

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
June 13, 2013

Regents Present: *Bill Sneed, *John McGivern, *Pamela Trusdale, Jim Klausman, Jennifer Sourk

* Participated via teleconference call.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Bill Sneed, Chair.

1. Minutes of the May 20, 2013 meeting were approved as distributed.
2. FY 2014 General Fund Budget

President Farley and Vice President Anderson reviewed the budget, tuition, and salary program planning assumptions, targeting where Washburn tuition stands compared with the national and Midwest averages, as well as our position relative to the six Kansas regents schools.

President Farley noted that the disparate funding of the State regents schools resulted in a wide range of tuition increases. Most of the regents schools are looking at some kind of a salary program around 2%. With the 1.5% decrease in State aid substantial budget reductions were necessary. The administration is working to make the reductions have the least possible effect on students. Strategic reductions in faculty and staff positions are being done when possible as positions become vacant. President Farley said a good job is being done to increase our market share of both new and transfer students.

A tuition increase of 4.89%, which is an \$11 per credit hour increase for resident undergraduates, was recommended. A 1.8% salary increase program was proposed to be effective this fall along with a .2% pool for targeted market merit increase.

It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of the FY 2014 Washburn University general fund budget assumptions as presented. Motion carried.

State appropriations for Washburn Tech, as well as the other tech campuses and community colleges did not receive a budget cut this year. Washburn Tech is substantially behind in tuition rates compared to the other technical schools. A 10.3% rate increase for post-secondary tuition and fees is recommended, increasing the rate from \$87 to \$96 per credit hour. The same salary program is proposed for Washburn Tech.

It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of the FY 2014 Washburn Institute of Technology general fund budget assumptions as presented. Motion carried.

Regent Sneed reiterated his desire to increase resources available in the targeted merit/market pool to improve retention and remain competitive with other institutions.

3. Financing for Trane (ESCO) Performance Contract

Vice President Anderson discussed the finance options for the energy contract and the recommendation to fund the debt service on \$10,000,000 through a US Bank lease/purchase at an interest rate of 2.236% for a 15-year term.

It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of awarding the financing of the comprehensive energy performance contract to US Bank. Motion carried.

4. Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.