

**WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
March 14, 2012**

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Klausman called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. in the Forum Room of the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center on the Washburn University campus.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Mr. Klausman, Mr. Moses, Ms. O'Toole, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Sneed and Ms. Sourk.

III. Approval of Minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report.

B. President's Report

President Farley reported the statutory amendment needed to offer the Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree has been authorized by the legislature and signed by the Governor with no negative vote along the path. Dr. Farley reported it is now at the Kansas Board of Regents for administrative review and will be on the Kansas Board of Regents' agenda next month, and will be presented to the Kansas Board of Nursing for approval shortly.

President Farley also reported Jeff Mott, Director of the Leadership Institute, initiated the Leadership challenge a couple of years ago, where teams come from surrounding states to compete on performance in a leadership project. He said after a successful competition last year, the competition has been expanded and will be held at Washburn in late March.

Dr. Farley said students will be coming onto campus later in the year for new student orientations, and reported that new student enrollment is strong for the next academic year.

President Farley said History Day was held at Washburn and over 150 students came to campus in February from across Kansas.

Dr. Farley stated this was the 35th year for the Fukuoka University student exchange program, which has been very successful, noting the Japanese students just went back to Japan after spending approximately eight weeks at Washburn. He said the exchange students hosted an event at the University United Methodist Church in which the students prepared all the food, an event which was well attended with approximately 250 attending.

President Farley introduced Dr. Cindy Hornberger, Special Assistant to the President, to give an update on the website redesign project. She shared the new website is on track to go live May 21st. She said there will be an estimated 2,000 pages to the website when complete, and the team is currently developing a photo and video library at this time working closely with KTWU and ISS resources, along with Jones Huyett. She reported the team is working hard on a virtual tour to emulate the on-campus tour. Dr. Hornberger reported they are in the process of training over seventy people on-campus who are working on content.

President Farley stated part of the sesquicentennial celebration will include a treasure hunt with rewards along the way and a treasure at the end of the hunt. He said Plein Aire: Paint Washburn will be held on campus April 21, 2012, stating artists will be on campus painting throughout the day and observers will be able to watch them.

Additionally, President Farley noted on May 5th a retro baseball event will be held on campus, and Washburn will play Emporia; the teams wearing retro uniforms. He also said in connection with the sesquicentennial there will be three Ichabod miniature bronzes ready in 2013 and a Washburn coffee table book ready by year end 2014.

Dr. Farley also recognized the success and accomplishments of the women's volleyball team, the football team, and both the men's and women's basketball teams in both conference and conference tournament play.

President Farley also reported Washburn will host the Shrine Bowl July 23-27th, 2013.

C. Committee Report(s)

1. Budget/Finance Committee

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

In the absence of Committee Chair Regent Lykins, Vice President for Administration and Treasurer Rick Anderson reported the formal process begins this time of year with capital projects and equipment requests with proposals of funding for the requests. He said capital requests this year are over eight million

dollars and equipment requests total approximately two million dollars. Mr. Anderson reported on the general information provided at the committee meeting on the financial state of the institution, including financial ratios.

Motion to approve the item was made and seconded. Motion passed.

D. Treasurer's Report

1. Liquidated Claims Approval - January 2012

2. Quarterly Report for period ending December 31, 2011

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer Rick Anderson presented the report with year-to-date comparisons for Washburn Institute of Technology and Washburn University.

It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

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. Personnel

a. Tenure and Promotion Recommendations

award of tenure to: Matthew Arterburn, Biology, College of Arts and Sciences; Park Lockwood, Kinesiology, College of Arts and Sciences; Sangyoub Park, Soc/Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences; Mary Pilgram, Communication, College of Arts and Sciences; Sarah Smarsh, English, College of Arts and Sciences; Danny Wade, English, College of Arts and Sciences; Yeqiang Wang, Art, College of Arts and Sciences; Harrison Watts, Criminal Justice, School of Applied Studies; Tonya Kowalski, School of Law; Amy Westbrook, School of Law; and, award of promotion to: Matthew Arterburn, Biology/CAS, to Assoc. Professor; Sam Leung, Chemistry/CAS, to Professor; Park Lockwood, Kinesiology/CAS, to Assoc. Professor; Sanyoub Park, Soc&Anthro/CAS, to Assoc. Professor; Mary Pilgram, Communication/CAS, to Assoc. Professor; Sarah Smarsh, English/CAS, to Assoc. Professor; Cynthia Turk, Psychology/CAS, to Professor; Danny Wade, English/CAS, to Assoc. Professor; Yeqiang Wang, Art/CAS, to Assoc. Professor; Harrison Watts, Criminal Justice/SAS, to Assoc. Professor; Rosemary Walker, School of Business, to Professor; Tonya Kowalski, School of Law, to Professor; Amy Westbrook, School of Law, to Professor;

