - d. The tuition increase would not be used for salary increases but a portion would be used to offset the estimated increase in employee health insurance costs. Regent Lykins noted the Kansas Regents schools have been supplementing employee health insurance costs.

- e. It was moved and seconded to recommend to the full Board to approve the proposed FY 2012 budget to include a 4% increase in tuition. Motion carried.
  - f. Washburn Institute of Technology proposed budget, including modest program expansion, was discussed. It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of the Washburn Institute of Technology budget as presented. Motion carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to recommend approval by the full Board of Regents to approve the Capital Projects and Equipment from reserves and State Capital Outlay Funds for Washburn Institute of Technology. Motion carried.
  5. Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.