

**Washburn University
Faculty Affairs Committee**

Minutes of March 12, 2008 Meeting
11:00pm Rice Room, Memorial Union

Present: Brenda Patzel (Chair), Lee Boyd, Barbara Ginzburg, Park Lockwood, Mike Russell, and Sharon Sullivan.

- I. The meeting was called to order.
- II. Sabbatical application procedures and guidelines were briefly discussed.
 - a. The revised sabbatical criteria and document have been sent to the VPAA office in order to be placed on the VPAA website.
 - b. The term “eligible” when referring to eligible applicants for a sabbatical has been found to be ambiguous within the sabbatical document. It has been suggested that the word “eligible” be removed from the document. The FAC continues to discuss this with the VPAA office and will suggest appropriate changes to this document at the next meeting.
 - c. The sweet sabbatical document requires a few minor changes in wording. Further clarifications are needed from the VPAA office. Suggestions for changes to this document will be presented at the next FAC meeting.
- III. Conflict of Interest and Grievance policies. The FAC completed the discussion and revision of this policy. These revisions will be noted in the agenda item presented at the next FS meeting.
- IV. Insurance Benefits for Partners. Common criteria used to define domestic partnership were examined and discussed. The FAC will examine past domestic partnership documents generated from faculty and / or committees at Washburn prior to the formation of the Faculty Senate. Information in these documents will be reviewed and used to generate an up-to-date domestic partnership policy for Washburn. It is the goal of the FAC to complete this document and present it at the May FS meeting.
- V. Meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.
- V. Next meeting will be Monday, April 7, at 2:15pm.

Submitted by Park Lockwood, Secretary of the Faculty Affairs Committee