b. Academic Sabbaticals 2012-2013

academic sabbaticals granted to: Gary Bayens, Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, August 2012 to December 2012; Gabi Lunte, Modern Languages, August 2012 to December 2012; Kanalis Ockree, School of Business, January 2013 to May 2013; Azyz Sharafy, Art, January 2013 to June 2013; Maria Stover, Mass Media, August 2012 to December 2012; Janet Thompson Jackson, School of Law, January 2013 to May 2013.

c. Eminentes Universitatis

award of designation Eminentes Universitatis to Ms. Dee Pierson, Residential Living Office.

d. Designate Dr. Ursula Jander as Associate Professor Emeritus and Ms. Raylene Hinz Penner as Lecturer Emeritus

award of designation Associate Professor Emeritus to Dr. Ursula Jander, and award of designation Lecturer Emeritus to Ms. Raylene Hinz Penner.

2. Shared Leave Program

continuation of the Shared Leave Program with the deletion of the Sunset provision.

B. Action Items

1. Construction Equipment Purchase for Washburn Institute of Technology

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, presented the item explaining two pieces of equipment used every year had been leased but are now proposed for purchase as the cost to lease has become more expensive.

It was moved and seconded to purchase construction equipment. Motion passed.

2. Morgan Hall Summer 2012 HVAC Upgrades - Phase IV

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, said the recommendation is Senne Company for completion of last phase of the Morgan Hall HVAC program. In response to a question from Regent Moses, he stated they are a local company. Regent Sourk asked if the project would result in a loss of investment when Morgan Hall is renovated, to which Mr. Anderson said the project will not interfere with the contemplated renovation except for some of the ductwork that may later need to be reworked. He stated that the major systems will not be altered in the renovation. A motion was made to approve the completion of Phase IV of the upgrade. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.

3. Telephone System Software Upgrade

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, presented the item stating funds have been saved each year for the purpose of upgrading the telephone system. Motion was made and seconded to approve the telephone system software upgrade. Motion passed.

4. Washburn Welcome and Student One Stop Center

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, introduced architects from Gould Evans to present the concept for a transparent and iconic “front door” to the University. He stated the proposed Morgan Hall renovation would be a combination welcome center and student one stop service center that would be a very student focused project designed to recruit and retain students, noting the project is connected to the Washburn strategic plan in the areas of recruitment and retention of students. Gould Evans gave a presentation of the concept for the proposed Washburn Welcome Center.

Regent Klausman asked about parking for the proposed center. The Gould Evans representative discussed the various options for parking for the one stop center. Dr. Farley noted there would be room for parking in front of the building to transact short term business; but the students and their families that would be coming for tours and orientation would be limited to certain days and as such parking in the current parking lot to the east could be set aside for visitor parking on those days.

There was further discussion on the concept of connecting the design to the rest of campus with a possible floor plan which would include an active main floor with student services and a current student center and the second floor for administrative offices.

It was moved by Regent Sneed to begin fundraising efforts for the Morgan Hall welcome center. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.

C. Information Item(s)

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

Award of contract to: Masstech Americas, Inc. in the amount of \$46,773.00 to upgrade KTWU data library; TouchNet Information Systems in the amount of \$25,299.57 for maintenance services renewal; Senne & Company in the amount of \$39,736.00 to upgrade public restroom in Petro Allied Health Center; and, Guilfoyle Roofing in the amount of \$28,458.25 to reroof the President’s residence and garage due to hail damage.

Dr. Farley thanked the Board for action taken on promotions and tenure; and thanked the current Student Government Association President and Vice President for their work this past year, noting this was their last Board meeting.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Lisa R. Jones
Secretary, Board of Regents