

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
July 23, 2020

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Beck called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Kansas Room of the Memorial Union on the Washburn University campus. Board members are present below through Zoom teleconference call. Members of the public are able to view the meeting through <http://www.youtube.com/washburnvideo>.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Mr. Beck, *Ms. Buhler, Mr. Hoferer, Mr. Hulse, Mr. Klausman, Mrs. Parks, and *Mrs. Van Etten. Regents Sourk and De La Isla were not present.

* Present via Zoom teleconference call.

III. FY 2021 Public Budget Hearing

The Board Chair opened the public budget hearing and invited comment from the public. No one asked to speak. The Board Chair then closed the public hearing. It was moved by Regent Hoferer and seconded by Regent Parks to approve the public budget. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes of the June 25, 2020 meeting

It was moved by Regent Parks and seconded by Regent Klausman to approve the Minutes of the June 25, 2020 meeting. Motion passed.

V. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

Chairperson Beck welcomed and introduced Regent Hulse as a new Board Member. Regent Hulse commented that his law degree was the second most important thing that happened for him at Washburn. The most important thing to happen to him at Washburn was meeting his wife.

Mr. Beck expressed appreciation to John McGivern for his eight years of service on the Board although he was not at the meeting. The Board Chair appreciated Mr. McGivern's diligence during his term on the Board.

Chairperson Beck expressed appreciation to Paul Hoferer for his service as Board chair the past two years.

Mr. Beck expressed admiration to the faculty, staff and administration in staying focused and stepping up to the plate in providing educational services to our students and continuing to perform at a high level in preparing for opening in a few short weeks.

Chairman Beck presented his slate of appointments to the various board committees for the 2020-2021 year. The Board Chair serves on all committees in an ex-officio capacity. Those appointments are as follows:

Budget/Finance Committee: Regents Hoferer (Chair), Buhler and Klausman;
Audit Committee: Regents Sourk (Chair), Hulse and Parks;
Presidential Assessment Committee: Regents Klausman (Chair), Van Etten and Hoferer;
Nominating Committee: Regents Van Etten (Chair), Sourk and Buhler.

Mr. Beck said the Mayor requested not to be on a committee, as she has other pressing matters, so it was not an oversight, but out of respect for her request, she was not appointed to a committee.

It was moved by Regent Hulse and seconded by Regent Parks to approve the committee appointments. Motion passed.

Chairperson Beck said that dinners for Board members following board meetings are suspended for the foreseeable future due to social distancing. This will also, in a small way, help with budget issues.

Mr. Beck expresses appreciation to the Board for electing him chair and he looks forward to working with the board moving forward.

B. President's Report

President Farley commented that it feels different on campus this time of year with not many folks around but still many things are happening.

Dr. Farley welcomed Regent Hulse to the Board.

Dr. Farley reported students have requested ways to be more involved in activities, particularly relating to politics. Washburn will be a polling place for the primary and general elections this fall to allow them to participate more easily in the process.

Dr. Farley said three students will be serving internships with the Governor's office.

President Farley reported that Washburn selects a book each year for the iRead program. This year's book is titled *A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste: the Conundrum of the Black Republican*, and is about Arthur Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher was a great alum of Washburn. He passed away several years ago but would come to campus and participate in various activities. Mabee Library will host a variety of virtual events including a presentation with the author of the book.

Dr. Farley mentioned students have been notified of the various modalities and locations for their classes this fall so they can make changes to their schedules as they desire given the differing circumstances.

President Farley said Washburn is currently reviewing all events that would normally occur in the fall that now have to be changed. We hope to save some of the events, but others will have to be postponed or, sadly, cancelled. Vice President for Student Life Dr. Grospitch and his staff looking at this. They are trying to make it an exciting fall for the students when they return.

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

As approved by action of the Board:

- 1. Liquidated Claims Approval – May 2020**
- 2. Liquidated Claims Approval – June 2020**
- 3. Faculty/Staff Personnel Actions**

Hire Dyan Green Akkouche, Lecturer and Catron Visiting Artist, effective August 1, 2020 at an annual salary of \$44,166; recruit for vacant position Director of Clinical Education-Occupational Therapy Assistant Program/Lecturer in Allied Health Department, effective August 1, 2020 at an annual salary of \$67,575; and,

- 4. Proposed Washburn University Board of Regents' Meeting Dates for 2020-2021**

proposed Washburn University Board of Regents' meeting dates for 2020-2021: September 17, 2020, October 29, 2020, December 17, 2020, February 4, 2021, March 25, 2021, May 6, 2021, June 24, 2021 and July 29, 2021.

