

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
February 2, 2017

I. Call to Order

Chairperson McGivern called the meeting to order at 4:05 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, Mr. Sneed, Mrs. Sourk, Mrs. Van Etten and Mr. Wolgast.

* Regent Hoferer participated via teleconference.

III. Approval of Minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting

It was moved by Regent Sourk and seconded by Regent Boles to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting. Motion passed.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report. Chairperson McGivern thanked the Washburn community for their support during the passing of his niece.

B. President's Report

President Farley said the Lincoln Lecture was last night.

Dr. Farley said that tomorrow and Monday is our Founder's Day celebration, which celebrates the founding of Lincoln College in 1865.

President Farley said tonight the Washburn women's and men's basketball teams play. He said Coach Chipman earned his 800th win on January 14th, and Coach McHenry earned his 400th win the week before.

Dr. Farley said that Washburn lawyers can be sworn in at the Supreme Court in Washington, D. C. It's a grand ceremony with strict rules to be in the audience and this will be coming up in a couple of weeks. He said Regents Hoferer and Sneed, and Regent Van Etten's husband have been sworn in.

He said this Saturday is the Boy Scout Merit Badge challenge being held on campus. They've held this event many years on campus, Dr. Keith Mazachek organizes this event from the Washburn side and Dr. Farley teaches a session.

President Farley said the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has approved our Masters in Communication Leadership and Washburn Tech's Cosmetology program. He said the last step needed for the Cosmetology program is Department of Education approval, then we can advertise widely and begin offering financial aid.

Dr. Farley said Higher Ed Day at the Statehouse was January 19th. He said Washburn was well represented. Washburn Tech had one of their patient mannequins and a front loader on display.

President Farley said February 16 Washburn Tech will hold their Letter of Intent Signing Day. He said this event has gained national attention, and it's a great event, making students feel special.

Dr. Farley reported on the Washburn University Foundation Impact Program, saying there are various programs and ideas found on the Foundation website where you can make a donation to support specific programs. He said this is on the front edge in doing this across the country, very innovative.

President Farley talked about the University's and City's desire to offer education programming on the East side of Topeka. He said he will present to the Joint Economic Development Organization (JEDO) next week about creating a learning center in East Topeka. The proposal is for Go Topeka to purchase the property, demolish some buildings, build a new one, and give Washburn three years of money for start-up costs for Washburn Tech to start programs: Commercial Driver's License (CDL), which should be a very popular program with good salaries; technical/building trades, GED program; and, nursing. We are committed and will be as long as people want us there.

Dr. Farley reported a coordinated joint dinner with the Kansas Board of Regents (KBoR) will be held February 15th in the Morgan Hall Welcome Center to discuss successes and things to do in the future.

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Regent Beck and seconded by Regent Parks to approve the Consent Agenda. Regent Sneed abstained from voting on items as he'd not had an opportunity to review materials. Motion passed.

As approved by action of the Board:

1. Faculty/Staff Personnel Actions

Dina Bennett, Associate Director, Mulvane Art Museum, to move from .5 to 1.0 FTE effective February 6, 2017 with an increase in salary of \$25,476; one-year phased

retirement granted to Professor Kathy Menzie beginning August 2017; increase annual salary of Kimberly Daugherty, Adult Education Instruction at Washburn Tech from \$30,000 to \$35,000;

2. Emeriti Faculty

Professor Emeritus status granted to: Tom Averill, English; Frank Chorba, Mass Media; Iris Craver, Human Services; Barry Crawford, Religious Studies; Russ Jacobs, Philosophy; Diane McMillen, Human Services; Paul Prece, Theater; Tom Schmiedeler, Geography; Curtis Waugh, School of Law;
Associate Professor Emeritus status to: Penelope Weiner, Theater;
Lecturer Emeritus status to: Bill Gahnstrom, Mathematics & Statistics;
Librarian Emeritus status to: Nancy Gray, School of Law Library; David Winchester, Mabee Library;

3. Academic Sabbaticals 2017-2018

Academic Sabbaticals granted to: Bob Beatty, Political Science, August-December 2017; Rachel Goossen, History, August-December 2017; Kim Morse, History, January-June 2018; Mary Sundal, Sociology & Anthropology, August-December 2017; Brian Thomas, Physics & Astronomy, August-December 2017; Kimberly Harrison, Social Work, August-December 2017; Aida Alaka, School of Law, July 2017-June 2018; David Pierce, School of Law, August 2017-June 2018; David Rubenstein, School of Law, January-June 2018; Crystal Stevens, School of Nursing, January-June 2018;

4. Honorary Degree Candidates

Honorary Degrees granted to: Ben Coates, College of Arts & Sciences, Doctor of Public Service; B. Kent Garlinghouse, School of Business, Doctor of Humane Letters; Kerry E. McQueen, School of Law, Doctor of Law; Grace Sawyer Jones, School of Applied Studies, Doctor of Humane Letters;

5. Eminentes Universitatis

Eminentes Universitatis status granted to: Mary Allen, Peter Bonnell, Alan Doolittle, Judy Liesmann, Marsha Madl; Becky Shaffer, Karen Simpson, Delene VanSickel, Lyle Waring and Alan Whitford.

