

**WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 18, 2012**

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**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Klausman called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in the Kansas Room of the Memorial Union on the Washburn University campus.

**II. Roll Call**

Present were: Mr. Klausman, Mr. Lykins, Mr. McGivern, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Sneed, Ms. Sourk, and Mrs. Trusdale.

**III. FY 2013 Public Budget Hearing**

Chairperson Klausman opened the public budget hearing. As there were no registered speakers, Chairperson Klausman requested any others that wish to speak come forward. As no speakers came forward to speak to the proposed budget, Chairperson Klausman declared the public budget hearing closed.

**IV. Approval of Minutes of the May 1, 2012 meeting.**

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

Regent Buntzen arrived at 4:04 p.m.

**V. Officer Reports**

**A. Chair's Report**

**1. Committee Assignments**

Chairperson Klausman announced Board committee assignments as follows:

Budget and Finance Committee: Regent Sneed (Chair), Regent Lykins, Regent Trusdale and Regent McGivern.

Audit Committee: Regent Sourk (Chair), Regent Parks and Regent Storey.

Presidential Assessment Committee: Regent Parks (Chair), Regent Sneed and Regent Klausman.

Regent Sneed will continue to serve as the Liaison to the Washburn Institute of Technology.

**B. President's Report**

President Farley welcomed new Regent John McGivern. Dr. Farley announced Move-In day will be August 16<sup>th</sup> and Convocation will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012. He said a good class is anticipated for the coming fall semester and that enrollment is on par with last year.

**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 - June 2012**. Motion passed.

**VI. 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. Faculty/Staff Personnel Actions**

Stephen Spyres stepping down as Acting Chair Field Practicum effective August 1, 2012; promote Tonya Kowalski and Amy Westbrook to Professors, School of Law at annual salaries of \$113,005 and \$121,773 respectively; Judith McConnell-Farmer stepping down as Interim Chair, Education; Harrison Watts to serve as Acting Chair, Criminal Justice & Legal Studies for Fall 2012 at an annual salary of \$57,815; Donna LaLonde hired as Interim Chair, Education at an annual salary of \$101,708; Kathy Hunt hired as Interim Director, Teacher Education at an annual salary of \$57,743; Mark Kaufman hired as Chair, Social Work at an annual salary of \$94,800; and, Nancy Tate, Assoc. VPAA, added duties of Interim Dean, School of Applied Studies during Summer 2012.

**B. Action Items**

**1. 2012-2013 Board of Regents Meeting Dates**

Regent Lykins reported a potential conflict with the September Board date. No other conflicts were reported. Motion was made and seconded to approve Board meeting dates for fiscal year 2013. Motion passed.

## **2. Expansion of Wireless Networking for On-campus Housing**

Vice President of Administration and Treasurer Rick Anderson presented the item for approval. Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

## **3. Exclusive Beverage Pouring Rights and Food/Snack Vending Services**

Vice President of Administration and Treasurer Rick Anderson presented the item for approval. Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

## **4. Contracted Services with Pinegar, Smith & Associates, Inc.**

President Farley recommended the approval of a new contract to retain the services of Pinegar, Smith & Associates, Inc. as the governmental relations firm to represent Washburn University in fiscal year 2013. Chairperson Klausman and Regent Sneed announced a conflict of interest and abstained from the vote. Motion was made and seconded to approve the contract with Pinegar, Smith & Associates, Inc. Motion passed.

## **5. New Washburn School of Law Building**

President Farley discussed the national and international recognition of the Washburn University School of Law and the interest in maintaining the excellence of the world class law program at Washburn. Dr. Farley stated the School of Law building is over 50 years old and has been through many changes but reported it no longer meets the current and future needs of the school. Dr. Farley said the recruitment of new faculty and new students is very important to the continued success of the law school, and to recruit those future faculty and students facilities are equally important.

Thomas Romig, Dean of the School of Law, spoke to the space needs of the School of Law and the discussions among students, faculty and alumni of the need for more space that began in 2007. He stated a site visit from the American Bar Association in 2008 raised the issue of space and the next site visit is 2015. He reported a committee was created at the School of Law to discuss the needs and wishes for a new or renovated space and then the Board approved a charette process for determining what the new or renovated space for the School of Law should include.

Regent Parks stated she looks forward to a new state-of-the-art building but raised concerns about the decline in law school admission applications. Dean Romig stated admission applications are in the low part of the cycle and law school applications are down nationally, but there is little space in the School of Law currently to grow as the cycle of admissions returns to higher levels as has been seen in the past. Because of this timing, he said it is the time to begin the process to grow. He also stated the new Centers of Excellence at the School of Law have no dedicated space; and the new

January entrance program is extremely popular which will bring back more students to Washburn University.

Regent Lykins discussed the need of a new School of Law building and stated he believes there is student and alumni support.

Rick Anderson, Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, introduced the proposed financing plan for the new law building. Mr. Anderson introduced a representative from SHW Architectural Group, who gave a presentation of the conceptual design of the proposed new building to house the School of Law.

Dr. Farley discussed the funding mechanism for the proposed new building at the corner of 21<sup>st</sup> and Washburn and stated it would be a landmark for Washburn University and the City of Topeka. The estimated cost for the project he said is \$40 million with \$20 million to be raised through the Washburn University Foundation and the other \$20 million to be financed. There was further discussion on the financing plan and proposed debt.

Regent Sourk asked if there would be an impact on tuition outside of those in the School of Law, to which Dr. Farley said the proposal does not include a tuition increase for those inside or outside the School of Law. There was additional discussion on the timeline for the fundraising and the building phase of the project.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the financing plan and to move forward with fundraising and the continuation of SHW Architectural Group to start preliminary design for the new Washburn Law School Project. Motion passed.

## **6. Campus Master Plan for Washburn University and Washburn Institute of Technology**

Rick Anderson, Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, presented the item. He stated three firms were interviewed and all are very well established and have significant experience in higher education projects. Mr. Anderson recommended hiring Sasaaki, who would be working with Bartlett and West.

Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

### **C. Information Item(s)**

#### **1. Welcome Center Update**

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, presented the new conceptual design for the Morgan Welcome Center.

#### **2. Report of Purchases between \$25,001 and \$50,000**

Chairperson Klausman stated the report was in the materials and asked for questions. There were no questions or comments.

### **3. Strategic Plan Year Two Update**

Chairperson Klausman stated the report was in the materials and asked for questions. There were no questions or comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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Lisa R. Jones  
Secretary, Board of Regents