

**WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
MINUTES  
December 6, 2013**

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**I. Call to Order**

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. Hoferer\*, Mr. Klausman, Mr. McGivern, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Sneed, Mrs. Sourk, Mrs. Trusdale and Mr. Wolgast.

\* Participated via telephone conference call.

**III. Approval of Minutes of the October 31, 2013 meeting**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the October 31, 2013 meeting. Motion passed.

**IV. Officer Reports**

**A. Chair's Report**

Chairperson Sneed reported that he removed himself from the Budget and Finance Committee and placed Mrs. Moran on the Budget and Finance Committee. He noted that Cynthia Hornberger's and Blanche Parks' photo was in an AGB magazine.

Chairperson Sneed said this was Lisa Jones' last Board meeting, and thanked her for her service to the Board.

**B. President's Report**

President Farley reported students are in finals time and encouraged all who can to attend the graduation ceremonies.

Dr. Farley said Senior Day held on campus in early November was very successful.

President Farley said the School of Business hosted lecture speaker Ernie Goss at a breakfast Thursday, December 5, and it was very well attended.

He also reported Senator Pat Roberts visited the campus on Wednesday, December 4. He said several students were invited and Senator Roberts asked students for their questions and engaged them in a robust discussion.

Dr. Farley said there were over 200 people in attendance at the annual Bell Tower Lighting Ceremony.

He reported he made a presentation to the Shawnee County Legislative Delegation earlier in the week and said it went well.

Dr. Farley reported on the progress of the KBI building project. He said Washburn and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation engaged the assistance of the Topeka Public Building Commission, who then hired architects, bond counsel, legal counsel, and a financial advisor. The bonds were sold in early November and closed just before Thanksgiving. He reported the interest rate was 3.87% which was a very good rate which will reduce state's cost in rent overall.

Dr. Farley said the new scoreboards for baseball and softball are in and will be soon installed.

Additionally, Dr. Farley reported that Student Services had a very nice ceremony on Veteran's day.

## **C. Committee Report(s)**

### **1. Audit Committee**

Regent Sourk, Chair of the Audit Committee, stated the committee met at 3:00 p.m. shortly before the Board meeting. She said they were pleased to report there were no significant findings in the report and that the committee unanimously voted to recommend the approval of the report. Tim Hall of RubinBrown LLP, account manager for Washburn University, briefly spoke and stood for questions of the Board. Dr. Farley noted that the report was the result of not only the audit team but also several dedicated employees that worked very hard and he stated he appreciated their dedication.

Regent Sourk made a motion to approve the report. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

## **D. Treasurer's Report**

### **1. Liquidated Claims Approval – October 2013**

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, presented the item and stood for questions. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

As approved by action of the Board:

## **1. Faculty/Staff Personnel**

recruit new position Lead Technical Instructor, Diesel at Washburn Institute of Technology; and, recommendation to approve hire of Pat Munzer as Dean of the School of Applied Studies.

## **B. Action Items**

### **1. Academic Programs**

#### **a. New Associate of Liberal Studies Degree**

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Randy Pembrook, presented the item. He explained how the new degree would provide credentials to students who have earned it while they may not have completed a current degree. Regent Trusdale asked if it would make it easier for students to come back and earn their Bachelor's degree. Dr. Pembrook said that while it might not make it easier, it may be motivating to students to return to finish a bachelor degree when they see they have completed a degree credential.

Regent Wolgast asked for clarity on the number of associate degrees awarded overall. Dr. Pembrook responded explaining the additional numbers that will go into the completion rates. He said this would improve the completion numbers for certain cohorts. Dr. Farley added that the Kansas Board of Regents has established a goal to add to the numbers of persons in Kansas (52% currently) to have a college degree. Dr. Farley said it is also good for the students because it may assist them in getting a better job by having a credential. He said some students may not finish here but transfer elsewhere and in that case we might be able to reverse transfer credits to complete their Associate of Liberal Studies degree at Washburn University.

It was moved and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

#### **b. New Minor in Film and Video**

Dr. Randy Pembrook, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the item for approval. No questions. It was moved and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

#### **c. New Washburn Legal Scholars 3.5 + 3 Program**

Dr. Randy Pembrook, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the item. Dean Romig explained that marketing this program would be done at the undergraduate level and would be a small number of people because the students must have high credentials and the hope is that these students would feed into the January start program. Mrs. Parks asked about the financial impact of the loss of one semester of undergraduate tuition. Dr. Pembrook said the number of those qualifying for the program is anticipated to be so small as to result in minimal lost tuition, and also noted the program may attract additional students. It was moved and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

**d. Delete Minor in Kinesiology**

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Randy Pembroke, presented the item. It was moved and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

**2. Washburn Welcome and Student One-Stop Center**

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Mr. Rick Anderson, presented the item. No questions were asked. Motion made and seconded to approve the low bidder, McPherson Contractors, Topeka, Kansas. Motion passed.

**C. Information Item(s)**

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

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, Rick Anderson, presented the item. There were no questions.

**2. Proposal for Creation of a New School of Law Center**

Dr. Randy Pembroke, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the item. A motion was made and seconded to approve the creation of the new center. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

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Lisa R. Jones  
Secretary, Board of Regents