**Washburn University**
**Faculty Affairs Committee**

Minutes of March 27, 2006 Meeting
3:30pm Lincoln Room, Memorial Union

Present:      Lee Boyd, Frank Chorba, Andrew Evans, Mo Godman, Ali Kahn, Park Lockwood, Michael McGuire, Kandy Ockree, Nan Palmer, Brenda Patzel, Mike Russell.

I.      The meeting was called to order.

II.     Discussion of the Domestic Partnership policy. There is currently a Benefits Committee proposal on the table involving insurance benefits for partners. This policy is being reviewed by members of the FAC and will be presented to the Faculty Senate upon completion of this review.

III.    Emiritus faculty and Eminentes Universatatis status were discussed. FAC recommends that both Emiritus and Eminentes status be awarded after a ten-year time period, replacing the current 5-year (Emiritus) and 20-year (Eminentes) periods. It was also agreed that the word "continuous" be erased from the current document.

IV.     Deadline dates for Faculty Development Grants. FAC requests that the Faculty Development Grant Committee review the current grants' deadline dates in order to see if these dates need to be changed to better accommodate faculty needs so that more faculty can have the opportunity to take advantage of the available funding. Present deadlines are too early for some faculty to consider their options. This issue will be an Action Item at the next FS meeting.

V.      The discussion continued regarding the Conflict of Interest policy at Washburn University. Continued review and discussion of this policy will be ongoing. The current focus is on the process and procedures for violation of Washburn's COI policy.

VI.     A brief discussion occurred regarding the role of the Librarians at Washburn University. The current limits on teaching credits for Librarians were discussed. Continued discussion will occur in future meetings.

VII.    Meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

VIII.   Next meeting will be on Monday, April 17th in the Lincoln room at 3:30pm.

Submitted by Park Lockwood, Secretary of the Faculty Affairs Committee