B. Action Items

- 1. Intercollegiate Sports Accident Insurance**

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer Chris Kuwitzky presented the item. This item is reviewed every year for students. Every athlete is required to bring their own insurance, but we provide insurance to cover their deductibles plus costs above what their insurance covers. The current policy has a maximum reimbursement of \$5,000 per claim. The proposal before the Board from Mutual of Omaha has a stop loss of \$142,000.

In response to a question about what happens if there are no sports, Kuwitzky responded that the premium is still paid. It was moved by Regent Klausman and seconded by Regent Parks to approve the purchase of insurance. Motion passed.

2. School of Law Building Architectural Services

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer Chris Kuwitzky presented the item. At the December Board meeting, the Board authorized Washburn to engage an architect through the schematic phase. The Architect is now ready to proceed to the next two phases, design development and working documents. These two phases are expected to take about six months. The expectation is to then come back to the Board in February or March for authorization to go to bids. Mr. Kuwitzky reminded the Board that the present budget for the building is \$33 million, \$20 million to be paid with reserves and bonds and \$13 million paid with private donations. He said the Board has been shown renderings of the project.

President Farley noted that the Dean of Law School, Carla Pratt, and the President of the Foundation, Marshall Meek, are present. Dr. Farley stated the delay in the project helped reduce costs because much more instruction and research is now online, so space could be rearranged and reduced in areas. President Farley indicated the goal of \$13 million in private donations should be completed before coming to the Board for authorization to bid.

Dean Pratt commented that the building will provide the updated technology needed for the increased use of online instruction. Mr Meek stated donations are currently at \$12.4 million and they have some verbal commitments to get to the goal.

Regent Hoferer discussed the breakdown of monies to note importance of the Foundation. Mr. Meek noted the real recognition belongs to the donors and the the alumni of the law school who have stepped forward. This is the largest construction project ever at Washburn. It was moved by Regent Parks and seconded by Regent Buhler to approve further architectural services for the law school. Motion passed.

3. Whirlpools for the Indoor Practice Facility

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer Chris Kuwitzky presented the item, saying that in conjunction with the Indoor Athletic Facility, there is a need for whirlpools to support athletes during practices and track events. The proposed vendor is the same approved by the Board last fall for the whirlpools installed in Petro. The funds come from within the Indoor Athletic Facility budget. It was moved by Regent Klausman and seconded by Regent Hulse to approve the purchase of the whirlpools. Motion passed.

4. WUPRPM Policy Revisions (Sections A.1. Non-Discrimination)

Marc Fried, University Counsel, presented the matter. Mr. Fried stated that the Board previously approved a revision of Washburn's non-discrimination policy. In May, the Department of Education published new regulations that require significant changes to policy and regulations and procedures. A hard deadline of August 14, 2020, was given to implement the new federal regulations. These changes are deletions with some revisions primarily due to changes in a number of definitions. These changes will allow us to have one general policy, although we will have two separate regulations, one for this new Title IX regulation and then the current regulation for all other discrimination matters.

Dr. Farley commented that this was a complicated matter with some dramatic changes to the process. President Farley thanked Mr. Fried, Dr. Pam Foster, Director of Equal Opportunity, and Cynthia Holthaus, Special Assistant to the President, for their work on getting this done.

Mr. Fried explained that with the limited time to get the changes in place, a draft was sent to select stakeholders from faculty, staff and students, and feedback was received that informed additional revisions to the regulations and procedures. It was moved by Regent Hoferer and seconded by Regent Van Etten to approve the non-discrimination policy revisions. Motion passed.

5. KTWU Routing and Branding Equipment

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer Chris Kuwitzky presented the item, reporting KTWU is a full-service broadcast station providing service to Northeast Kansas. KTWU serves 39 counties. The equipment requested is part of a multi-year process to upgrade equipment to allow broadcasting content to homes. The total Cost of \$136,000. Three sources of funds will pay for the equipment; \$75,000 comes from capital funds, \$42,000 comes from a state grant and the balance of \$20,000 comes from private sources. There was discussion about how one can receive the signal for all three broadcast channels. It was moved by Regent Klausman and seconded by Regent Parks to approve the purchase of the equipment. Motion passed.

It was moved by Regent Parks and seconded by Regent Hulse to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned 4:40 pm.

Marc Fried
Secretary, Board of Regents