

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
March 6, 2013

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Sneed called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Kansas Room of the Memorial Union on the Washburn University campus.

II. Roll Call

Present were: *Mr. Klausman, Mr. Sneed, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Lykins, Mrs. Trusdale, Mr. Storey, and Mr. Bunten.

* Participated via teleconference call.

III. Approval of Minutes of the January 30 and February 12, 2013 meetings

It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the January 30 and February 12, 2013 meetings. Motion passed.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report.

B. President's Report

President Farley reported on the success of History Day which was hosted by Washburn for high school students. He also said the Leadership Challenge is hosted by Washburn, in which teams of high school and college students are invited to campus to compete and local companies and executives will also come to campus to review the projects on March 7th and 8th. Dr. Farley invited those interested to participate in International Night which is held in conjunction with the International Club on campus. He said it will be a celebration of the culture of Paraguay this year on Friday, March 8th at the church on 17th street across from campus in which there will be food beginning at 6:00 p.m., noting Washburn has had a long history with the country of Paraguay.

Dr. Farley reported the men's and women's basketball teams are playing in the MIAA tournament in Kansas City this coming weekend, with the women in first seed and the men third seed.

President Farley reported the City Council met Tuesday evening and approved the 17th street project from MacVicar to Washburn Avenue which will include street improvements with the creation of a boulevard towards which Washburn will contribute \$400,000 if approved by the Board at the next meeting. He said the boulevard would have four islands with trees and landscaping, which Washburn would maintain; and that work is scheduled to start in the coming summer, which would limit access to campus temporarily but would ultimately accentuate the entrance to campus and the new Morgan Welcome Center.

President Farley said the Energy Conservation project with Trane has begun and they will soon move onto the next phase of the project, which is heating and air systems, after the lighting phase is complete. He said there is a new webpage on the website which shows what areas will be affected and when as the project goes forward.

Dr. Farley said the Midwest Training Center, which is a project at Washburn Institute of Technology in collaboration with Trane, will have an Open House at the Midwest Training Center for Climate and Energy Control Technologies at Washburn Institute of Technology, with a ribbon cutting ceremony, on March 12, 2013.

Dr. Farley noted there will be a Vision 2022 project committee meeting on March 14 and expressed his hope that all regents could attend.

In addition, Dr. Farley said the Department of Education had a focused visit from NCATE and he was happy to report it went very well. He said the official notification from NCATE will occur next fall.

Regent Lykins commented on the upcoming MIAA tournament games and said that while he is proud of these athletes, he is especially proud they are good students in addition to being great athletes. He said they will go on to do great things.

C. Committee Reports

1. Budget/Finance Committee

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

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, presented the item. He reported the committee met last week and said the capital and equipment priorities and the process for prioritizing were discussed and debated. He asked for questions. Vice Chairperson Sneed said, as chair of the Committee, the vote was unanimous to pass the item to the Board from committee. Regent Trusdale moved to approve and Regent Sneed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

D. Treasurer's Report

Vice President of Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, presented the liquidated claims. He stood for questions. There were no questions.

1. Liquidated Claims Approval – January 2013

A motion was made and seconded to accept the liquidated claims. 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. Faculty/Staff Personnel Actions

hire Michael Gleason, Director of Leadership Institute/Lecturer at an annual salary of \$72,500 effective May 1, 2013;

2. Academic Sabbaticals 2013-2014

offer academic sabbaticals as follows:

August 2013 to January 2014 – John Paul, Sociology/Anthropology and Art;
January 2014 to May 2014 - Gary Baker, School of Business, Norma Juma, School of Business, Nan Sun, Computer Information Sciences, MaryDorsey Wanless, Art, Tonya Kowalski, School of Law;

January 2014 to June 2014 – Paul Byrne, School of Business, Miguel Gonzalez-Abellas, Modern Languages;

3. Designate Dr. Maureen Godman as Associate Professor Emeritus, Dr. James Hoogenakker as Professor Emeritus and Mr. Dean Corwin as Librarian Emeritus

bestow title Associate Professor Emeritus to Dr. Maureen Godman, Professor Emeritus to Dr. James Hoogenakker, and Librarian Emeritus to Mr. Dean Corwin; and,

4. Tenure and Promotion Recommendations

award of tenure to: Sharla Blank, Sociology/Anthropology; Carolyn Carlson, Education; Erin Chamberlain, English; Andrew Herbig, Biology; Gaspar Porta, Mathematics; Jennifer Wagner, Mathematics; MaryDorsey Wanless, Art; Kerry Wynn, History; Liviu Florea, School of Business; Susie Pryor, School of

Business; Rory Bahadur, School of Law; Lori McMillan, School of Law; Jeanne Catanzaro, School of Nursing; promotion awarded to: Alan Bearman, History; Carolyn Carlson, Education; Tom Morgan, Music; Kim Morse, History; Gaspar Porta, Mathematics; Shaun Schmidt, Chemistry; Azyz Sharafy, Art; Ann Marie Snook, Music; Lee Snook, Music; Jennifer Wagner, Mathematics; MaryDorsey Wanless, Art; Kerry Wynn, History; Bassima Schbley, Social Work; Liviu Florea, School of Business; Susie Pryor, School of Business; Rory Bahadur, School of Law; and Lori McMillan, School of Law.

