

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
December 14, 2016

I. Call to Order

Chairperson McGivern called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Kansas Room of the Memorial Union on the Washburn University campus.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Mr. Beck, Mr. Boles, Mr. Hoferer, Mr. McGivern, Mrs. Parks, and Mr. Sneed. Mrs. Sourk, Mrs. Van Etten and Mr. Wolgast were not present

III. Approval of Minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting

It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting. There were no changes so minutes are accepted as written.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

Chairperson McGivern encouraged Board members and others in the audience to attend commencement ceremonies this weekend for Washburn University and Washburn Tech as it is an important day for the students.

Regent McGivern said he attended the Mineral Water Bowl. It was good to see so many alumni present. Unfortunately we lost, but was a good experience for the team and the players.

B. President's Report

President Farley reported that Jack Van Dam was awarded a fellowship to attend the National Resource Center for First Year Experience in Georgia; one of a very few students from across the country awarded this fellowship. The First Year Experience program here at Washburn has helped us to improve our retention rates from freshman to sophomore year.

Dr. Farley said Gary Handy received the 2016 Career Services Member of the Year Award from the Kansas Association of Colleges and Employers (KACE). Gary has been involved in drafting their bylaws and working to make the organization a sustainable entity. Gary is our Assistant Director of Career Services.

He also said that Madison Silva, Austin Dodds, Dustin Plankey and Alexis Yelland are four of our students who won the Kansas Athletic Trainers Symposium quiz bowl, supported by John Burns, professor for athletic training. The team will get to travel to Omaha to compete in Regional competition in March. A team from Washburn also won last year's State quiz bowl.

Dr. Farley reported on happenings around campus --

in the College of Arts and Sciences:

-- Last Sunday, the Holiday Vespers concert was held. In the previous six years, KTWU has won three emmys for its production of the show. There was an overflow crowd at the concert. Dean Laura Stephenson was asked to pass along congratulations to the Music Department.

-- Sharon Sullivan, Professor in the Theatre Department and Chairperson of the Women's and Gender Studies program received the Paul Harris Award from Downtown Rotary for her work in advocating for women's rights in the community.

-- The debate team earned the "sweepstakes" champion at a recent tournament hosted by Colorado College.

-- The Communications Department held their Speak off competition for the fall 2016 semester. The program helps students develop their public speaking skills.

in the School of Applied Studies:

-- Pat Dahl, Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, will be conducting an eight week reading and writing competency program for prisoners at Lansing Correctional Facility in the Spring 2017 semester.

-- Criminal Justice students Even Hermesch and Kristen Stinnett were featured in the Topeka Capital-Journal for their volunteer work as academic mentors at the Oakland Community Center as part of the Washburn University Literary Education Action Project.

in the School of Law:

The law school celebrated Pro Bono Week last week by selling ties, long orange ties.

and at Washburn Tech:

Washburn Tech has had a long running relationship with St. Francis Health and the St. Francis Health Foundation. The Foundation made a contribution of \$330,000 for the simulation lab. The lab is a cooperative program among Washburn Tech, the School of Nursing and the School of Applied Studies. St. Francis Foundation's contribution is the largest corporate donation this year. Their contribution will help make a difference for students and patients in Topeka and Shawnee County.

Washburn Tech continued its Recycled Rides program, providing another vehicle in December to a local citizen in need of transportation.

President Farley said the Ichabod Success Institute held last summer today was named by a national publication as one of eight programs recognized as a Model of Excellence. Their efforts have helped students transition into post-secondary studies and also helps with retention of those students past their first year.

C. Committee Report(s)

1. Audit Committee

Committee Chairman Beck reported. He said there was good discussion with the auditors who are giving a clean, unmodified report. It was moved by Regent Sneed and seconded by Regent Boles to accept the report. Motion passed.

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Regent Hoferer and seconded by Regent Parks to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

As approved by action of the Board:

1. Faculty/Staff Personnel Actions

New position, Manager, Mechanical and Operations Systems at an annual salary of \$31,000; and Leave of Absence for Spring 2017 for Jennifer Wagner, Associate Professor of Mathematics; and,

2. Liquidated Claims Approval – October 2016

Claims processed for October, 2016.

B. Action Items

1. Resolution for Authorization of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool Transactions

Interim Vice President for Administration and Treasurer Jim Martin presented the item. Washburn has just over \$400,000 invested. This seeks to update the signature cards like a checking account to control transfers. Signatories would be Jim Martin, Ray Hauke and Rhonda Thornburg. It was moved by Regent Parks and seconded by Regent Boles to approve authorization for the signatories. The motion was approved.

2. General Education Development Admission Criteria

Executive Director for Enrollment Management Richard Liedtke presented the item. He said this matter does not change the requirements for admission for persons who have taken the GED, but the American Council on Education has new standards and this just fits their standards into our existing admission criteria. This is for students who did not receive a high school diploma. It was moved by Regent Beck and seconded by Regent Sourk to approve the changes in the criteria. The motion was approved.

C. Information Item(s)

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

A suggestion was made that the airline purchases have no detail and request that more detail be provided for that accumulated amount.

There was a question about the nursing trip to Costa Rica. Will get information and send a note to the Board.

2. STEM Education and Outreach – Dr. Cherry Steffen

3. Math Day Event – Dr. Jennifer Wagner

VI. Executive Session

It was motion by Regent McGivern and seconded by Regent Sneed to recess to executive session and to return to open session 6:15 p.m. Motion approved. The Board recessed into executive session at 5:55 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:15 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

/s/

Marc Fried
Secretary, Board of Regents