

**Washburn University
Faculty Affairs Committee**

Minutes of February 20, 2006 Meeting
3:30pm Lincoln Room, Memorial Union

Present: Lee Boyd, Frank Chorba, Park Lockwood, Michael McGuire, Kandy Ockree, Nan Palmer, Brenda Patzel, Mike Russell.

- I. The meeting was called to order.
- II. A discussion occurred regarding the Conflict of Interest policy at Washburn University. The current Washburn Conflict of Interest policy and disclosure statement were reviewed and some changes were suggested. Continued review of this policy will be ongoing for the next several weeks prior to the next FAC meeting. This review will include: (1) a discussion with FAC members from the Law school in order to receive their input, and (2) a comparison of the Washburn Conflict of Interest policy to that of the Kansas Board of Regents. FAC members will communicate suggested COI changes via email within the next three weeks in order to facilitate the corresponding discussion at the next meeting.
- III. An update and discussion regarding the Academic and Sweet Sabbatical Committees and Sabbatical requests occurred. General criteria regarding the evaluation of sabbatical proposals were discussed. The FAC agreed that sabbaticals should be accepted based only on the attainment of certain standards as opposed to competition among applicants. These standards will be the focus of future meetings.
- IV. There is currently a Benefits Committee proposal on the table involving insurance benefits for partners. A copy of this was distributed to the FAC and will be reviewed prior to next month's meeting.
- V. There was a brief discussion regarding Washburn's Intellectual Property policy. The discussion of this issue / policy will be listed as an additional FAC goal and will be addressed in upcoming meetings.
- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.
- VII. Next meeting will be on Monday, March 27th in the Lincoln room at 3:30pm.

Submitted by Park Lockwood, Secretary of the Faculty Affairs Committee