B. Action Items

1. Stoffer Science Hall Roof Replacement – Project #900275

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, presented the item. He explained the hail storm that came through the campus a couple of years ago did extensive damage but that he reached a partial settlement with the insurance carrier which will pay over \$1.6 million for campus-wide roof replacements with the understanding that, as roofs are replaced, the remainder of the claims will be submitted and paid in full for a total of approximately \$2 million. He said this project is the initial roof to be replaced as the older portion of the roof needs to be repaired as soon as possible. He said the campus-wide roof replacements will be spread over two years because there are not sufficient roofers in this area to repair all roofs on this type of property to the quality specifications required within a shorter period of time.

Regent Lykins asked why there are sometimes no bids to which Rick Anderson answered he solicits bids from more than three vendors but some are too busy for the time frame requested and choose not to bid depending on timing and where their resources are spread. Regent Lykins asked if left with only two bidders if an expert is consulted. Mr. Anderson said the facilities personnel have a good understanding of the reasonableness of a bid and on those vendors that can handle a large project like this, and answered that no outside expert is consulted.

Regent Sourk arrived at 4:19 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

2. Purchase of Mobile Classroom/Transport Trailer Unit for Washburn Institute of Technology Advanced Systems Technology Program

Regent Trusdale recused herself from voting on this item for reasons of conflict. Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, presented the item and explained that bidders must be able to provide the required specifications that would allow the Advanced Systems Technology trailer to be moved throughout the state for the Trac-7 grant.

A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed with Regent Trusdale abstaining.

3. Washburn Institute of Technology Jobs & Innovative Industry Skills Training Equipment Purchase

Rick Anderson, Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, presented the item and the climate control program equipment purchase.

Regent Storey complimented Washburn Institute of Technology and all that has been accomplished in the last couple of years.

A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

C. Information Item(s)

1. Proposal for Creation of School of Law Center

Dean of the School of Law, Tom Romig, discussed the Centers of Excellence at the School of Law. He said there are currently four Centers of Excellence, with the Center for Law and Government being the most recently created Center about four years ago. He said the Centers have been very productive at bringing in speakers to the School or connecting students with those in certain areas of expertise. Dean Romig added that the Centers have been a great way to recruit students because when students know about the Centers and are interested in practicing in one of the specific areas, they choose Washburn. He added that Washburn School of Law has had numerous students over the years come to Washburn because of the expertise Professor David Pierce lends to the oil and gas law area. He said the faculty voted unanimously that the School of Law should have a Center of Excellence in oil and gas law because this is an area the School of Law has been doing well for a very long time. He introduced Professor David Pierce to discuss the item.

Professor David Pierce of the School of Law said he has been involved in this area of law for over twenty years and that the School of Law has been graduating numerous lawyers focusing in this area. He also said he has seen other schools aggressively marketing programs in this area with much less substance than what the Washburn School of Law has to offer.

Regent Storey said that with all the attention fracking drilling has received in this area, this program is really needed.

2. Mabee Library Presentation

Dean of Libraries, Professor Alan Bearman, gave the presentation on the Mabee Library. He said information literacy is the top priority of the library. Dr. Bearman discussed the changes the library has gone through since 2007, which included a large shift from books to more electronic resources. He said what sets Washburn apart from other libraries is the shift from merely disseminating

books and information to teaching students to become information literate. Dr. Bearman noted that in doing so, the numbers of library usage have more than doubled in 4 years.

Regent Parks asked if there have been services surveys provided to the students on the library to which Dr. Bearman said yes, explaining the students were very happy to see the coffee shop installed but still would like to have even more extended hours at the library.

Regent Storey left at 4:51 p.m.

Regent Sourk commented that she thought it was fabulous the direction Mabee Library has been moving and complimented Dr. Bearman on including the University community in his initiatives.

3. Academic Outreach Presentation

Dr. Tim Peterson, Dean of Academic Outreach, gave a presentation on Academic Outreach and included a discussion of online education which he said has increased substantially. He also made special note of the recently added Leadership Washburn program and the benefits some of the graduates have gained from the program. Dr. Peterson discussed the Concurrent Enrollment program and said it has been shown concurrent enrollment students do better in college and are retained at a higher rate than those that do not complete concurrent enrollment courses during high school.

The meeting was adjourned 5:17 p.m.

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Lisa R. Jones
Secretary, Board of Regents