6. Liquidated Claims Approval – November 2016

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B. Action Items

Interim Vice President for Administration and Acting Treasurer, Jim Martin, introduced Jim Tagliareni, new Chief Information Officer

1. Forensic Science Program Equipment

Interim Vice President for Administration and Acting Treasurer, Jim Martin, presented the item. Regent Parks asked to hear about the equipment being approved. John Mullican, Chair and Professor of Biology, said this will outfit the teaching labs, with expenses spread out over three years. Regent Boles asked if these expenses were planned. Dr. Mullican said yes. Dr. Mullican said the equipment will arrive mid-March, so he can move over to the KBI building from Stoffer. He invited Regents to come for another tour then.

It was moved by Regent Van Etten and seconded by Regent Parks to approve the purchase. Motion passed with Regent Sneed abstaining.

2. Concealed Weapons Policy

Director of University Police, Captain Chris Enos, presented the item. He said University Counsel Marc Fried chaired the committee to develop University policy and held campus open forums to discuss the draft document. The committee considered language from KBoR policy, as well as other institutions. He said the committee sent the final version to President Farley and Executive Staff.

The current policy restricts all firearms on campus and this restriction will remain in effect until June 30th. The proposed policy will allow possession of concealed firearms in campus buildings by people 21 years and older as required by law. The policy grants authority to the administration to enact regulations and procedures to implement the policy. The policy requires the firearm to be concealed unless it is being transferred to an approved storage area or being lawfully used for self-defense. The proposed regulations will contain language that restricts where concealed weapons may be stored, that weapons cannot be left overnight, how they should be carried, and situations where temporary restrictions may be set up in certain buildings. He said the next step is educating the campus community on the policy and regulations.

Regent Beck asked why the Regents hadn't gotten any information on procedures. President Farley said the Regents can look at them at any time. Regent Beck said that in his view, the policy conforms to state law. Regent Boles asked about the state of proposed changes to the law. Captain Enos explained that the exemption is set to expire June 30.

Chair McGivern wanted to know if Mr. Enos is in favor of the law. Captain Enos said there's always the potential for accidents when there are more guns but said the law is the law.

Regent Sourk asked what the financial implications are, saying the Board approved some enhancements last year. Captain Enos said at this point we do not anticipate additional funding will be needed. We would look to outside vendors if we want temporary adequate security measures. We plan to train in-house and have done some education already and have done open forums.

Regent Beck asked the insurance impact. Insurance Manager Dorothy Hedman said we don't anticipate any problems since all educational institutions will have to comply. Our current carrier plans to renew coverage in October.

Regent Wolgast asked about outdoor events. Captain Enos said the difference is concealed weapons are allowed both inside and outside buildings but open carry is only allowed outside.

Chair McGivern asked what impact this might have on enrollment. President Farley said the police officers and student life don't support concealed carry. Most students don't support it and some students may think twice where we have open carry. Statistics on students who say they won't come to a state with open carry have not been tracked and we don't know how we would determine this information. Dr. Farley said we have a very safe campus: trained law enforcement, surveillance cameras, emergency notification system, and less than a two minute response time for officers. We are working with these new requirements to make them as least intrusive as possible.

Chair McGivern asked what the "gut feeling" of the police department is on having guns on campus. Captain Enos said the officers say the campus is safe without guns now. He considers the risk versus the reward, and it raises the risk of accidents with more guns on campus; they are concerned about unsafe handling. He said it is a chore to carry a gun every day and hopes people take their responsibility seriously.

Washburn will not train students how to use guns, they will be referred to resources in the community for training. We will educate students on how to carry a gun and follow the policy, and what to do if someone sees a gun. This policy will require considerable changes in response procedures. He said if you see a gun, it is still a cause for concern, since it is supposed to be concealed, so dispatchers will be trained and we will educate the campus. Cameras will be helpful.

Regent Parks asked if this also applies to Washburn Tech. Captain Enos said yes.

Regent Sourk asked if we will be coordinating with Residential Living for those students concerned about having a gun-free roommate. Captain Enos said we have conversed about how to address those requests and the Vice President for Student Life is working on we can accommodate those requests. The percentage of those over 21 living on campus is small, so it shouldn't impact residence halls that much.

Regent Boles said he would like to read details prior to approval. He asked if there is any deadline for needing the policy approved. University Counsel Marc Fried said no, but that the exemption expires on June 30.

Regent Sneed agreed it is premature to approve the item without a cost analysis and also prior to legislative action, but feels we could go ahead with training. He moved and Regent Sourk seconded to defer the item to the April meeting. Motion carried.

C. Information Item(s)

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

2. Washburn Tech Town

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

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Cynthia Holthaus
Assistant Secretary, Board of Regents